



**Date:** December 15, 2017

**To:** Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18 Competitive Junior Players, Coaches, and Parents

**From:** Denise Fernandez, Player Development Coordinator

**Re:** 2018 Indoor Junior National Qualification

Please find the Indoor Junior National Information Package (Format, Junior National Travel Policy / Procedures) attached.

**Please note the following dates and venues:**

Date	Event	Venue	Format
Mar 21-22	Under 16 Indoor Qualifying Event	Club de tennis Iles des Soeurs, Montreal	Qualifying: 32 draw, 4 qualifiers
Mar 23-28	U16 Indoor Junior Nationals	Club de tennis Iles des Soeurs, Montreal	Main Draw: singles, feed-in consolation, doubles
Mar 24-30	U12 Indoor Junior Nationals	The Tennis Academy, Calgary	Compass format singles Doubles Team Championships Unused Allocation Process in effect
Mar 30-31	Under 18 Indoor Qualifying Event	Mayfair Parkway, Markham	Qualifying: 32 draw, 4 qualifiers
April 1-6	U18 Indoor Junior Nationals	Mayfair Parkway, Markham	Main Draw: singles, feed-in consolation, doubles
April 1-7	U14 Indoor Junior Nationals	UBC Tennis Centre, Vancouver	Compass format singles Doubles Team Championships Unused Allocation Process in effect
April 7-14	Under 18 ITF (Grade 4)	Ace Tennis Academy, Burlington	Singles and Doubles

For All Junior Nationals, Saskatchewan and Manitoba have 3 spots / age group / gender combined (example – U12 – 3 boys and 3 girls, same for U14, U16, and U18).

If questions or concerns arise, regarding the attached information, please contact me at your earliest convenience (306-530-3081 or [ferndeni@yahoo.com](mailto:ferndeni@yahoo.com)). Thank you.



## TEAM PRAIRIES 2018



### **Manitoba – Saskatchewan Prairie Regional 2018 Indoor Junior National Participation Eligibility**

The criteria for players wishing to represent Team Prairies at the Tennis Canada Junior Nationals changed in the summer of 2016.

#### **Reason for Change**

- This change in format has been made to eliminate the increasingly undesired Prairie Regionals qualifying tournaments which are costly and frequently cancelled or changed due to low entries
- The new system allows for travel flexibility
- Promotes inter-provincial play thus providing player variety
- Increases the number of matches players will play (as per Long Term Athlete Development standards)

#### **Key Qualification Notes**

Players will be selected for the Indoor National Championships based on Tennis Canada Rogers Rankings as of the February 13, 2018 cut-off date. Top three (3) players by gender in the age category between the two (2) provinces will qualify (unless player exemption(s) have been granted by Team Prairies Selection Committee). The Team Prairies Selection Committee to invite players to participate in the Junior Nationals.

Tennis Canada Rogers Ranking is based on a rolling 52 week point accumulation. Points are accumulated from a player's top 5 results over the past 52 weeks. Results from each new week will be added and the results from the corresponding week of the previous year will be dropped. Players receive a ranking by playing at least one of the specified ranking events.

For the 2018 Indoor Nationals Qualification, a player must play a minimum of 5 Qualifying Tournaments (in either Manitoba or Saskatchewan) out of a total of 8 Qualifying Tournaments (each province will host 4 tournaments within a calendar year for a total of 8) in the past 52 weeks with at least one of the tournaments being in the other Prairie province and at least one of the tournaments being an indoor tournament prior to the February 13, 2018 cut-off date.

Qualifying Tournaments are as follows:

May 11 – 14, 2017 Kildonan Junior Open, Kildonan Tennis Club Winnipeg, MB  
May 26 – 28 Riverside Junior Open, Riverside Tennis Club Saskatoon, SK  
June 1 – 4 Tuxedo Junior Open, Tuxedo Tennis Club Winnipeg, MB  
June 9 – 11 Provincial Junior Open, Lakeshore Tennis Club Regina, SK  
July 4 – 7 Prairie Junior Champs\*, Taylor Tennis Club, Winnipeg, MB  
January 4 – 7, 2018 [Taylor Junior Open - January 2018](#) Winnipeg, MB  
January 19 – 21 Saskatchewan Junior Indoor Open\*, Regina Sportplex  
February 2 – 4 Lakewood Indoor Junior Open, Saskatoon

\* Regional Ranking Points allotted

Please note the following re: cancelled tournaments / events - players will be given credit for a tournament if they entered a tournament and it was cancelled due to a lack of entries or poor weather conditions.

