

TENNIS CANADA INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

2024 PARIS OLYMPIC GAMES

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The Olympics to be held in 2024 will be identified in this document as the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by Tennis Canada to nominate athletes to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for selection to the 2024 Paris Olympic Games which will take place July 26 to August 11, 2024, in Paris, France. The Tennis venue will be Roland Garros and the Olympic Tennis Competition will take place July 27 to August 4, 2024.

The athletes representing Canada in the tennis event represent the best tennis players in the country and are among the best in the world. Tennis Canada's primary performance objective is to win medals at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

Section I

1.0 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for 2024 Paris Olympic Games selection, all athletes must:

- 1.1 Meet International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Tennis Federation (ITF) Nationality requirements; and possess a valid Canadian Passport that does not expire on or before February 11, 2025 (as approved by the COC).
- 1.2 Comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force including, but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.
 - 1.2.1 Doping Control Requirements:
 - I. Be available for sample collection and have provided accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed by Tennis Canada, the CCES pursuant to the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy (CADP) or the ITF pursuant to the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme
 - II. Sign and submit the Athlete Anti-Doping Contract supplied by the CCES and/or Tennis Canada
 - III. Complete the CCES Anti-Doping e-learning course (or any applicable ITF anti-doping education course) if it has not been completed within the last 6 months
 - IV. Current mailing and e-mail address provided to CCES and/or Tennis Canada for the National Athlete Pool (NAP) database, or to the ITF, as applicable.
- 1.3 Athletes nominated to the COC must be in good standing with Tennis Canada and the ITF. In addition, to be eligible to participate in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, all athletes must fulfil additional minimum requirements outlined here: <https://www.itftennis.com/media/7241/olympic-tennis-event-eligibility-rule-paris-2024.pdf>
- 1.4 The allocation of any quota place (i.e. Direct Acceptance, Host Country Places, and Final Qualification Places) is conditional upon the athlete meeting these athlete eligibility requirements.
- 1.5 Athletes named to compete in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games will be required to comply with dress code and equipment regulations of Tennis Canada's team as approved by the Canadian Olympic Committee. This will include the Official Team Competition Clothing Policy and the Official Team Podium/Parade Clothing Policy.
- 1.6 Sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organizing Committee (OCOG) conditions of Participation Form no later than June 24, 2024, Ma includes doing the COC recommended on-line Safe Sport module.

- 1.7. Sign and abide by the Tennis Canada Code of Conduct.
- 1.8. If requested by Tennis Canada or the COC, sign a Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) Participant consent form.
- 1.9 Performance Readiness:

Prior to the COC nomination deadline all nominated athletes shall have their current performance status evaluated by the relevant Head Coach, and their injury/health status assessed by the relevant Integrated Support Team (IST) staff member(s). If, after having completed these assessments, an athlete is deemed to be underperforming significantly as a result of injury, illness or lack of fitness the relevant head coach shall decide if the athlete will be sufficiently recovered to be nominated to the Olympic Team. Injuries or illnesses to athletes occurring after the nomination deadline will be dealt with similarly, and subject to the OCOG Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Once selected, athletes who do not remain performance ready because of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team at any time. Following nomination to the COC, any such removals are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. Notification must be sent to the relevant Head Coach and to the Vice President, High Performance.

2.0 SELECTION COMMITTEE

Tennis Canada’s Olympic Selection Committee is charged with the responsibility of nominating athletes to the COC who will represent Canada at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

Tennis Canada’s Olympic Selection Committee will be administered by Tennis Canada High Performance staff and comprised of up to four individuals (men’s selections) and four individuals (women’s selections) as follows:

- Director, High Performance Programs (men’s & women’s selections)
- Head, Performance (men’s & women’s selections)
- Davis Cup Captain (men’s selections)
- Men’s National Coach or designate (men’s selections)
- Billie Jean King Cup Captain (women’s selections)
- Head Women’s National Coach or designate (women’s selections)

3.0 EVENTS (5)

Men’s Events (2)	Women’s Events (2)	Mixed Event (1)
Singles Doubles	Singles Doubles	Mixed Doubles

4.0 ATHLETE QUOTA AND ITF QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

A summary of the athlete quota and number of spots per NOC is outlined below. For the complete ITF Qualification System for tennis please refer to: <https://www.itftennis.com/media/8035/paris-2024-olympic-tennis-event-qualification-system.pdf>.¹

4.1 Total Quota for Tennis:

	Quota Places	Host Country Quota Places	Universality Places	Total
Men	82	3	1	86
Women	82	3	1	86
TOTAL:	164	6	2	172

¹ Please ensure to consult the most up to date ITF Qualification System on the ITF’s website in case of change to the version provided in this INP.

