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To: Saskatchewan Competitive Junior Players, Parents, and Coaches

**From: Denise Fernandez, Director of Player Development
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Re: 2022 Junior National Qualification and Fischer Junior Nationals

Tennis Canada will be posting the exact dates and locations of the 2022 Fischer Indoor Junior Nationals within the next few days. We expect the Nationals to be held in mid to late March and early April 2022. Once Tennis Canada notifies Tennis Saskatchewan, athletes / parents / coaches will be notified shortly thereafter.

Further details regarding the Fischer Indoor Junior Nationals will be released over the coming weeks.

Manitoba & Saskatchewan = Team Prairies

For all Junior Nationals, Saskatchewan and Manitoba have 3 spots combined (for each age group and gender. Example: U12 – 3 boys and 3 girls, same for U14, U16, and U18). Together, we are TEAM PRAIRIES.

Qualifying Format for 2022 Fischer Indoor Junior Nationals:

Two indoor national qualifying tournaments will be held in January 2022. The tournaments are closed to players that are not living / residents in Manitoba or Saskatchewan. The two tournaments are as follows:

January 6 – 9	Manitoba Indoor Junior Closed	Taylor Tennis Club, Winnipeg
January 21 – 23	Sask Indoor Junior Closed	Regina Sportplex, Regina

Combining results from both qualifying tournaments listed above with determine which players qualify for the 2022 Indoor Nationals. Previous Rogers Rankings points will not be used to determine who qualifies for 2022 Indoor Nationals, however, Rogers Rankings points will be awarded and be used to the 2022 Outdoor Nationals qualification process. Rogers Ranking points will only be used to determine seedings for these two indoor qualifying events.

There will not be a doubles category.

POINTS TABLE FOR EACH QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT EVENT:
(Singles Points Only)

Finish	Point Total
Winner	100
2nd Place	60
3rd Place	36
4th Place	22
5 th	13
6 th	8
7 th	5
8 th	2

3rd and 4th Place Matches will be played in all singles events
Consolation events will be played (Feed-In, if time allows)

Top three (3) players in the final standings in each age group / gender will qualify for Junior Nationals.

TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

If two or more players should have the same number of points and the number of national spots will not permit all players to participate in the event, the tie(s) will be broken by the following criteria:

1st Criteria

If two (2) players are tied with the same number of points, the tie is broken as follows:

The head-to-head results of the two players.

If three (3) players are tied with the same number of points, the tie is broken as follows:

- i. The percentage of sets won of sets played against all other players in the group (i.e. total sets won divided by total sets played). If still tied

- ii. If, after this calculation, only two (2) players remain tied, the result of the head-to-head match played between the two (2) players will be used to break the tie. If still tied
- iii. The percentage of games won of games played against all players in the group (i.e., total games won divided by total games played).
- iv. If, after this calculation, only two players remain tied, the result of the head-to-head match(es) played between the two (2) players will be used to break the tie.
- v. If, after this, there are still players that remain tied, the 2nd Criteria will come in to effect (please see below).

In applying the tie-break procedures above, the results of the matches involving a match default or a retirement shall be used in determining the percentage of sets and games won. When a player retires or is defaulted from a match for a violation involving dress or punctuality, the full score shall be recorded. Example: Player A leads by 6-1, 2-0 when Player B must retire. Player A's victory shall be recorded as 6-1, 6-0. A walkover a default or punctuality counts as a straight set win or less for the players involved in the match (6-0, 6-0).

If both players are late but arrive at different times, the penalty accrues to each from the moment at which the penalty clock is started. For example, if Player A arrives 4:00 minutes late and Player B arrives 12:00 minutes late, Player B loses the toss and the match commences with a score of 3 to 1 in favour of Player A.

If both players are more than 15:00 minutes late the Referee will normally default both players. In all cases, the "official clock" will be that of the Referee.

2nd Criteria - Best result in the Qualifying Events

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 6:00 p.m. CST, January 2, 2022.

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, ITF tournament circuit participation, and/or other valid reasons).

** Players who are part of a Tennis Canada NTC (National Training Centre) or Tennis Canada National Team member with a Top 3 Rogers Ranking (within the Prairie

Region) in any given category will be considered for exemption even if they do not meet the FULL Team Prairies Selection Criteria

Both Tennis Manitoba and Tennis Saskatchewan would have to accept a player's Exemption request and that it would be a rare case that a player would be accepted as the qualification requirements are minimal.

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.
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 7 days prior to start of applicable National championship.

If questions arise, please contact Denise Fernandez at 306-530-3081 or by email at ferndeni@yahoo.com. Please contact Denise after December 20, 2021. Thank You.

Additional Notes

- The above noted 2022 indoor junior national qualifying tournaments will also be considered as qualifying tournaments for the 2022 Outdoor Junior National (including Rogers Ranking points received from the tournaments) (subject to Covid-19 restrictions / protocols moving forward).
- The 2022 Outdoor Junior National qualifying process, including additional qualifying tournaments, will be communicated to all athletes / parents, clubs, and coaches as soon as possible.
- Covid-19 restrictions / protocols may affect the qualifying process for both 2022 Indoor and Outdoor Junior Nationals.