



## **2025 WORLD GAMES SELECTION CRITERIA**

- This purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by Racquetball Canada to select athletes to the 2025 World Games team.
- The Canadian 2025 World Games Team will be selected by Racquetball Canada's High-Performance Committee based on the point standings system in this criterion with final approval from the Board of Directors.
- The team size for the 2025 World Games will be determined by the *International Racquetball Federation* qualification process.

### **1. General Criteria**

To be eligible for the 2025 World Games all athletes must:

- a) Be a Canadian citizen.
- b) Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before February 17, 2026.
- c) Be a member in good standing of Racquetball Canada.
- d) Be in compliance with all relevant International Racquetball Federation and the International World Games Association requirements for eligibility.

### **2. Specific Criteria**

- 2.1 The Team for the 2025 World Games will be selected using the following process:
  - 2.1.1 The first selected male and female athletes will be the top Canadian male on the International Racquetball Tour (IRT) and the top Canadian female on the Ladies Pro Racquetball Tour (LPRT) who are ranked in the top 10 as of the Wednesday immediately following the 2025 Racquetball Canada Winter Selection Event.
  - 2.1.2 If no Canadian athletes qualify from the IRT and/or LPRT then the selection will be based solely on the 2025 World Games Point Standings and the first selected athletes will be the top qualifiers from the Point Standings.

### **3. Position Selection Process**

- 3.1 The top qualifying male and the top qualifying female athletes will represent Canada in singles and as a team in mixed doubles.
- 3.2 If a selected athlete does not choose to attend, they will simply be stricken from the list and replaced according to the 2025 World Games Points Standings.

### **4. 2025 World Games Point Standings System**

- 4.1 Selection events included in the point standing's calculation:
  - a. Event #1: 2024 Fall National Team Selection Event – Open Singles
  - b. Event #2: 2025 Winter National Team Selection Event – Open Singles

- 4.2 The following points table outlines the amount of points awarded to an athlete depending on their final position at an event. The points from the events listed in 4.1 are totalled. Standings are calculated separately for women and men.

Position	Points
1	100
2	82
3	66
4	52
5	40
6	32
7	24
8	18
9	12
10	6
11	3
12	1
Other	0

- 4.3 Events are weighted in determining the final ranking. The weight of an event shows the number used to multiply points earned from each event. The weighting of the events is as follows:

4.3.1 World Games Standings

- a. The following are the percentages used for the *Point Standings*:
- Event #1: 45%
  - Event #2: 55%
- b. The following are the percentages used for *the Point Standings* if only one Selection Event is held
- Event #1 or #2: 100%

- 4.4 If none of the selection events included in determining standing are held:

- a. A Selection Committee will be created to determine the 2025 World Games team.
- b. The Committee will be chaired by Racquetball Canada's Executive Director.
- c. The Executive Director will select individuals to form a committee up of to 5 members.
- d. The committee will take into consideration the following factors (listed in no particular order):
- Racquetball Canada ranking
  - Pro-Tour Ranking
  - Recent Canadian and International results
  - Athlete Monitoring Program (AMP) compliance
  - Fitness testing results (only when administered by the Integrated Support Team)

- 4.5 Decisions to cancel or postpone any event specified in this criteria shall be made: a) only when absolutely necessary, such as when it has become impossible or unreasonably difficult to hold the event at all or on the originally scheduled date (for example, due to public health restrictions or other circumstances beyond the control of Racquetball

Canada); and b) as soon as reasonably possible after Racquetball Canada has become aware that the event cannot be held.

- 4.6 If two or more athletes have the same amount of points the athlete with the highest status in Racquetball Canada's ranking, after the last selection event is processed, will be considered the top athlete in terms of standing points.

