



## **2026 – 2027 NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA**

Three national teams are selected annually: National Elite Team, National Development Team and National Junior Team. This document covers the selection of the National Elite Team and the National Development Team.

### **1. National Elite Team Selection Criteria**

- 1.1 Athletes are named to the National Elite Team for a period of one year from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
- 1.2 The National Men's and Women's Elite Teams each consist of 6 athletes who meet the qualifying standards. If a qualifying athlete declines Racquetball Canada's invitation, the next eligible athlete will be selected until the team has 6 members.
  - 1.2.1 The selected athletes will be the top six male and the top six female qualifiers in order from points accumulated in singles and doubles competitions during Racquetball Canada's two National Team Selection Events in the 2025 - 2026 season and the 2026 Canadian Championships.
  - 1.2.2 The men's and women's team are selected separately.
  - 1.2.3 At the time of team selection, the Women's National Elite Team will be expanded proportionally to account for athletes on official maternity leave, at a rate of one additional position per two athletes on leave.

### **2. National Development Team Selection Criteria**

- 2.1 Athletes are named to the National Development Team for a period of one year from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
- 2.2 The National Development Team consists of up to 10 players, with a maximum of five males and five females, who were not already selected for the National Elite Team. Athletes will be selected according to standing points accumulated in singles and doubles competitions during Racquetball Canada's two National Team Selection Events in the 2025 - 2026 season and the 2026 Canadian Championships.
- 2.3 To be eligible for selection to the National Development Team athletes must be aged 29 and under (age as of January 1, 2026).

### **3. 2026 – 2027 National Team Standing System**

- 3.1 Selection events included in the standing's calculation:
  - a. Event #1: 2025 Fall National Team Selection Event – Open Singles
  - b. Event #2: 2026 Winter National Team Selection Event – Open Singles
  - c. Event #3: 2026 Canadian Championships – Open Singles
  - d. Event #4: 2026 Canadian Championships – Open Doubles

- 3.2 The following points table outlines the amount of points awarded to an athlete depending on their finishing position at an event. The points from the items listed in 3.1 are totalled. Standings are calculated separately for women and men.

Position	Points
1	130
2	110
3	92
4	76
5	62
6	50
7	42
8	34
9	26
10	16
11	12
12	8
13	6
14	4
15	2
16	1
Other	0

- 3.3 Athletes will be ranked according to the number of points accumulated at the events used for selection which create the *National Team Standings*.

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

3.4.1 National Team Standings:

- a. The following percentages are used to determine the results for the *National Team Standings*:
  - Event #1: 30%
  - Event #2: 30%
  - Event #3: 30%
  - Event #4: 10%
- b. The following are the percentages used for the *National Team Standings* if only one Selection Event and the Canadian Championships are held:
  - Event #1 or #2: 40%
  - Event #3: 40%
  - Event #4: 20%
- c. The following are the percentages used for the *National Team Standings* if only the two Selection Events are held:
  - Event #1: 40%
  - Event #2: 60%
- d. The following are the percentages used for the *National Team Standings* if only the Canadian Championships are held:
  - Event #3: 80%
  - Event #4: 20%

- e. If only one selection event is held, the results from that event will determine 100% of the *National Team Standings*.
- 3.6 If none of the selection events included in determining standings are held:
- a. A Selection Committee will be created to determine the 2026-27 National Teams.
  - b. The Committee will be chaired by Racquetball Canada's Executive Director.
  - c. The Executive Director will select individuals to form a committee of up to five 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)
- 3.7 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 National Team Standings.

#### **4. Exemption Policy**

- 4.1 An athlete seeking an exemption from an event used to determine National Team Standings (as defined in Section 3) must apply in accordance with Racquetball Canada's Exemption Policy in effect at the time of the tournament. Decisions regarding the placement or ranking of exempted athletes will be made in accordance with that policy.