



## **2026 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA**

This document presents the selection criteria for the 2026 World 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**

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

1.1.1. Be a Canadian citizen;

1.1.2. Be a fully paid member of Racquetball Canada and in good standing;

1.1.3. Be able to meet the International Racquetball Federation's requirements to represent Canada at International events;

1.1.4. Sign an agreement with Racquetball Canada

### **2. Specific Criteria**

2.1 The Men's Team for the 2026 World Championships will be comprised of the top 4 male athletes using the following process:

2.1.1 The first selected male athlete will be the top Canadian male on the International Racquetball Tour (IRT) who is ranked in the top 8 as of the Wednesday immediately following the 2026 National Championships.

2.1.1.1 If multiple athletes are in the top 8 on the IRT they will be selected in ranking order to the World Championships team to a maximum of 2 athletes.

2.1.1.2 To be eligible for selection through the IRT, the athlete must also compete in the 2026 Racquetball Canada National Championships in Men's Open Singles and place within the top two.

2.1.1.2.1 The athlete will be awarded a spot on the team in accordance with their placement at the 2026 Racquetball Canada National Championships (1st or 2nd).

2.1.1.3 If no Canadian athletes qualify from the IRT then the selection will be based solely on the 2026 World Championships Standing.

2.1.2 The remaining male athletes (potentially all 4 if no IRT qualifiers) will be the top male athlete qualifiers based on points accumulated in singles competitions during Racquetball Canada's National Team Selection Events in the 2025-2026 season and the 2026 National Championships.

2.2 The Women's Team for the 2026 World Championships will be comprised of the top 4 female athletes using the following process:

- 2.2.1 The first selected female athlete will be the top Canadian female on the Ladies Professional Racquetball Tour (LPRT) who is ranked in the top 8 as of the Wednesday immediately following the 2026 Canadian Championships.
- 2.2.1.1 If multiple athletes are in the top 8 on the LPRT they will be selected in ranking order to the World Championships team to a maximum of 2 athletes.
- 2.2.1.2 To be eligible for selection through the LPRT, the athlete must also compete in the 2026 Racquetball Canada National Championships in Women's Open Singles and place within the top two.
- 2.2.1.2.1 The athlete will be awarded a spot on the team in accordance with their placement at the 2026 Racquetball Canada National Championships (1st or 2nd).
- 2.2.1.3 If no Canadian athletes qualify from the LPRT then the selection will be based solely on the 2026 World Championships Standing.
- 2.2.2 The remaining female athletes (potentially all 4 if no LPRT qualifiers) will be the top female athlete qualifiers based on points accumulated in singles competitions during Racquetball Canada's National Team Selection Events in the 2025-2026 season and the 2026 Canadian Championships.

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

- 3.1. The top qualifying male and the top qualifying female athletes receive the first opportunity to choose whether to play singles or doubles at the World Championships. The second qualifiers have the second opportunity to choose whether to play singles or doubles and the third qualifiers receive the third opportunity if available.
- 3.2. The top qualifying male and female athletes will also receive first opportunity to choose whether to play Mixed Doubles or opt out. The opportunity will be given to remaining qualifiers in order as necessary until a mixed doubles team is formed.
- 3.3. It is assumed these decisions will be made following discussions with the coaches and other athletes attending the World Championships.
- 3.4. If a selected athlete does not accept their position on the team, they will simply be stricken from the list.
- 3.5. The Head Coach will decide the roster for the Team Event after consultation with the team staff and athletes.

### **4. 2026 World Championships Standing System**

- 4.1. Selection events included in the standing calculation:
- Event #1: 2025 Fall National Team Selection Event – Open Singles
  - Event #2: 2026 Winter National Team Selection Event – Open Singles
  - Event #3: 2026 Canadian Championships – 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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Other
Points	130	110	92	76	62	50	42	34	26	16	12	8	6	4	2	1	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. The following percentages are used for World Championship Standing where 3 selection events are held:

- Event #1: 30%
- Event #2: 30%
- Event #3: 40%

4.3.2. The following are the percentages used for World Championships Standing where only two selection events are held:

- Event #1: 40%
- Event #2: 60%

4.3.3. If only one selection event is held, the results from that event will determine 100% of the World Championships Standing

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

4.4.1. A Selection Committee will be created to determine the 2026 World Championships team.

4.4.1.1. The Committee will be chaired by Racquetball Canada's Executive Director.

4.4.1.2. The Executive Director will select individuals to form a committee of up to 5 members.

4.4.1.3. 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 Service Team)
- 4.5. 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 for the World Championships Standings.

## **5. Exemptions Policy**

- 5.1. An athlete seeking an exemption from an event used to determine World Championships Standings (as defined in Section 4) 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.