

# TENNIS CANADA INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

## 2023 PANAMERICAN GAMES

### October 23 -29, 2023

Tennis Canada is committed to excellence and providing quality competition and training opportunities for our next generation of future Olympians. Olympic qualification and National and Regional Training Centre Program long-term strategies include the selection and preparation of athletes who will represent Canada at future international level competitions including the 2023 Pan American Games. Please note the 2023 Pan Am Games may act as a direct 2024 Olympic Games qualifier (see section 5 for specific details).

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Tennis Canada's internal selection procedure for the 2023 Pan Am Games is as follows:

#### 1. **Eligibility:**

Nominated athletes must:

- a. Be members in good standing with Tennis Canada.
- b. Be Canadian citizens as per the Regulations of the Pan American Games
- c. Be at least fourteen (14) years of age (men) and 15 years of age (women) by the first competition day
- d. Be in compliance with all relevant ITF, PASO requirements for eligibility.
- e. Possess a valid Canadian Passport that does not expire on or before May 5, 2024
- f. Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and PASO Eligibility Conditions form no later September 15, 2023. Where the athlete is under the age of 19 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.
- g. Be in compliance with vaccination requirements and policies of Tennis Canada, COC, ITF, Pan Am Sports and the host country of the event (if applicable).

Only the NOCs recognized by Pan American Sports Organization (PASO), whose National Tennis Federation is affiliated to the Pan American Tennis Confederation (PTC) and the International Tennis Federation (ITF) may enter athletes to participate in the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games.

#### 2. **International Nomination Procedures:**

These Internal Nomination Procedures are based on the PASO Qualification System, found here:

<https://santiago2023.org/en/sistema-clasificacion.html>

In the event of a discrepancy between this document and the Qualification System, the Qualification system will prevail. In the event of changes by PASO to the selection and eligibility criteria, Tennis Canada is bound by these changes and will inform the membership as soon as possible.

<b>Events</b>		
<b>Men (2)</b>	<b>Women (2)</b>	<b>Mixed (1)</b>
Singles	Singles	Doubles
Doubles	Doubles	

Quota				
	Qualification	Host NOC	Cali 2021	Total
Men	37	3	1	41
Women	37	3	1	41
Total	74	6	2	82 athletes

Maximum Quota Per Nation	
	Qualification
Men	3
Women	3
Total	6 athletes

Cali Quotas: Two athletes were gold medal winners (one male, one female) in the individual events and qualified directly at the Cali 2021 Junior Pan American Games for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games.

Host Country: As host country, Chile will automatically qualify for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games tennis competition with a full team (three men and three women).

Late Athlete Replacement Policy: Substitutions between September 26-29, 2023 will be reviewed by the COC Team Selection Committee. Substitutions after September 29, 2023 are subject to the Santiago 2023 Late Athlete Replacement policy.

### 3. Decision Making Authority:

Tennis Canada's Pan Am Games Selection Committee will be comprised of three individuals as follows:

- Performance Leader
- Head Women's National Coach
- Director, High Performance Programs & Administration

This Committee will be responsible for the selection of the athletes and the coaching staff. When selecting the Coaching staff, this Selection Committee will consider a variety of factors including meeting the COC coaching criteria (being a member in good standing with Tennis Canada and be a member in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaches Association of Canada): experience, including previous major Games experience (Pan Am and/or Olympic Games), familiarity with the players, results achieved, plus any other relevant information. This selection will be made on September 11, 2023.

### 4. International Qualification System

#### Selection Criteria

**Up to 3 male and 3 female players will be nominated based on the highest ATP/WTA singles rankings within the America's Region as of September 11, 2023.**

For example, if as of September 11, 2023:

- Player A is ranked #150 ATP (singles)
- Player B is ranked #200 ATP (singles)

- Player C is ranked #220 ATP (singles) and
- Player D is ranked #538 (singles) and top 20 ATP (doubles)

Player A, Player B and Player C would automatically be selected if within the Top 37 players in the Americas Region.

Should any players decline to participate, the player with the next highest singles ranking will be nominated until the three spots are filled.

Event Selection - Singles: In singles, Tennis Canada’s Pan Am Games Selection Committee may nominate the maximum number of competitors six (6), 3 men and 3 women. From the players nominated the first two singles players will be nominated based on the highest ATP/WTA singles ranking as of September 11, 2023. The remaining player, will automatically fill the #3 singles position.