4.2 Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	6	4 athletes per Singles event 2 teams per Doubles event
Women	6	4 athletes per Singles event 2 teams per Doubles event
TOTAL:	12	

4.3 Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete(s) by name.

4.4 **Singles Selection Process:** Tennis Canada's Olympic Selection Committee (as per clause 2.0) will nominate the highest (ATP/WTA) ranked singles players, up to a maximum of four (4) who qualify for direct acceptances based on their ATP or WTA singles rankings in accordance with the ITA Qualification System, as may be amended from time to time, into the men's and women's singles draw (see section 4.0). This selection will be completed by June 13, 2024.

5.0 Doubles Qualification: The men's and women's Doubles events shall consist of a draw of 32 teams, each comprising of athletes from the same NOC, with a maximum of two (2) teams per NOC for each gender. Doubles team nominations are subject to the maximum number of athletes that can be nominated for each NOC, which is six per gender.

- 32 teams will qualify for the men's and women's doubles event as follows:
- 31 Direct Acceptances
- 01 Host Nation Place
- 32 Total

5.1 **Selection Process Doubles:** Tennis Canada's Olympic Selection Committee (as per clause 2.0) may select and nominate up to a maximum of two (2) teams for inclusion in the Olympic Games. For the men's and women's event, this Committee will select and nominate these teams as per Section D.1 of the ITF Qualification System, as may be amended from time to time.

5.2 **Doubles:** Tennis Canada's Olympic Selection Committee will select and nominate all pairings. This selection will be made on or before June 19, 2024. Fielding doubles teams that are best capable of winning a medal at the 2024 Olympic Games will be the primary consideration in determining these partnerships. Tennis Canada's Olympic Selection Committee will also take the following factors into consideration: ATP/WTA rankings (singles and doubles), team chemistry and compatibility, recent singles and doubles results, team history, recent player health, doubles skills, game-styles intangibles (attitude, personality and ability to compete and handle the moment), feedback received from the player or players, as well as the feedback of Tennis Canada's doubles consultant will also be strongly considered.

6.0 Mixed Doubles Qualification: The Mixed Doubles event shall consist of a draw of 16 teams, each comprising of athletes from the same nation, with a maximum of two (2) teams per NOC.

- 16 teams for the Mixed Doubles event will qualify as follows:
- 15 Direct Acceptances
- 01 Host Nation Place
- 16 Total

6.1 **Mixed Doubles:** Teams will be selected from athletes that have been accepted for the Singles and/or Doubles events and will therefore already be on-site. Entries for the Mixed Doubles must be made on-site to the ITF by date to be confirmed.

Tennis Canada's Olympic Mixed Doubles Selection Committee (Head of Performance, Men's Olympic Coach or Women's Olympic Coach or Team Leader or designate) will determine all pairings. Fielding a mixed double team(s) that

are best capable of winning a medal at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games will be the primary consideration in determining these partnerships. In making its decision, the Committee will also take the following factors into consideration: ATP/WTA rankings (singles and doubles), team chemistry and compatibility, recent singles, doubles and mixed doubles results, team history, recent player health, doubles skills, game-styles intangibles (attitude, personality and ability to compete and handle the moment), feedback received from the player or players, as well as the feedback of Tennis Canada's doubles consultant, which will also be considered.

7.0 Olympic Coaches and Support Staff Selection Committee and Process

The coaching and support staff for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games will be selected by the following individuals:

- Head of Performance
- Director, High Performance Programs

7.1 Subject to the COC's AO (full accreditation allocation) to Tennis Canada for the 2024 Paris Olympics (TBD at date of publishing), the following support staff positions may be selected for:

1. Men's Head Coach
2. Women's Head Coach
3. Team Leader or its designate

When making its selections, the Committee will consider/prioritize a variety of factors including meeting the COC Coaching Criteria; experience - including previous Olympic Games experience, support for medal potential athlete(s) rankings:

- Singles (defined as a current Top 30 – 1 ATP/WTA ranked player)
- Doubles Team (defined as one with a Top 40 - 1 combined ranking) or
- Mixed Doubles Team (defined as one with a Top 40 - 1 ranking)

Other relevant information like familiarity with the players and results achieved may be considered.

