



WORLD TEAM CUP AMERICAS QUALIFIER SELECTION CRITERIA

2026 World Team Cup Americas Qualifier

March 4-7, Lima, Peru

Eligibility

Tennis Canada will be fielding a men's, women's and quad team to the 2026 World Team Cup Americas Qualifier. To be eligible athletes must:

- ☐ Be in good standing with their Provincial and National Association
- ☐ Meet the ITF eligibility requirements for representing a country as per the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Handbook

Please note that National High Performance Program athletes who are selected and decline to represent Canada at the World Team Cup Americas Qualifier may be ineligible for further funding assistance including carding. The only exception may be an approved medical injury or personal emergency. All requests for exceptions must include medical and personal references and be in writing to the director, High Performance Programs & Administration and be approved by the National Coach and High-Performance Committee.

Selections

- ☐ Two to four athletes will be selected to a team. The final number of athletes selected may be determined by funding availability.
- ☐ The National Coach in consultation with the director, High Performance Programs & Administration and the High-Performance Committee will determine the team positions by January 15, 2026 (or earlier depending on ITF deadlines). These positions will be determined based on the ability of the athlete to enhance the performance of the team or to fulfill developmental needs.
- ☐ The National Coach in consultation with the director, High Performance Programs & Administration and the High-Performance Committee will also select the team coach(es) for one or both teams by January 15, 2026 (or earlier depending on ITF deadlines).

The National Coach will review ITF singles and doubles rankings, international singles wins, international doubles wins, surface, team needs and dynamics, and commitment to the National High Performance Program when determining whether an athlete will enhance the performance of the team.



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- ❑ In addition, one alternate may be selected for each team. Alternates will represent Canada should a selected athlete be unable to attend due to injury, illness or personal emergency.
- ❑ Tennis Canada may choose not to send a team 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 ITF rule/format changes.
- ❑ Family members are welcome and encouraged to attend and support the team. Family members may room with athletes providing this is not deemed to be disruptive to the athlete or the overall team dynamics. The High Performance Committee will review the rooming situations on a case by case basis and determine if it is acceptable or not.
- ❑ The National Coach in consultation with the director, High Performance Programs & Administration and the High Performance Committee will use discretion when applying the above guidelines, due to the ever-changing nature of our sport and the difficulty in capturing all scenarios.
- ❑ The High Performance Committee consists of:
 - Janet Petras, Director, High Performance Programs & Administration
 - Kai Schrameyer, National Coach
 - Jocelyn Robichaud, Head of U15 Development
 - Melissa Lacroix, Senior Director High Performance
 - Christian Gingras, National Development Coach
- ❑ Selected athletes will be notified immediately of their status. Should an athlete wish to appeal the decision, he/she may do so in writing to the director, High Performance Programs & Administration within ten days of the completion of the selection process. The written appeal must include the specific reasons why the athlete feels he/she will enhance the performance of the team or meet developmental needs.