Event Selection Doubles: Tennis Canada’s Pan Am Games Selection Committee may nominate up to a maximum of two (2) teams for inclusion in the Pan Am Games doubles event (1 men’s team & 1 women’s team). From the 3 players nominated the Committee will select each team considering first, the players highest Doubles World Ranking as of September 11, 2023. In addition, the Committee may consider; the player’s singles ranking, team chemistry & the results achieved in doubles up until September 11, 2023 when selecting the final team.

Event Nomination Mixed Doubles: Tennis Canada’s Pan Am Games Selection Committee may nominate up to a maximum of one (1) team for inclusion in the Pan Am Games mixed doubles event. From the 3 players nominated the Committee will select the team considering first, the players with the highest singles or doubles ranking. In addition, the Committee may consider; the player’s singles ranking, team chemistry & the results achieved in doubles up until September 11, 2023 & other events previously selected to compete in when selecting the final team.

#### **5. 2024 Paris Olympic Games: Final Qualification Places (ITF places) Continental Qualification**

Six (6) final Qualification Places (ITF Places) will be allocated into the 2024 Paris Olympics. The following athletes will qualify for two of these ITF Places (via the 2023 Pan Am Games) provided his/her ranking is within the top 400 on the Singles Rankings as of June 10, 2024 world rankings and provided the quota for the athlete’s NOC has not already been filled via Direct Acceptances:

Continent	Qualification Route	Quota Place	Quota per gender
North & South America	2023 Pan American Games	Singles winner and runner-up	2

*(Note: Athletes who achieve both a Continental Games qualification place and, subsequently, a Direct Acceptance ranking, will qualify using the Continental Qualification quota place).*

### **Section III**

#### **6. ENTRY AT THE PAN AM GAMES**

Athletes nominated to the COC in their respective event(s) by Tennis Canada will be entered in those events at the Pan Am Games by the COC nomination deadline of September 26, 2023. Any issues relating sport entries on site at the 2023 Pan American Games will be under the decision-making authority of the Tennis Canada appointed Team Leader.

### **Section IV**

## **7. APPEALS TO TENNIS CANADA’S INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

Any appeals will be handled in accordance with Tennis Canada’s appeal policies and procedures in effect at the time of the appeal. Tennis Canada appeals policy can be found on page #33 of Tennis Canada’s High Performance Handbook (see link below):

<https://www.tenniscanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Oct17-Eng-HP-Final-Global-doc-V-1.pdf>

If both parties are in agreement, the Tennis Canada appeals policy can be bypassed, and the matter brought directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) who will then manage the appeals process.

## **Section V**

### **8. UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES CLAUSE**

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Tennis Canada that prevent Tennis Canada’s Pan Am Games Selection Committee from fairly implementing these criteria as written, Tennis Canada’s Pan Am Games Selection Committee shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that they deem relevant. Any such exercise of discretion shall be subject to the Canadian administrative law principles of fairness.

## **Section VI**

### **9. CHANGES TO THIS DOCUMENT**

The Director, High Performance Programs and Administration in conjunction with members of Tennis Canada’s Pan Am Games Selection Committee reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion, are necessary to ensure selection of the best individuals or teams possible for the 2023 Pan Am Games.

Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all National Team Members. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of the internal nomination process unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. The purpose of this section is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes. The purpose of such change must be to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions of this document rather than to allow changes to be made to justify selection of different athletes than would have otherwise, been selected. Such changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.

In the event of a change to this document, Tennis Canada shall inform the COC of the changes and the reason for those changes as soon as possible.

### **10. MAJOR TIMELINES FOR ATHLETES AND TENNIS CANADA**

April 20, 2023	Accreditation Information Deadline
September 11, 2023	ATP/WTA singles ranking deadline. Wild card requests due.
September 14, 2023	Pan American Tennis Confederation will confirm to PanAm Sports and to the COC the places that have qualified
September 16, 2023, 5pm eastern time	Deadline by which to submit an appeal to Tennis Canada
September 18, 2023, 5pm eastern time	Tennis Canada to render a decision on the Appeal

September 15, 2023	Registration requirement due date
September 20, 2023	The COC will confirm to PanAm Sports and to the Pan American Tennis Confederation the places they will use
September 22, 2023	Reallocation of Quotas
September 25, 2023	The COC to confirm the reallocation of spots
September 26, 2023	Team Nomination Deadline
September 29, 2023	Entry by name deadline