



NWT Squash 2027 Canada Winter Games Team Selection Policy

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Team Selection Deadline and Team Composition

Team Selection Deadline

The selection of the 2027 NWT Squash Canada Winter Games Team will be made by October 4, 2026, following the Team NT Canada Winter Games squash tryouts.

Team Composition

Each team attending the 2027 Canada Winter Games (CWG 2027) must meet the minimum requirements as set out by the 2027 Canada Winter Games Squash Technical Package. To view the full requirements, please refer to the 2027 Canada Winter Games Squash Technical Package [here](#).

Certain requirements of note that affect the team composition are:

1. The men's and women's teams are composed of four (4) athletes.
2. Teams must include at least two (2) U17 athletes aged 16 or younger. The cut-off date of birth for U17 participants is March 15, 2010.
3. Teams may include a maximum of two (2) U19 players aged 19 or younger. The cut-off date of birth for U19 participants is March 15, 2008.
4. The CWG 2027 team may be composed of four (4) U17 players if they are the strongest athletes based on the selection criteria outlined below.
5. Two (2), non-travelling alternates may be named to each of the men's and women's teams. The first may be the next highest ranked U19 athlete as per the final selection (see below) and the second may be the next highest ranked U17 athlete as per the final selection (see below).

Criteria for Selection to the NWT Squash 2027 Canada Winter Games Team

1. Athletes must be enrolled in a junior squash program recognized by NWT Squash that incorporates weekly practices or be training on their own and followed by a coach who is actively providing instruction and a suitable training program.
2. Athletes must be residents of the Northwest Territories twelve (12) months prior to the first day of competition (March 8, 2027) and six (6) months prior to the first day of Team Selection (June 26, 2026)
3. Athletes and their coaches must announce their participation in the Team Selection (tryouts) to the NWT Squash Head Coach, Jeff Hipfner (jeff@ykracquetclub.com), no later than September 6, 2027.

Note about Out-of-Territory Athletes:

Athletes who reside in the Northwest Territories, but attend school full-time outside the Northwest Territories, may still be considered for selection to the NWT Squash CWG Team. These athletes must comply with the Criteria for Selection as outlined above with the following exceptions:

1. Athletes must have a permanent residence in the Northwest Territories.
2. Athletes must submit to the NWT Squash Head Coach and to the Board of NWT Squash, a letter of participation from the coach of the squash program in which they are enrolled.

3. Out-of-territory athletes MUST be prepared to attend the final selection event as per below. If they decide not to attend, they will not be considered for the NWT Squash Canada Winter Games Team.

Please note, fulfillment of the Criteria for Selection does not guarantee an athlete a spot on the NWT Squash CWG Team.

Selection of the NWT Squash 2027 Canada Winter Games Team

The selection of the NWT Squash CWG Team will be made from those athletes that meet the above Criteria for Selection and who compete in the Head-to-Head Match Play as outlined below.

Head-to-Head Match Play – Team Selection

The team selection will be based on the results from a head-to-head competition that will take place October 2 to 4, 2026. The competition will be a round-robin tournament format where up to eight (8) individuals per age category nominated by their respective communities will compete for the positions of four team members plus two alternate members on the CWG 2027 team. The competition will take place in Yellowknife at the Racquet Club.

As of the date of publication of this Selection Policy, there are three communities in the NWT where squash is played that can potentially send athletes to compete in the head-to-head tournament. Those communities are: Fort Smith, Inuvik and Yellowknife. Due to the number of players in each of these communities, the number of individuals a community can send will be limited to the following per age category (U19 and U17). The local squash clubs will determine who to send.

- Yellowknife: 4 male U19 athletes, 4 male U17 athletes and 4 female U19 athletes, 4 female U17 athletes
- Fort Smith: 2 male U19 athletes, 2 male U17 athletes and 2 female U19 athletes, 2 female U17 athletes
- Inuvik: 2 male U19 athletes, 2 male U17 athletes and 2 female U19 athletes, 2 female U17 athletes

In the case where a community sends less than their allotted athletes in each age category, other communities will have the option to add another athlete to their roster. NWT Squash will use a random draw to determine which of the communities will have the first option.

The competition will begin on the evening of Friday, October 2, 2026, and finish on or before the Sunday afternoon of October 4, 2026. Athletes must be prepared to play up to seven (7) best of five matches during that period. The final draw of competition will be determined based on the athletes that participate and will be based on a round robin format. The results of the matches will be entered into Club Locker. In the case of a tie, the results of match play in Club Locker will be used. Club Locker determines a tie break in the following manner:

1. Most matches won
2. Fewest matches lost
3. Most games won
4. Fewest games lost
5. Percentage of points won

At the conclusion of the matches, NWT Squash will compile a final ranking based on the results of the round-robin. The athletes will be named to the CWG Team based on their age and placement during the team selection competition. Alternates may be named as follows: the next highest ranked U19 player will be named as the first alternate and the next highest ranked U17 player will be named as the second alternate.

Appeal Process

Any appeal to the selection of the NWT Squash CWG team may be presented in writing (either printed, or by email) to the Board of Directors of Northwest Territories Squash (NWT Squash) within seven (7) days following the final selection. After that time, no appeal will be accepted.

Grounds for appeal follows Squash Canada's Appeal Process which states:

Grounds for Appeal

A decision cannot be appealed on its merits alone. An appeal may only be heard if there are sufficient grounds for appeal. Sufficient grounds are limited to submissions that include the Respondent:

1. Made a decision that it did not have authority or jurisdiction (as set out in the relevant governing documents).
2. Failed to follow its own procedures (as set out in the relevant governing documents).
3. Made a decision that was influenced by bias (where bias is defined as a lack of neutrality to such an extent that the decision maker is unable to consider other views).
4. Failed to consider relevant information or took into account irrelevant information in making the decision.

Squash Canada's Appeal Policy may be viewed [here](#).

The appeal will be reviewed by a third-party arbitrator delegated by NWT Squash. The decision by the arbitrator will stand and may not be appealed. A fee of \$250 must be provided along with the original appeal. The fee will be refunded in the event of a successful appeal. Please note, an appeal may not include a disagreement with the Criteria for Selection, or the final process of selection as laid out in this document.