7.2 In addition, subject to notification of any additional allocations of either COC AO accreditation, P (personal coach accreditations) or TVP (Training Venue Pass), and budget considerations, the following support staff will be selected:

- Additional support staff.

When making its selections, the Committee will consider/prioritize a variety of factors including meeting the COC Coaching Criteria; experience (including previous Olympic Games experience, support for medal potential athlete(s):

- Singles (defined as a current Top 30 ATP/WTA ranked player)
- Doubles Team (defined as one with a Top 40 combined ranking) or
- Mixed Doubles Team (defined as one with a Top 40 ranking)

Other relevant information like familiarity with the players and results achieved may be considered.

7.3 All nominated tennis coaches (Head or Personal) must:

- Be in good standing with the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) and Tennis Canada
- Be a registered or professional designation coach with the CAC
- Be an active Tennis Professionals Association (TPA) member
- complete and submit the COC Support Staff Agreement and Organizing Committee (OCOG) conditions of Participation Form no later than June 24, 2024, which includes doing the COC recommended on-line Safe Sport module.
- If requested by Tennis Canada or the COC, sign a Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) Participant consent form.

Section II

ENTRY AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES

8.0 Athletes nominated to the COC in their respective event(s) by Tennis Canada will be entered in those events at the Olympic Games, except for Mixed Doubles which will be selected & nominated during the Games by the Selection Committee and the team will be entered on site by the published deadline.

8.1 On-site Decision-Making Authority

During the actual competition period onsite at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, all final decision-making authority will reside with the team leader or their designate in the absence of the team leader, including the selection of alternates in doubles if an injury occurs.

Section III

ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

9.0 All potential Olympic team members are required to read, sign, and return the attached Athlete Acknowledgement and Acceptance Form no later than June 24, 2024 to Tennis Canada.

9.1 All potential Olympic team members are required to read, must sign, and submit the Canadian Olympic Committee Team Member Agreement Form, and Paris 2024 Eligibility and Conditions Form no later than June 24, 2024.

Section IV

APPEALS TO TENNIS CANADA'S INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

10.0 Any appeals will be handled in accordance with Tennis Canada's Appeals Policy and procedures in effect at the time of the appeal. The timeline for appeals will be shortened to accommodate the Olympic qualification and acceptance timelines. If both parties agree, the Appeals Policy can be bypassed, and the matter can be brought immediately before the Sport Dispute Resolution Center of Canada who will then manage the appeals process.

Section V

SECTION V – UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

11.0 Situations may arise that do not allow this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional or unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by Tennis Canada's Olympic Selection Committee, in consultation with Senior Vice President, High Performance, and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, including determining if the unforeseen or exceptional circumstances justify competition or nomination should take place in an alternative manner Tennis Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Section VI

SECTION VI – CHANGES TO THIS DOCUMENT

12.0 Subject to the conditions below, the Tennis Canada Development Staff, in conjunction with members of Tennis Canada’s Olympic 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 2024 Olympic Games.

Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all National Team Members. This clause shall not be used to justify changes to this document or selection 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 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.

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Section VII

SECTION VII - LANGUAGE

If there is a discrepancy between the French and English versions of this document, the English version shall be used to interpret the intent of the language used in the French version.

Appendix 1 - Qualification Timeline

Date	
June 10, 2024	Date of Singles and Doubles rankings to determine Direct Acceptances (the first ranking after the conclusion of Roland Garros)
June 12, 2024	ITF to inform NOCs/National Associations of qualified athletes
June 13, 2024	TC will notify qualified athletes of their Olympic nomination.
June 19, 2024	NOCs/National Associations to confirm the entry of qualified athletes and submit nominations for men’s and women’s Singles and Doubles Events.
June 24, 2024	All required COC documentation must be signed and submitted to the COC.
July 3, 2024	COC Team Nomination Deadline: deadline for Tennis Canada to submit team members and alternates to COC.
July 8, 2024	ITF to reallocate all unused quota places
July 8, 2024	Paris 2024 Sport Entries Deadline (COC to the Paris Olympic Committee)
TBC*	End of late reallocation procedure
TBC*	Deadline for ITF to receive on-site entries from Tennis Canada into the Mixed Doubles Event
July 26 – August 11, 2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024
July 24 – August 1, 2024	Paris 2024 Tennis competition

**To be confirmed by the ITF*