



## **SEEDING OBJECTIVES, PROCESS & GUIDELINES**

### **INDOOR AND OUTDOOR JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **SINGLES**

##### **Objective:**

The sole objective of the Seeding Committee is to insure a balanced draw so that two or more of the best players do not meet in the early rounds. The Seeding Committee's are lead by the Director of High Performance and consist of the following members:

U12/U14	Director-High Performance U15 Program Leaders Manager-National Events
U16/U18 Girls	Director-High Performance Head Women's National Coach U15 Program Leaders Manager-National Events
U16/U18 Boys	Director-High Performance Head Boys National Coach U15 Program Leaders Manager-National Events

##### **Process:**

The guidelines outlined below will be "considered" by the Seeding Committee when making its decisions.

The process will be as follows:

- Players initially sorted into a group or "bucket" starting with the first guideline (significant international rankings/results)

- The Committee “may” consider sorting/seeding this group of players, based on this alone, or using the remaining components of guidelines in their published order (significant national results, Rogers rankings/Provincial Order of Merit, Head to Head results) if required
- Players sorted into a group or “bucket” based on the second guideline (significant national results)
  - the Committee “may” consider sorting and seeding these players using this alone, or using the remaining elements of the guidelines in their published order (Rogers rankings/Provincial Order of Merit, Head to Head results) if required
- Players sorted into a group or “bucket” based on the third guideline (Rogers ranking/Provincial Order of Merit)
  - the Committee “may” consider using this alone, or using the remaining elements of the guidelines (Head to Head results)
- Finally, the Committee “may” consider sorting and seeding the remaining players based on the last element of the guideline (Head to Head results) if required

**Note:** ITF and Rogers rankings will be used as of the date the Proposed Seeds are distributed to the Provincial Tennis Associations for feedback.

Proposed seeds will be distributed to the Provincial Tennis Associations to allow the opportunity to provide the Committee any additional relevant information, or direct feedback with a specific rationale.

Final decisions will be made by the Seeding Committee.

\*Every seed position except the first and second is determined by lot using the following procedure:  
Seed 1 on top of draw, Seed 2 on the bottom of the draw; seeds 3 and 4 will be drawn as a pair with the first drawn placed in the top half and the second drawn in the bottom half, seeds 5, 6, 7, 8 will be drawn together and placed according to the rules, and seeds 9 and 10 drawn together and placed according to the rules.

Thus the final seeds, will be “publicly” communicated as follows (the Committee will maintain a detailed order (1-10) to handle late replacements).

1  
2  
3T  
3T  
5T  
5T

5T  
5T  
9T  
9T

In the U12 and U14 age divisions there will be 16 seeds. The process will be similar to the above with the addition of seeds 9, 10, 11, 12 drawn randomly, and seeds 13, 14, 15, 16 drawn randomly. All the 9-12 seeds will be listed on the draw as 9T, and all the 13-16 seeds listed as 13T.

**Guidelines:**

**Under 18**

1. Significant international results or ranking <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ITF ranking (Top 300)</li><li>• Results (Gr. A, Gr. 1 or Gr. 2 events, quarterfinals or better)</li><li>• Significant results or rankings (ATP/WTA)</li></ul>
2. Significant national results or ranking <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Top 8 finish at most recent U18 Junior Nationals</li><li>• Best Top 5 finish at most recent U16 Junior Nationals</li></ul>
3. Current Rogers rankings & Provincial order of merit
4. Significant head-to-head results

**Under 16**

1. Significant international results or ranking <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ITF Ranking (Top 500 ITF)</li><li>• Results (Gr. 3 ITF events or higher, quarterfinals or better)</li><li>• Significant results or ranking (ATP/WTA/ITF)</li></ul>
2. Significant national results or ranking <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Top 12 at most recent U18 Junior Nationals, Top 8 at most recent U16 Junior Nationals</li><li>• Top 5 at most recent U14 Junior Nationals results if applicable</li></ul>
3. Current Rogers rankings & Provincial order of merit
4. Significant head-to-head results

