



OVERVIEW

The Team NL selection for squash consists of a series of tournaments to determine the best overall players to represent the province. [Canada Games Technical Package](#) for Squash states that two teams of 4 players are to be selected, one male and one female. Within each team, two players must be U17 and two U19 on the first day of Canada Winter Games (14 March 2027). An exemption may be sought for players who are within one year of the eligibility criteria (ie U20 on 14 March 2027) to be reviewed by Squash Canada CWG Committee. Squash NL will coordinate any exemption requests.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. **Confirm Athlete Eligibility:**

- Meeting Canada Winter Games 2027 [Eligibility Policy](#)
- Meeting Team NL [Canada Games Policy](#)
- Meets the [Age criteria](#) for Canada Winter Games 2027
- Active Squash NL Member in good standing
- It is expected that team members will be participating in a Junior program offered by Squash NL or a member club.

2. **Participation in Selection Events:** A series of 2 to 3 selection events will be announced and held in Fall 2026 in order to select the team. Final selection must take place by 15 December 2026. Athletes wishing to be considered for selection must compete at all selection events, unless a medical reason is provided. The Selection Event's format will have the goal of producing a finishing placement ranking of athletes who competed.

3. **Select Team and Spares:** Overall finishing placement after all Selection Events will determine selection. In the event of a tie, the head-to-head record between the athletes will be used to determine selections. Spares will be selected from the next highest placed candidate in the event that one of the selected players is unable to compete. In the case of a tie after head-to-head results are applied, the athlete selection will be made by Squash NL President and Canada Winter Games Head Coach.

- 4. Finalise Team:** Selected team members will be ranked according to their Club Locker scores. In the event that one of the team doesn't have a Club Locker ranking, their head-to-head results with other team members will be used to determine a ranking. The team names, with ranking, will be submitted to Squash Canada before 29 January 2027.

Selected athletes will be expected to participate fully in training sessions organised by the Canada Games Head Coach, as well as any regional tournaments selected for participation prior to Games. Athletes will also be expected to fulfill any training or requirements requested by Team NL and meet the behavioural and performance expectations laid out in the Squash NL CWG 2027 Athlete Contract.

APPEAL PROCESS

- Any athlete who has not been selected and wishes to appeal the selection decision can do by filing an appeal in writing to Squash NL at president@squashnl.com
- The deadline to submit an appeal is 7 days after the announcement of the teams. Appeals received after this deadline will not be considered.
- The Appeals Committee will consist of Squash NL Board of Directors and follow the steps outlined in the Squash NL *Appeals Policy*. The timeline for a decision will be communicated as part of the appeal process.

Squash NL reserves the right to not fill all available place on a team if it is felt that not all athletes are suitable for competition. A selected athlete may also be replaced on the team after the selection deadline in the case of illness or inability to compete at Canada Winter Games, or if the athlete is found to have broken the Squash NL *Code of Conduct* or fails to meet the behaviour or performance expectations in the Athlete Contract. Such a decision will be subject to a Hearing according to Squash NL *Discipline and Complaints Policy*. An athlete will be required to present a medical note in the case of illness preventing participation.