2027 Canadian Masters Team Championships - Team BC Participation Criteria

Introduction

Squash BC is committed to supporting Masters athletes and proudly sending a representative Team BC to the annual Canadian Masters Team Championships. This initiative reflects our dedication to fostering lifelong participation, competitive excellence, and provincial representation on the national stage. Participation in the 2027 Championship will be confirmed only if a full team of seven (7) eligible athletes consisting of four (4) men and three (3) women, who meet the eligibility criteria, is confirmed and committed. In this case, Squash BC will fund the team's registration fee.

Event Information

- Dates: January 22 - 24, 2027
- Location: Bow Valley Athletic Club in Calgary, Alberta

Team Composition

- Women's Categories: 40+, 45+, 50+
- Men's Categories: 40+, 45+, 50 +, 55+

1. **Team BC Athlete Eligibility**
   - 1.1. Athletes must be a member in good standing of Squash BC.
   - 1.2. Be a Canadian citizen, landed immigrant, or have resided continuously in Canada for one (1) year immediately preceding the Championships and been a resident of BC for 90 days.
   - 1.3. Masters ages must be over their age category on the first day of the tournament (Ex. A player who turns 40 on January 23, 2027, would be ineligible to participate).
   - 1.4. Complete the following Squash Canada requirements by the set Squash Canada deadline.
     - 1.4.1. Complete the Squash Canada Club Referee Certification virtual course on the CAC Locker (Please note this course is $35).
     - 1.4.2. Complete the CAC Safe Sport Virtual Training course.
   - 1.5. All athletes must compete in at least one Squash BC sanctioned tournament, league, or championship between **September 1, 2025** and **November 22nd, 2026**.
     - 1.5.1. Athletes who have represented Team BC but face barriers to current play may submit a **Participation Exemption Request** outlining their contribution and current circumstances for review. Details and submission guidelines can be found in Appendix B.

2. **Athlete Agreements** must be signed once an athlete is chosen for a team.

3. **Team Selection**

The Team will be based on the strength of the players on the team, regardless of age.

3.1. The team selection process will be selected in order from the oldest age group down to the youngest age group, with the older aged players being eligible for selection in the younger age groups if not selected for the right age category. Please see Appendix A for an example of Team Selection.

3.2. The teams will be chosen primarily by Squash BC rankings as of November 23, 2026, however:

3.2.1. If two players are within 0.05 Club Locker rating points the following procedure will be used to determine the team selection

3.2.1.1. Head-to-head results from the past 12 months will be used in the following order:

3.2.1.1.1. Match Wins

3.2.1.1.2. Game Wins

3.2.1.1.3. If comparing head-to-head results still yields a tie, the player with the higher Club Locker rating will be selected

3.2.1.1.4. If still tied, the highest-rated player in the previous rankings will be selected.

3.2.2. If three or more players are within a 0.05 Club Locker rating the highest rated player will be selected.

3.2.2.1. In a scenario when the highest-rated players are tied the previous rankings will be used to determine the selected athlete.

3.3. The team will be selected and invited in the week of November 30- December 4, 2026.

3.4. Selected team members will be expected to purchase their travel arrangements to the event within two (2) weeks of being notified they are on the team.

4. **Financial Assistance**

4.1. Squash BC will be covering the team's tournament entry fee for Team BC at the 2027 Canadian Masters Team Championships.

4.2. Squash BC will provide all selected athletes with a Team BC shirt for the event.

4.3. Squash BC does not offer financial assistance for this event in the current fiscal year for any player travel or accommodations for the event.

4.4. Unless a sponsor or funding agency is acquired, all other costs must be the responsibility of the athletes who wish to go. If a sponsor or funding agency is acquired, all players will be subsidized equally.

5. **Accommodations**

All players will be responsible for their own accommodations, it is recommended that players book rooms with other teammates to lower the costs of the accommodations to attend the event.

6. **Application Process**
Interested athletes must submit an Athlete Declaration of Interest by November 8, 2026, at 11:59 PM to be considered for the 2027 Team BC Masters Provincial Team at the Canadian Master Teams Championships taking place in Calgary, Alberta, between January 22-24, 2027.

7. **Appeals**
Any appeals for the 2027 Team BC Masters Provincial Team Selection must follow the Squash BC Pan-Canadian Appeal Process, outlined here: https://squashbc.com/uploads/2022/09/PanCan-Appeal-Policy-SQBC-APPROVED-Nov-2020-1.pdf

Appendix A - Team Selection

Athlete	Age	Club Locker Rating	Selection Order	Notes
A	42	5.50	4	Selected as the 40+ Athlete
B	44	5.48		Not selected
C	47	5.2	3	Selected as the 45+ Athlete
D	57	5.14	1	Selected as the 55+ Athlete
E	48	5.13		Not selected
F	55	5.00	2	Selected as the 50+ Athlete
G	51	4.79		Not selected
H	41	4.60		Not selected
I	38	4.54		Not selected

Based on the athletes selected above the following procedure as followed (please note that the women's team members will be selected on the same order except no 55+ age category):

Athlete D was the first team selection as the top 55+ athlete and has more than a 0.05 Club Locker rating compared to any other eligible athlete for the age category.

Athlete F was the second team selection and will take the 50 + athlete category. Even though he was eligible for the 55+ Category and was not originally selected he is the highest rated remaining athlete in the 50 + category.

Athlete C was selected as the third team selection and will represent the 45+ category for the team.

Athlete A was selected as the fourth and final member of the men's team and will represent the 40+ category. Before being selected athletes A and B were both eligible to represent the 40+ category and within 0.05 Club Locker rating points their previous head-to-head matches will be reviewed. If athlete B had a better head-to-head record against player A, player B would be selected.

Appendix B - Participation Exemption Request

Recognition of Past Contributors

Squash BC recognizes that many Masters athletes have made significant contributions to the sport through years of participation, leadership, and service. To ensure fairness and inclusivity, athletes who are unable to meet the current participation requirement due to valid circumstances may request an exemption through the process outlined below.

Eligibility for Consideration

Athletes may submit a Participation Exemption Request if they:

- Have previously represented Team BC at the Canadian Masters Team Championships or other national events and/or
- Are unable to participate in a sanctioned event or league between September 1, 2025- and November 22, 2026, due to injury. Personal circumstances, or unavoidable scheduling conflicts.

Submission Requirements

Exemption requests must be submitted in writing to Squash BC no later than November 16, 2026 and include the following:

- A brief summary of past contributions
- A clear explanation of the reason for not meeting the 2027 participation requirement
- Any supporting documentation, if applicable (e.g., medical note, travel schedule)

Review Process

All requests will be reviewed by Squash BC staff in consultation with relevant selection advisors. Each request will be evaluated based on:

- Documented history of contribution to Squash BC
- Validity and reasonableness of the exemption request
- Current competitive standing (e.g., Club Locker rating, past results)

Consideration in Team Selection

Approval of a Participation Exemption Request allows an athlete to remain eligible for Team BC selection, provided they meet all other criteria outlined in the selection policy. Approval does not guarantee selection but ensures that long-standing contributors are considered fairly, even when recent participation is limited by valid barriers.