

Section I

TENNIS CANADA INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES 2008 BEIJING OLYMPICS

Tennis Canada's internal selection procedure for the 2008 Beijing Games is as follows:

- 1.0 Nominated athletes must be members in good standing with Tennis Canada.
- 1.2 In order to be eligible for selection to the 2008 Olympic Team, all athletes must meet International Olympic Committee and ITF Nationality requirements in addition to having a valid Canadian Passport on or before **June 9, 2008**. The ITF requirements can be found on page 15 of the Davis Cup Regulations for the 2007 Competition, Section VI – Eligibility of Players and Captains.
<http://www.daviscup.com/about/rulesregs.asp>
- 1.3 ITF Rule: Nominated athletes must have made themselves available in writing to represent Canada in Davis Cup or Fed Cup team competition for two (2) of the following years – 2005, 2006, 2007 or 2008 provided that one of those years is either 2007 or 2008. In 2005, 2006, 2007 or 2008 of the Davis Cup or Fed Cup, a player who makes him or herself available for selection for one Tie will be deemed to have fulfilled the requirement for that year. The ITF Olympic Criteria and the Olympic fact sheet can be found on our website:
http://www.tenniscanada.ca/tennis_canada/Pub/DisplayPage.aspx?PageID=1345&ActiveMenus=yes#
- 1.4 ITF Rule: Nominated athletes must have qualified for singles or doubles for the 2008 Olympic Games based either on their World Ranking (ATP/WTA Tour) as of June 9, 2008 or (as per clause 1.6).
- 1.5 Tennis Canada's Olympic Selection Committee will be comprised of three individuals as follows:
 - Vice President, High Performance
 - Director, High Performance
 - Davis Cup Captain (for selection of male players) and/or Fed Cup Captain (for selection of female players)
- 1.6 Singles: In singles, Tennis Canada's Olympic Selection Committee (as per clause 1.5) will nominate the highest (ATP/WTA) ranked singles players, up to a maximum of four (4) who meet the ITF ranking criteria for direct acceptance into the men's and women's singles draw.
- 1.7 Singles: Athletes who do not meet the ITF ranking criteria by June 9, 2008 may be eligible for ITF Final Qualification Places, either Tripartite Commission (IOC-ANOC-ITF) Invitation places or Final Qualification Places. Tennis Canada will apply directly to the ITF for these quota positions. The ITF will determine final places and individual invitations made available for each nation, including Canada. Tennis Canada will nominate all successful applicants.
- 1.8 Doubles: Any doubles players ranked 10 or better based on the recognized international ATP/WTA doubles computer rankings as of June 9, 2008 will have direct qualification for the respective men's or women's doubles. The ITF will select doubles teams from doubles nominations received from National Associations for direct acceptances, taking into account the following factors, until a total of 172 places have been allocated in the Olympic tennis competitions:

- Recognized World Ranking
- Whether the country is represented in the Tennis event
- Number of players on site
- Geographical location

1.9 Doubles: Tennis Canada's Olympic Selection Committee (as per clause 1.5) may nominate up to a maximum of two (2) teams for inclusion in the Olympic Games. For the men's event, this Committee will select one (1) doubles team (as per clause 1.10) and nominate one (1) doubles team (as per clause of 1.8). For the women's event, both teams will be nominated (as per clause 1.8).

1.10 Men's Doubles: Based on the ITF's Olympic Selection Criteria (as per clause 1.8) Tennis Canada anticipates the selection of Daniel Nestor by the ITF as an Olympic doubles competitor. Daniel's Nestor's doubles partner will be selected by Tennis Canada's Olympic Selection Committee for this event. This selection will be made on (June 9, 2008). Fielding a doubles team that is best capable of winning a medal at the 2008 Olympic Games will be the primary consideration in determining his doubles partner. Tennis Canada Olympic Selection Committee will also take the following variables into consideration: ATP ranking (singles and doubles), team chemistry and compatibility, recent singles and doubles results, team history, recent player health, doubles skills, gamestyles, intangibles (attitude, personality and ability to compete and handle the moment), feedback received from Daniel Nestor.

1.11 Olympic Coach Selection Committee and Process: The coaching and support staff for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games will be selected by the following individuals:

- Vice President, High Performance
- Director, High Performance
- Vice President, Tennis Development

This Selection Committee will consider a variety of factors including meeting the COC coaching criteria: experience (including previous Olympic experience, familiarity with the players, results achieved) plus any other relevant information. This selection will be made on June 9, 2008.

Section II

ENTRY AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES

2.0 Athletes nominated to the COC in their respective event(s) by Tennis Canada will be entered in those events at the Olympic Games.

Section III

ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

3.0 All potential Olympic team members are required to read, sign, and return the attached Athlete Acknowledgement and Acceptance form to Tennis Canada (see Appendix A for specific details).

Section IV

APPEALS TO TENNIS CANADA'S INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

- 4.0 Any appeals will be handled in accordance with Tennis Canada's appeal policies and procedures in effect at the time of the appeal.

Section V

SECTION V – UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES CLAUSE

- 5.0 In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Tennis Canada that prevent Tennis Canada's Olympic Selection Committee from fairly implementing these criteria as written, Tennis Canada's Olympic 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

SECTION VI – CHANGES TO THIS DOCUMENT

- 6.0 The High Performance Director, in conjunction with members of Tennis Canada's Olympic 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 2008 Olympic 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 in order 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.

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APPENDIX A

ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

I, _____, a registered member or registered athlete of the Canadian Tennis Association (the "NSF") hereby acknowledge that:

1. I have read, understood and accept this selection criteria established by Tennis Canada, and reviewed by the COC (attached hereto as Tennis Canada's Internal Nomination Procedures Beijing 2008) will be applied to the selection of athletes to Canada's Olympic Team in the sport of Tennis; and
2. I understand that an athlete's right of appeal with respect to the NSF internal nomination procedures must be made in accordance with the NSF Appeal Policy.
3. I understand that the Olympic Charter grants the COC exclusive jurisdiction over the naming of athletes who will represent Canada at the Olympic Games. The COC Team Selection Committee is responsible for selection of the Canadian team for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China. The COC Team Selection Committee requires that all entries submitted to it by NSFs comply in all respects with the provisions of the Olympic Charter.
4. I understand that an athlete who is nominated by his/her NSF to the COC Team Selection Committee for membership on the 2008 Olympic Games Team has the right to appeal the decision of the COC Team Selection Committee, in relation to his/her nomination, to the ADRsportRED Program (or any successor to such program, including the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada) in accordance with the procedures established prior to the decision of the COC Team Selection Committee and referenced on the COC website. The decision of the panel appointed to hear such appeal shall be final and binding on the COC, NSF and the athlete or athletes in question.
5. If selected to the 2008 Olympic Team, I will accept said nomination and commit to competing in the 2008 Olympic Games Games.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Athlete's Signature

Witness' Signature

Name (please print)

Name (please print)