



## JUNIOR NATIONAL SEEDING GUIDELINES

### Purpose:

The purpose of seeding is to ensure a fair and balanced draw in which the top players/teams do not meet each other in the early rounds of the tournament.

### SINGLES

#### Seeding Committee:

The Seeding Committee is comprised of following individuals:

- Manager, National Events
- Director, Competitive Structure, Rankings & Community Tennis
- Director, High Performance
- National Coaches

#### Process, Guidelines & Timelines:

##### A. Junior Nationals Qualifying Tournaments (U16/U18):

The seeds will be finalized by the tournament Referee at the time of draw based strictly on **latest available Rogers singles rankings** in the respective age division.

##### B. Junior Nationals Main Draws (All Divisions):

The seeds will be finalized by the Seeding Committee 2-3 days prior to the draw based on the **latest available Rogers singles rankings** in the respective age division. The Rogers singles rankings used will include all Provincial/Regional Championship results.

##### *Exceptional Circumstances (Main draws only):*

In rare and exceptional cases, the Seeding Committee may adjust the main draw seeding order to mitigate for extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances will only be considered by the Seeding Committee when a player will be unseeded based on the Rogers singles ranking thus unjustly penalizing the player and creating an unfair draw.

\*Note: The Seeding Committee will only consider a seeding adjustment for players with demonstrated significant national and international results and rankings as outlined below within the 12 months immediately preceding the event.

Extenuating circumstances which may be considered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A player with a Top 3 singles finish at the previous Junior Nationals who, solely due to injury and the resulting inability to compete, will be unseeded. Injury verification and documentation may be required from the player and/or Provincial Association.
- A player with demonstrated significant international results outside of Canada who has recently become a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, or adjusted their nationality for ranking purposes, and will be unseeded.
- A player with a Top 3 singles finish at the previous nationals who lives and trains outside Canada and solely for these reasons will be unseeded.



## **DOUBLES**

### **Seeding Committee:**

The Tennis Canada Tournament Director will base the doubles seeds on the seeding guidelines outlined below. He/she will circulate the proposed doubles seeds to each of the designated Provincial Coaches at the Junior Nationals for feedback prior to creating the final seed list.

### **Process, Guidelines & Timelines:**

The seeds will be finalized by the Tournament Director using the **latest available Rogers doubles rankings** in the respective age division. Seeds will be based on the combined doubles rankings of each team. For example, if player A has a doubles ranking of #5 and player B has a doubles ranking of #27, their combined doubles ranking for seeding purposes is 32 (5 + 27). The Rogers doubles rankings used will include all Provincial/Regional Championship results.

### *Exceptional Circumstances:*

In rare and exceptional cases, the Tournament Director may adjust the doubles seeding order to mitigate for extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances will only be considered by the Tournament Director when a team will be unseeded based on the combined Rogers doubles ranking thus unjustly penalizing the team and creating an unfair draw.

\*Note: The Tournament Director will only consider a seeding adjustment for players with demonstrated significant national and international results and rankings as outlined below within the 12 months immediately preceding the event.

Extenuating circumstances which may be considered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A team with a Top 4 doubles finish at the previous Junior Nationals who, solely due to injury of one of the players and his/her resulting inability to compete, will be unseeded. Injury verification and documentation may be required from the player (s) and/or Provincial Association.
- A player with demonstrated significant international results outside of Canada who has recently become a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, or adjusted their nationality for ranking purposes, and will be part of an unseeded team.
- A player or team with a Top 4 doubles finish at the previous Junior Nationals who lives and trains outside Canada and solely for these reasons will be unseeded.

## **NATIONAL JUNIOR OPEN SERIES EVENTS**

The seeding for the U12-U16 National Junior Open Series events will be prepared by the Referee at the time of the draw and be based directly from the most current Rogers singles rankings in the respective age division.