

## ***National Championships 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:
  - Official 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 and combine divisions.
- 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 and be able to meet the International Racquetball Federation's requirements to represent Canada at International events (does not apply to 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 afternoon / evening
- Singles finals to be played Saturday

### ***6. Match Formats***

- Open Singles & Doubles – Olympic Format
- Age & Skill Singles – Pool play followed by elimination draws (minimum 3 matches per division)

- Age, Skill & Mixed 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 unless indicated as a Women’s division
  - 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 13+ may participate in adult skill divisions
- Age for junior divisions is as of the January 1 of the calendar year

\*Juniors participating in their singles age category may register for a 4th division under the following parameters: Max of 2 singles divisions and 2 doubles divisions

To register for a 4th division you must email [admin@racquetballcanada.ca](mailto:admin@racquetballcanada.ca)

## **8. Doubles Division Definitions**

- Coed Doubles – Teams may be any combination of male and female players
- Mixed Doubles – Teams must be one male player and one female player

## **9. Ranking Guidelines for Skill Divisions**

<b>Division</b>	<b>Ranking Placement</b>
<b>Men’s Open</b>	1 to 30
<b>Women’s Open</b>	1 to 12
<b>Women’s A / B</b>	13 to 45
<b>Women’s C / D</b>	45+
<b>Co-ed Elite</b>	31 to 85
<b>Co-ed A</b>	86 to 145
<b>Co-ed B</b>	146 to 235
<b>Co-ed C</b>	236 to 300
<b>Co-ed D</b>	301+

- Men's & Women's Open are based on gender specific rankings
- Women's A/B & C/D are based on female rankings
- Coed divisions are based on coed rankings
- Players can choose to play a higher skill level than their ranking
- Players may not play lower than their ranking
- Applies to all skill divisions (singles, doubles and mixed doubles)
- Skill divisions in doubles must be of the level of the higher ranked partner

[Racquetball Canada Official Rankings](#)