If a player ranked in the Top 3 declines invitation to compete in the Junior Nationals, the next eligible player on the Rankings List will be invited UP TO THE #6 RANKING IN THAT CATEGORY within the PRAIRIE REGION.

## **Exemptions**

A player who does not meet the Qualification criteria and is seeking consideration must apply for an EXEMPTION to the Team Prairies Selection Committee by February 16, 2018.

Application for EXEMPTION must be made in writing to the Provincial Tennis Association Office where the athlete resides citing all reasons for not meeting the minimum qualification requirements and include all necessary doctor's notes etc....(possible reasons for Special Exemption may include injury, illness, national team requirements, and/or other valid reasons).

Saskatchewan players will also need to meet the following additional criteria:

1. All athletes must maintain a permanent residence in the province of Saskatchewan as evidenced by a valid Saskatchewan Health Services Card. Students attending school out of province are eligible to participate, however they must still meet the above mentioned residence criteria.
2. All athletes must be in good standing with Tennis Saskatchewan (i.e. financial, discipline, etc. – outstanding invoices must be paid)
3. At least one member of each junior players' household must successfully complete the Respect in Sport – Parents Program (1 hour on-line video). On-line program to be completed prior to the Qualifier date.

## **Junior National Travel Policies / Procedures**

Please note the following in regard to Junior National Participation:

- All players must agree to the terms and conditions of and sign a Tennis Saskatchewan Code of Conduct and Release Form prior to departure (Participant and Parent signature required) (Form to be forwarded to Tennis Saskatchewan prior to departure).
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- Tennis Saskatchewan will provide all participants with a Team Prairies jacket at no cost (only one jacket / year).
- Tennis Saskatchewan will make transportation arrangements (book van, book flights, etc.), book accommodations, book practice courts, etc. for all players and coaches ... if players wish to make alternate arrangements (example – book their own flight using points), Tennis Saskatchewan must be notified immediately after player has qualified for Nationals.
- Players must pay for their portion of the Junior Nationals prior to departing for Nationals (usually about 7 – 10 days prior to departure date ... exact date to be determined by Tennis Saskatchewan).
- Players making changes to their hotel and/or flight itinerary are responsible for all charges related to changes (flight upgrade fees, flight change fees, etc.) (includes changes prior to departure to Nationals and changes during Nationals).

- Saskatchewan players and coaches will attempt to stay at the Tennis Canada designated Host Hotel during Nationals.
- A Tennis Saskatchewan designated Coach will be present during Junior Nationals. The designated Coach may be a Tennis Saskatchewan or a Tennis Manitoba coach. The Tennis Saskatchewan Player Development Committee will approve all designated coaches after all Regional qualifying has been completed.
- The designated Coach may or may not accompany all players to and from Nationals (i.e. Coach may depart from a different City or Province) ... when a player is not traveling with the designated Team Coach, the player will be provided with contact information of the Team Coach and the Tennis Saskatchewan Player Development Coordinator (phone numbers and cellular numbers) ... if travel problems take place, players should contact the appropriate above noted individual as soon as possible ... if none of the above noted individuals are available, please contact your parents.
- The designated Coach reserves the right to restrict movie rentals and outgoing telephone calls from player rooms during Nationals. Players must pay for all movie fees and telephone calls upon departure from the designated Host Hotel.
- Players and coaches must participate in the Tennis Canada team picture.

For the 2018 Indoor Junior Nationals, players will be responsible for the following fees:

- all travel related expenses (flight, van rental, gas, etc.)
- all airline baggage fees (departure and return)
- all airline seat related fees (departure and return)
- all accommodation expenses (room and taxes)

For the 2018 Indoor Junior Nationals, Tennis Saskatchewan will pay for the following:

- all designated coach related / administration related expenses (transportation, accommodation, honorarium, and per diem)
- all vehicle rental, gas, taxi related charges
- all miscellaneous expenses (additional practice courts, special events, movies, etc.)
- tournament entry fee of \$50
- "Prairies" Team jacket (one jacket / year)