

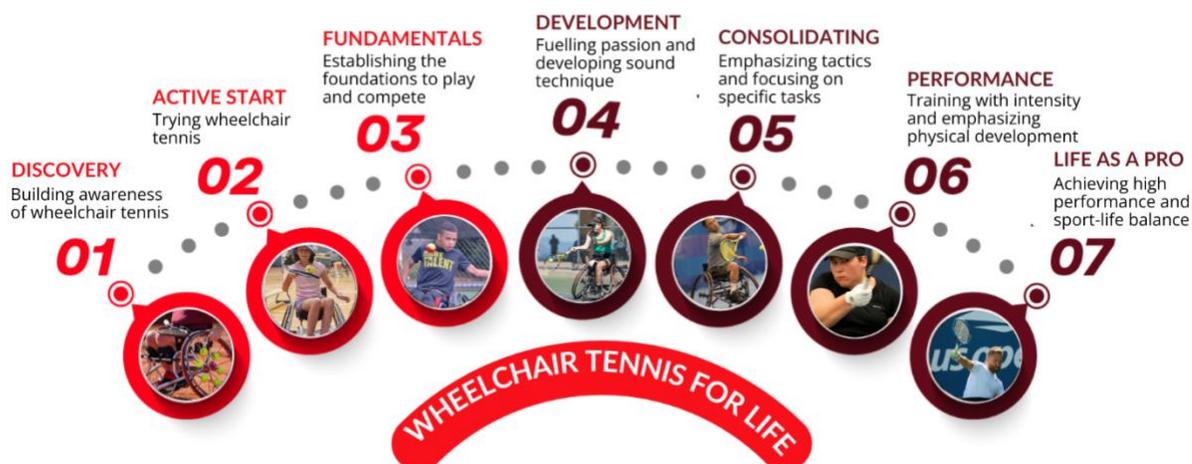


2026 National Development Program

The Tennis Canada National Development Program is a talent recruitment, development and support program for athletes who have shown potential to enter the high-performance pathway. It is linked to Tennis Canada's Wheelchair Tennis Whole Player Development Pathway (WTWPDP) and part of the vision of being a world leading nation.

The detailed WTWPDP can be found here:

<https://www.tenniscanada.com/compete-perform/wheelchair-tennis-whole-player-development-pathway>



National Development Program Description, Benefits and Services

Players nominated to the program are eligible to receive support for the cost of training (coaching and court fees), competition, sport science, and equipment. In addition, they will be invited to training camps, have access to national coaches at tournaments and home training environment visits, and receive ongoing monitoring throughout the year. National coaches will support personal coaches with the players' development.

The amount and level of services provided will be determined on a case-by-case basis. All funding and coaching decisions are reviewed and approved by the High-Performance Committee.

Identification and Selection Process



Tennis Canada will consider athletes for nomination based on a series of indicators. These will include a player assessment by the National Coach, Development Coaches and High-Performance Committee based on criteria including but not limited to age, previous tennis or sport experience, general physical and movement skills, disability level, psycho-social factors, and environment.

In addition, performance indicators will be taken into consideration as follows:

- ITF singles ranking progression
- ITF & Birmingham Nationals tournament results
- Provincial Tournament results

Following the player assessment nominated athletes will be notified by Tennis Canada.

Yearly Assessment Process

Throughout the year the national development players will be monitored at regular intervals at training camps, in their home training environment, and at tournaments. Following the Birmingham Nationals, Tennis Canada will meet with the players to evaluate their progress. Based on the meeting outcome Tennis Canada will determine whether the player requalifies for support in the following year and communicate the decision no later than January 15, 2026.

Athlete Responsibilities

Members of the program must fulfil the following requirements:

- Sign the Tennis Canada Code of Conduct
- Attend an individual meeting including the athlete, personal coach to develop the annual training and competitive plan and performance indicators. When juniors are involved, parents will be included in the meeting process.
- Attend training camps when selected
- Participate in physical testing protocols and mental performance training as required
- Represent Canada at the World Team Cup if selected
- Compete in the 2026 Birmingham National Championships unless an exemption is approved by the High-Performance Committee. To apply for an exemption a written request must be submitted to the Director of Wheelchair Tennis by the Birmingham Nationals by October 1, 2026
- Be in good standing with Tennis Canada
- Participate in a minimum number of ITF tournaments as agreed between athlete and Tennis Canada