## **5. Exemptions Clause**

- 5.1 If an athlete is injured prior to starting a selection event and is therefore unable to play in the current selection event, the athlete can submit an exemption request. A note from a medical doctor, physiotherapist or athletic therapist confirming the injury, needs to be sent to the High-Performance Director no later than 21 days after the first day of the event for which the exemption is being requested. There will be no consideration for an injury exemption after the deadline date.
- 5.2 If a circumstance other than an injury prevents an athlete from attending a Racquetball Canada selection event, the circumstances can be submitted to the High-Performance Committee for evaluation. The procedure for requesting a non-injury exemption is as follows:
- 5.2.1 Any request for a non-injury exemption from a Racquetball Canada event should be submitted to the High-Performance Director no later than seven days after the first day of competition of the event for which the exemption is being requested. There will be no consideration for an exemption after the deadline date.
- 5.2.2 The request must be made in writing stating the circumstances with supporting evidence emailed or mailed to Racquetball Canada's office.
- 5.2.3 In the event of exemption requests for school or exams, a note from the administration or teacher/professor must be submitted with the request.
- 5.2.4 The High-Performance Committee will evaluate all requests and deliver its decision in writing.
- 5.3 Ranking results of an approved exemption:
- 5.3.1 Exemption Criteria points are the average of the athlete's placement in the last three National Team Selection Events on the Racquetball Canada calendar (rounding down at .49 and rounding up at .5) and then adding 2 places.
- 5.3.1.1 Athletes with no placement in one or more of the events will be given the placement of 1 more than the number of athletes in the draw of the missed event or 13 (if fewer than 12 in the draw).
- 5.3.2 When calculating average placement, an exempted athlete may only be placed one spot lower than the number of athletes/teams in the draw at the start of the event for which they are exempt.
- 5.4 Once the athlete has started their first game in the current National Team Selection Event, their resulting position will be determined without any bearing on previous National Team Selection Events.

## **6. Athlete Removal**

- 6.1 The High-Performance Committee reserves the right to withdraw an athlete's nomination from the Canadian Team:
  - 6.1.1 If the athlete has not taken part in the mandatory training camps organized by the Racquetball Canada prior to the event.
  - 6.1.2 If the athlete has not fulfilled their responsibilities as identified in the Racquetball Canada Athlete Agreement.
  - 6.1.3 If the athlete has not fulfilled their responsibilities as identified in the Racquetball Canada Code of Conduct.
  - 6.1.4 If the athlete has not followed any previously communicated training program and/or competition requirements.
  - 6.1.5 If the athlete fails to respect any other conditions of nomination as specified by Racquetball Canada at the time of nomination.

## **7. Confirmation of Entries**

- 7.1 On March 3, 2025, Racquetball Canada shall determine the athletes (and alternate athletes) it proposes to nominate to the IRF and IWGA for positions on the 2025 Canadian World Games Team. Subject to any revisions required by an athlete's decision to decline a nomination to be a member of the 2025 World Games Team, or by an athlete's inability to participate at a competitive level due to a health-related curtailment of activities, Racquetball Canada shall submit its list of athletes and alternates being nominated to the IRF and IWGA for the 2025 World Games Team on March 10, 2025.

## **8. Funding**

- 8.1 Athletes are responsible for their own expenses to attend any and all selection events for the 2025 World Games Team
- 8.2 Racquetball Canada will fund athletes to attend the 2025 World Games.
- 8.3 All funding and support is subject to Racquetball Canada's budget and is not guaranteed.

## **9. Appeals**

- 9.1 Racquetball Canada nominations for the 2025 World Games may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in Racquetball Canada's Appeal Policy (<https://racquetballcanada.ca/policies/>). Any dispute relating to Racquetball Canada's Internal Nomination Procedures for the 2025 World Games must be brought according to said Policy.

## **10. Contact**

For clarifications or questions on the contents of the 2025 World Games Selection Criteria, please contact Racquetball Canada's High-Performance Director – Jennifer Saunders – [admin@racquetballcanada.ca](mailto:admin@racquetballcanada.ca)