

2019 PARAPAN AMERICAN GAMES SELECTION CRITERIA

2019 Parapan American Games

August 23 – September 1

Lima, Peru

The Paralympic/Parapan American Games are the pinnacle of elite competition for athletes with a disability. Team Selection Standards are intended to ensure that Canada is represented at the Games by elite athletes with a disability, and Canadian performances and results reflect the Canadian Paralympic Committee's (CPC) commitment to excellence.

The Parapan American Games consists of a Men's Singles competition (24 players), Men's Doubles competition (12), Women's Singles competition (12), and Women's Doubles competition (6), Quad Singles (8), and Quad Doubles (4). According to the ITF criteria, Canada is eligible to fill 2 men's division singles slots, 2 women's division singles slots, 2 quad division slots, 1 men's doubles team slot, 1 women's doubles team slot, and 1 quad doubles team slot. The event is sanctioned by the ITF at the ITF2 Series level.

Athletes are nominated by Tennis Canada to the CPC for consideration. The CPC names the team for the 2019 Parapan American Games, and has the sole authority to name the team for all major Games. The CPC has allocated three spots, at the time of the publication of this document, to Tennis Canada for the wheelchair tennis competition at the Parapan American Games.

1. Eligibility

Athletes must meet all eligibility criteria as outlined in the Lima 2019 Parapan American Games Qualification Guide which is attached for reference. In addition to those requirements an athlete must:

- Be in good standing with Tennis Canada and qualify to represent Canada abroad.

Good standing means abiding by the Tennis Canada Code of Conduct. To qualify to represent Canada abroad an athlete must meet the ITF eligibility requirements as outlined in the 2019 ITF Wheelchair Tennis Handbook: <https://www.itftennis.com/media/298603/298603.pdf>.

2. Selection Guidelines

The CPC has approved 3 slots into the Parapan Am Games wheelchair tennis competition. Tennis Canada may nominate up to 3 athletes to the CPC based on the following ITF/IPC selection criteria:

- a. ITF Wheelchair Singles World Ranking Allocations
- b. Regional Selection Allocations

*Note: Additional qualification slots may become available at the discretion of the CPC.

2.1 ITF Wheelchair Singles World Ranking Allocations

- The top 2 Canadians among the top 16 male athletes from the Region on the ITF Wheelchair Tennis world singles rankings closing July 8, 2019 qualify.

- The top 2 Canadians among the top 8 female athletes from the Region on the ITF Wheelchair Tennis world singles rankings closing July 8, 2019 qualify.
- The top 2 Canadians among the top 5 quad athletes from the Region on the ITF Wheelchair Tennis world singles rankings closing July 8, 2019 qualify

Should more than 3 athletes meet the ITF Wheelchair Singles World Ranking Allocation as outlined above (and only if the CPC, at its sole discretion allows athletes to fill the slots), the selection of the athletes will be made in the following order of priority:

- I. If all athletes are within the same playing division (i.e.-men, women, quad) then priority will be given to the athletes with the highest ITF singles ranking as of July 8, 2019
- II. If athletes are in different playing divisions (i.e.-men, women, quad) then the top ITF singles ranked athlete from each playing division as of July 8, 2019 will be extracted and grouped. Once grouped the following tie-break procedure will be followed:

Athlete with the lowest % difference between his/her July 8, 2019 ITF singles Ranking (Americas players only) and the ITF Para Pan Am qualification standards as follows

- Men's Division: Top 16 in the Americas (based on 2/nation)
- Women's Division: Top 12 in the Americas (based on 2/nation)
- Quad Division: Top 5 in the Americas (based on 2/nation)

For example: A Men's division player (Player A) achieves a July 8, 2019 ITF ranking of #13 in the Americas region. His qualification standard was Top 16 in the Americas. $13 \text{ divided by } 16 = .812$. A Quad division player (Player B) achieves a July 8, 2019 ITF ranking of # 3 in the Americas region. His qualification standard was Top 5. $4 \text{ divided by } 5 = .6$. Player B has the lower percentage and would therefore be given priority over Player A.

Once an athlete with the lowest coefficient as per above has been determined then all extracted athletes are returned to their respective playing divisions (i.e.-men, women, quad).

The procedure outlined above is repeated with the top ITF Americas singles ranked player from each of the remaining playing divisions extracted and grouped. If after repeating the process there only remain athletes from the same playing division (i.e.-men, women, quad) then the athletes will be ordered in priority based on the highest ITF singles ranking as of July 8, 2019.

