



## **2023 Nationals Format**

### **1. Sanctioning, Rules & Rankings**

- All participants must be a Gold Member in good standing with Racquetball Canada.
- All Racquetball Canada / International Racquetball Federation rules apply:
  - [IRF Rule Book](#)
- Racquetball Canada official ball is the Gearbox Sleek Black.
- Racquetball Canada official rankings will be used for all divisions.
- The Racquetball Canada Tournament Director reserves the right to reclassify players.
- To participate in any National Championship participants must be a Canadian resident.
- To participate in the Open division or Junior age categories participants must be a Canadian citizen (does not include Mixed Open Doubles).

### **2. Registration Deadline**

- Registration deadline is 2 weeks prior to the start of the tournament.
- No late registrations will be accepted.

### **3. Age Divisions**

- Junior Divisions – Must meet age requirement as of January 1.
- Senior Divisions – Must meet age requirement as of the first day of the tournament.

### **4. Refund Policy**

- Open Divisions – Cut off date is the day the draws are sent to the coaches and players for appeals.
- All Other Divisions – Cut off date is one week prior to the start of the tournament.
- At the sole discretion of the local tournament director any incurred expenses may be deducted from the refund.

### **5. Format & Order of Play**

- Junior & Adult divisions to be played the same week
- Singles and Doubles to be played on the same days
- Daily schedule in order: Age division singles – skill division singles (repeat singles if necessary) – age division doubles – skill division doubles – mixed doubles
- Doubles finals to be played Friday evening
- Singles finals to be played Saturday

### **6. Match Formats**

- Singles – Pool play followed by elimination draws (minimum 3 matches per division)
- Doubles – Single elimination draw with consolation (minimum 2 matches per division)

## **7. Division Parameters**

- Participants may register for a maximum of 3 divisions under the following parameters:
  - Max of 2 singles divisions
  - Max of 2 doubles divisions
- Max of one singles skill division (A, B, C etc.) and one age singles division
  - Singles skill divisions are co-ed
  - Singles age division are gender specific
- You may play one skill (A, B, C, etc.) doubles and one age division doubles, OR one age doubles and one mixed doubles, OR one skill doubles and one mixed doubles
- Skill divisions in doubles must be of the level of the higher ranked partner
- Age for adult divisions is as of the first day of the tournament
- For Junior National Team qualification junior participants can only play their specific age category in the following singles divisions: 21U, 18U & 16U.
- Juniors may play up in age divisions only in doubles divisions
- Only juniors aged 14+ may participate in adult skill divisions
- Age for junior divisions is as of the January 1 of the calendar year

## **8. Rules**

- IRF rules including rally point scoring will be implemented