



2026 PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA

This document presents the selection criteria for the 2026 Pan American Championships from which Racquetball Canada will select the athletes representing Canada. This document does not establish the amount of funding that will be available for the athletes to participate at the event.

1. General Criteria

To be eligible for an International Traveling Team all athletes must be:

- a) A Canadian citizen;
- b) A fully paid member of Racquetball Canada and in good standing;
- c) Able to meet the International Racquetball Federation's requirements to represent Canada at International events;
- d) Sign an agreement in form and content approved by Racquetball Canada.

2. Specific Criteria

- 2.1 The Men's and Women's Teams for the 2026 Pan American Championships will be selected based the following process:

- 2.1.1 The top 3 athletes male and female athletes from the *2026 Pan American Championships Point Standings* will be selected.

3. Position Selection Process

- 3.1 The top two qualifying male and female athletes will compete in singles.
- 3.2 The top qualifying male and female athletes will receive first opportunity to choose whether to play doubles or mixed doubles. The second qualifying athletes will then be given the same option if available. The third qualifiers will fill the remaining spots on the doubles teams.
- 3.3 These decisions will be made in consultation with the coaches and other selected athletes attending the Pan American Championships.
- 3.4 If a selected athlete does not attend, they will simply be removed from the list and replaced with the next highest-ranked athlete on the Point Standings.
- 3.5 The Head Coach will determine the roster for the Team Event after consultation with the team staff and athletes.
- 3.6 If fewer than three athletes are available after asking the top 6 qualifiers from the *2026 Pan American Championships Point Standings*, Racquetball Canada may send a team of two athletes per gender. If fewer than two athletes are available for either gender, Racquetball Canada will decide if they will select another athlete to complete the team using the *2026 Pan American Championships Point Standings*.

4. 2026 Pan American Championships Standing System

- 4.1 Selection events included in the standing's calculation:
- Event #1: 2025 Canadian Championships – Open Singles
 - Event #2: 2025 Fall National Team Selection Event – Open Singles
 - Event #3: 2026 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 Pan Am Championships Standings
- The following are the percentages used for the *Point Standings*:
 - Event #1: 30%
 - Event #2: 30%
 - Event #3: 40%
 - The following are the percentages used for the *Point Standings* if only two events are held:
 - Event #1 or #2: 40%
 - Event #2 or #3: 60%
 - The following are the percentages used for the *Point Standings* if only one event is held:
 - Event #1 or #2 or #3: 100%
- 4.4 If none of the selection events included in determining standing are held:
- A Selection Committee will be created to determine the 2026 Pan American Championships team.
 - The Committee will be chaired by Racquetball Canada's Executive Director.
 - 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)
- 4.6 If two or more athletes have the same number 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 for Selection Criteria.

5. Exemptions

- 5.1 Members of Racquetball Canada's National Team are expected to attend all events used for National Team selection and make every effort to participate and compete to the best of their ability. Racquetball Canada recognizes that certain circumstances may prevent an athlete from attending a selection event. In such cases, athletes are advised to review the Racquetball Canada Exemption Policy and take appropriate steps as outlined.