In the event that the coefficient procedure outlined above yields more than one player with the same coefficient, the High Performance Committee will decide on the order of priority after a review of a number of factors including but not limited to medal potential in singles, medal potential in doubles, past results against players in the Americas, overall past season results and team dynamics.

2.2 Regional Selection Allocations:

- a. If more athletes qualify via the ITF World Singles Ranking Allocations than CPC slots available, then Tennis Canada will apply to the CPC for additional slots and to the ITF for a Regional Selection Allocation (s). If there are more athletes who have qualified for a Regional Selection Allocation than spots available, then the co-efficient procedure laid out above will be applied to determine the selected athletes. All Regional Selection Allocations are subject to final approval by the CPC and ITF.

- b. If fewer than 3 athletes qualify via the ITF World Singles Ranking Allocations, Tennis Canada may apply for a Regional Selection Allocation (s). Decision will be made by the High Performance Committee and based on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, medal potential in singles and doubles, multi-sport games experience for next gen athletes, doubles teams, and funding availability.

3. Timelines:

By July 12, 2019 the National Coach in consultation with the High Performance Committee and the Vice-President, High Performance Athlete Development will select the athletes to be nominated to the CPC. This will include nominations for ITF Wheelchair Singles World Allocations and Regional Selection Allocations.

Nominated athletes who wish to appeal may do so in writing to the Director, Wheelchair Tennis within 48 hours of notification of nomination (by July 14, 12:00 p.m. eastern time). The written appeal must meet Grounds for Appeal section of the Appeals Process section on page 5. The appeal must clearly outline the grounds for appeal and include supporting documentation.

Final athlete nominations will be communicated to the CPC on July 17, 2019.

4. Notes:

- Tennis Canada may choose not to send an athlete for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, the availability of funding. Tennis Canada may choose to send an athlete who is not a National High Performance Program member.
- The selection criteria are subject to CPC and ITF rule/format changes.
- The High Performance Committee (see Appendix A) will consist of:
 - Director, Wheelchair Tennis
 - National Coach
 - Director, High Performance
 - National Program Consultant

HIGH PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The High Performance Committee (HPC) for wheelchair tennis is an advisory body composed of Tennis Canada high performance staff and coaches. The HPC mandate is to make recommendations to Tennis Canada regarding National High Performance Program selections, carding, policies and programs.

The committee consists of six members including:

- ☐ Director, Wheelchair Tennis
- ☐ National Coach
- ☐ National Program Consultant
- ☐ Director, High Performance

The HPC meets annually in a workshop setting and via conference call two to four times per year for program development, policy administration and selection purposes. The Director, Wheelchair Tennis chairs all meetings and the committee's goal is to administer the selection policies and procedures in a fair and unbiased manner.

Decision-making Process:

Each member must exercise one vote when required. A recommendation based on the majority vote is forwarded to Tennis Canada for consideration. The Tennis Canada Vice-President, High Performance Athlete Development, Director, Wheelchair Tennis, National Coach, and Vice-President, Tennis Development (when required) make all final decisions and have the authority to overturn or accept the recommendation.

High Performance Committee

Janet Petras	Chairperson Director, Wheelchair Tennis
Kai Schrameyer	National Coach
Wayne Elderton	National Program Consultant
Debbie Kirkwood	Director, High Performance

APPEAL PROCESS

Athletes may appeal Parapan American Game nominations under the following grounds:

Grounds for appeal include:

- Error in law (policy not applied correctly).
- Error in fact (inaccurate results affected the selection outcome).
- Lack of procedural awareness (the criteria was changed and/or athletes were unaware of the criteria).

Athletes cannot appeal:

- The fact that they do not like the decision and/or;
- They do not like the published policy and/or;
- The published criteria should be changed (it can be changed for the year/cycle, not during the year/cycle).

The process for lodging an appeal is outlined below. If an athlete demonstrates an injustice, then;

1. An athlete must submit a written appeal to the Director, Wheelchair Tennis by July 14, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. eastern time. The written appeal must clearly outline the grounds for the appeal.
2. Tennis Canada's Appeals Committee will review and place a ruling on the appeal by July 15, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. eastern time and the decision will be final.
3. An athlete may appeal the final decision of Tennis Canada by submitting a written appeal to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada by July 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. eastern time.