**Under 14**

1. Significant international results or ranking <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ITF ranking (Top 800 or better)</li><li>• Quarterfinals (Orange Bowl, Les Petits As, Kreis Dueren Junior Tennis Cup, BNP Paribas Cup)</li><li>• Semi finals (Eddie Herr, all Category 1 European events not listed above)</li></ul>
2. Significant national results or ranking <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Top 12 at most recent U16 Junior Nationals, Top 8 at most recent U14 Junior Nationals</li><li>• Top 5 at most recent U12 Junior National results if applicable</li></ul>
3. Current Rogers rankings & Provincial order of merit
4. Significant head-to-head results

### Under 12

1. Significant international results or ranking <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quarterfinals or higher at Auray, Jr. Orange Bowl or major European events</li></ul>
2. Significant national results or ranking <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Top 12 at most recent U14 Junior Nationals, Top 8 at most recent U12 Junior Nationals</li></ul>
3. Current Rogers rankings & Provincial order of merit
4. Significant head-to-head results

**Note:** for the Indoor Junior Nationals significant results from the previous Outdoor Junior Nationals are taken into consideration, and for the Outdoor Junior Nationals significant results from the previous Indoor junior Nationals are taken into consideration. When trying to determine the **lower seeded** positions the results from the immediately preceding Indoor or Outdoor Junior Nationals may be considered. For example, the winner of the U16 Indoor Junior Nationals may be considered for a lower seeded position at the U18 Indoor Junior Nationals.

## DOUBLES

The sole objective of the doubles seeds is to insure a balanced draw so that two or more of the best teams do not meet in the early rounds. The Tennis Canada Tournament Director will base the seeds on the following doubles seed guidelines:

### Under 18

1. Significant national doubles results <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Top 4 finish at most recent U18 Junior Nationals</li><li>• Top 2 finish at most recent U16 Junior Nationals</li></ul>
2. National doubles rankings/Order of Merit/Seeded Position <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current U18 doubles Rogers rankings</li><li>• Provincial order of merit</li><li>• Current singles seeded position in U18 Junior Nationals</li></ul>

### Under 16

1. Significant national doubles results <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Top 4 at most recent U18 Junior Nationals, Top 4 at most recent U16 Junior Nationals</li><li>• Top 2 at most recent U14 Junior Nationals results if applicable</li></ul>
2. National doubles rankings/Order of Merit/Seeded Position <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current U16 doubles Rogers rankings</li><li>• Provincial order of merit</li><li>• Current singles seeded position in U16 Junior Nationals</li></ul>

### Under 14

1. Significant national doubles results
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 4 at most recent U16 Junior Nationals, Top 4 at most recent U14 Junior Nationals</li> <li>• Top 2 at most recent U12 Junior National results if applicable</li> </ul>
2. National doubles rankings/Order of Merit/Seeded Position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current U14 doubles Rogers rankings</li> <li>• Provincial order of merit</li> <li>• Current singles seeded position in U14 Junior Nationals</li> </ul>

**Under 12**

1. Significant national doubles results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 4 at most recent U14 Junior Nationals, Top 4 at most recent U12 Junior Nationals</li> </ul>
2. National doubles rankings/Order of Merit/Seeded Position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current U12 doubles Rogers rankings</li> <li>• Provincial order of merit</li> <li>• Current singles seeded position in U12 Junior Nationals</li> </ul>

**Note:** for the Indoor Junior Nationals significant results from the previous Outdoor Junior Nationals are taken into consideration, and for the Outdoor Junior Nationals significant results from the previous Indoor Junior Nationals are taken into consideration. When trying to determine the lower seeded positions the results from the immediately preceding Indoor or Outdoor Junior Nationals may be considered. For example, the winner of the U16 Indoor Junior Nationals may be considered for a lower seeded position at the U18 Indoor Junior Nationals.

The Tennis Canada Tournament Director will follow a similar process of sorting players into bucket #1 (Significant National Results) and bucket #2 (National double rankings/Order of Merit/Seeded Position).

The Tournament Director will circulate the proposed doubles seeds to each of the Provincial Coaches for feedback prior to creating the final list of seeds.

**JUNIOR NATIONALS QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS & NATIONAL JUNIOR OPEN SERIES EVENTS**

The seeding for the U16 and U18 Junior Nationals Qualifying Tournaments, and the U12-U16 National Junior Open Series events, will be based directly from the most current Rogers rankings.

**FLORIDA ORDER OF MERIT**

The seeding guidelines will be used to determine the Order of Merit for the Florida events. Rankings will be used as of the time entries are due for the events.