

TENNIS CANADA INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES 2019 PANAMERICAN GAMES

Tennis Canada is committed to excellence and providing quality competition and training opportunities for our next generation of future Olympians. Olympic qualification and National Development Team Program long-term strategies include the selection and preparation of athletes who will represent Canada at future International level competitions including the 2019 Pan American Games. Please note the 2019 Pan Am Games may act as a direct 2020 Olympic Games qualifier (see section 4.0 for specific details).

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Tennis Canada's internal selection procedure for the 2019 Pan Am Games is as follows:

Athlete Eligibility:

- 1.0 Nominated athletes must be members in good standing with Tennis Canada.
- 1.2 Only the NOCs recognized by 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 Lima 2019 Pan American Games.
 - 1.21 In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for Pan Am Team selection, all athletes must be Canadian citizens as per the Regulations of the Pan American Games.
 - 1.22 The competitors should be at least fourteen (14) years old by the first competition day. Meet PASO and ITF Nationality requirements; and possess a valid Canadian Passport on or before June 11, 2019 (valid for up to 6 months after the Games);
 - 1.23 Athletes must have signed and submitted the Athlete Eligibility Conditions Form.
- 1.3 Athlete Acknowledgement:

All potential Pan- Am Games team members are required to read, sign, return and comply with the Athlete Acknowledgement and Acceptance form to Tennis Canada as well as the COC Athlete Agreement and Lima 2019 Eligibility Conditions Form.

The ITF requirements can be found on page 16 of the Davis Cup Regulations for the 2018 Competition, Section VI – Eligibility of Players and Captains <https://www.daviscup.com/media/278272/278272.pdf> page #19 and/or on page 16-17 <https://www.fedcup.com/media/278275/278275.pdf> of the Fed Cup Regulations for the 2018 Competition, Section VII – Eligibility of Players and Captains.

These Internal Nomination Procedures are based on the Pan Am Sports Organization (PASO) Qualification System, found here <http://www.panamsports.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Qualification-System-Manual-Lima-2019-1.pdf>. 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.

- 1.3 Direct acceptances will be covered by the athletes entered by each country, giving priority to the best ranked athletes (singles) on the ATP or WTA rankings as of June 11, 2019 as per clauses (3.0, or 3.1)

Late Athlete Replacement Policy:

- 1.4 Substitutions after June 26, 2019 are subject to the PASO/COPAG Late Athlete Replacement Policy. In case a substitution is required, the next best ranked athlete (singles) player on the ATP or WTA rankings as of June 11, 2019 will be selected.

Decision Making Authority:

- 2.0 Tennis Canada's Pan Am Games Selection Committee will be comprised of three individuals as follows:
- Vice President, High Performance Development
 - Director, High Performance Development
 - Davis Cup Captain (for selection of male players) and Fed Cup Captain (for selection of female players)

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 (be 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 June 11, 2019.

As host country, Peru will automatically qualify for the Lima 2019 Pan American Games tennis competition with a full team (three men and three women).

Selection Criteria:

- 3.0 Team composition - All three players will be nominated based on the highest ATP/WTA **singles rankings** as of June 11, 2019. Should any players decline to participate, the player with the next highest singles ranking will be nominated until the three spots are filled.

For example, if as of June 11, 2019:

- 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.

- 3.1 Event Selection - Singles: In singles, Tennis Canada's Pan Am Games Selection Committee (as per clause 2.0) may nominate the maximum number of competitors six (6), 3 men and 3 women. From the players nominated (as per 3.0) the first two singles players will be nominated based on the highest ATP/WTA singles ranking as of June 11, 2019. The remaining player, will automatically fill the #3 singles position.
- 3.2 Event Selection Doubles: Tennis Canada's Pan Am Games Selection Committee (as per clause 2.0) may nominate up to a maximum of two (2) teams for inclusion in the Pan- Am Games doubles event (1 male & 1 female). From the 3 players nominated (as per clause 3.0) the Committee will select each team considering first, the players highest Doubles World Ranking as of June 11, 2019. In addition, the Committee may consider; the player's singles ranking, team chemistry & the results achieved in doubles up until June 11, 2019 when selecting the final team.

- 3.3 Event Nomination Mixed Doubles: Tennis Canada’s Pan Am Games Selection Committee (as per clause 2.0) 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 (as per clause 3.0) 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 June 11, 2019 & other events previously selected to compete in when selecting the final team.
- 4.0 Final Qualification Places (ITF places) Continental Qualification into the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

In all, eight (8) final Qualification Places (ITF Places) will be allocated into the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

The following athletes will qualify for two of these ITF Places (via the 2019 Pan Am Games) provided his/her ranking is within the top 300 on the Singles Rankings as of 8 June 2020 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	2019 Pan American Games	Singles first placed 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

ENTRY AT THE PAN AM GAMES

- 5.0 Athletes nominated to the COC in their respective event(s) by Tennis Canada will be entered in those events at the Pan Am Games. Any issues relating sport entries on site at the 2019 Pan American Games will be under the decision-making authority of the tennis Canada appointed Team Leader.

Section IV

APPEALS TO TENNIS CANADA’S INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

- 7.0 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):

<http://www.tenniscanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/High-Performance-Handbook.compressed.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

UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES CLAUSE

8.0 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

CHANGES TO THIS DOCUMENT

9.0 The Director, High Performance Development 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 2019 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 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.

10.0 Major timelines for athletes and Tennis Canada

June 11 th , 2019	ATP or WTA Ranking The PTC will allocate wild cards
June 13 th , 2019	The PTC will confirm to PASO and the NOCs / NFs the places they have qualified
June 17 th , 2019	The NOCs / NFs should confirm to the PTC the places they will use
June 19 th , 2019	If necessary, the PTC will reallocate unused places
June 26 th , 2019	Lima 2019 entry by name deadline