

Team Selection for Young Senior, Senior and Super Senior International Cup Teams

The criteria set out below are in effect for the 2017 World Championship Team selection for the 2018 World ITF Team Championships.

The International Tennis Federation (“ITF”) currently recognizes team cup competitions in the following age groups: 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 and 80.

Tennis Canada will enter and support teams in international cup competitions provided the following selection criteria and guidelines are met:

Tennis Canada’s Seniors International Team Selection Committee, comprised of the National Seniors Committee Chair, the Seniors Coordinator and a Tennis Canada tennis development staff representative (the “Committee”) **has been granted the latitude to use subjectivity when making its final decisions.**

A. Criteria to be met by individual players:

1. Under current ITF regulations, all players chosen to represent Canada must be a Canadian citizen and must hold a Canadian passport.
2. All players wishing to be considered for a team must compete in the corresponding age group in the **Steve Stevens Senior Nationals (“The Championships”)** in singles and doubles in the year that is applicable for the team selection, so as to give themselves an opportunity of being ranked in both divisions. In addition, these players must compete in at least one other tournament recognized by Tennis Canada for team selection, either:
 - (a) A tournament recognized for national ranking (e.g. the Eastern Indoor Championships or the Western Indoor Championships, or a Regional or Provincial designated tournament), or
 - (b) An eligible ITF event (minimum grade 3) in the appropriate age group played. (Including, but not limited to Canadian ITF tournaments.)
3. Players moving up an age group in the year of the event (e.g. the year after a player competed in the **Championships**) may receive consideration for selection to that age group team. Players must have a minimum semifinal result in singles or doubles at the Championships to be eligible for such consideration, provided they have met all other criteria. However, in the older categories, women 70, 75 & 80 and men 75 & 80, due to the limited number of players available overall, it may be desirable to consider qualified players other than semifinalists.
4. Players selected must be physically fit to play at the time of the team event. An affidavit to that effect may be required by Tennis Canada. Failure to be in a position to compete at the world championships due to a pre-existing injury (e.g. not sustained at the event) may affect future eligibility.
5. While participating in the world cup team events, team players are representatives of Canada. The players must show exemplary sportsmanship and display best-efforts while competing at the **Championships** and throughout the calendar year in selection and regular events. All team players must be in good standing with their provincial association at the time of team selection. The same standard will also apply to team members representing Canada abroad. Players named to Canada’s World teams for international play shall assure their obligations toward the team notably by respecting team protocol and must sign the player responsibility forms. Failure to comply with this standard will jeopardize future team selections.
6. All Players who are selected to represent Canada MUST register with the ITF annually to obtain an IPIN number (International Player Identification Number). This is compulsory from January 1, 2012. This ruling also applies to all players who wish to play in world-wide ITF events.

B. Guidelines for the team selection process:

7. The committee will select a preliminary list of cup team members and alternates in accordance with the criteria and guidelines listed herein, and submit them to the National Seniors Committee for approval. Once approved, any further changes will be at the discretion of the committee.
8. National year-end singles and doubles rankings will be the primary consideration used in the selection process. Other factors to be considered include previous tournament results, experience of players on different surfaces, **exceptional performance and results by doubles teams** and head-to-head results. If the World Team Championships ties are late in the year, i.e. after the Steve Stevens Senior Nationals, and an alternate player has to be added to a Team because of an unforeseen circumstance, the committee reserves the right to select the replacement player for the team from the current year's results
9. A player may be considered for a spot on a team in the event of an unforeseen circumstance (e.g. an injury supported by a current dated doctor's certificate that prevented the player from participating in the **Championships**.) provided that player has a current playing record of merit. The player must submit a letter to the Seniors Tennis Committee **before** the Steve Stevens tournament together with a current dated doctor's certificate (if it is a medical issue) in order to be considered for selection.
10. In order to be considered for a team all players must participate in the **Championships**. If eligible players selected for a team choose not to participate, the committee reserves the right to appoint other players to field a team.
11. All teams will be comprised of up to four players including the captain.
12. The Committee reserves the right to change a member of a team, or decide not to enter a team even after full consideration of all players who have met the criteria. Financial and other assistance to team members is provided but is dependent on available funds and/or sponsorship.