

RACKETLON CANADA TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS

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This document includes requirements, recommendations and other conditions for national events and provincial level tournaments awarding Canadian ranking points. Updated sept.2011 by RB
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A) Introduction

This document contains requirements, recommendations and some other conditions for tour events on the Canadian Racketlon Tour . In return for the commitment to comply with the requirements in this document selected tournament directors are offered Tour Status, meaning the tournament gives Canadian Ranking points, which in practice means the opportunity to attract an National field of entries and the possibility of marketing the event over the official website of Racketlon Canada www.racketlon.ca The ability of tour events to comply with these requirements will be monitored by RACKETLON CANADA supervisors and will influence the chances of an event to enjoy continued Canadian Tour status.

All RACKETLON CANADA tournaments must be played according to the valid "Rules of Racketlon" as can be found on www.racketlon.net. These must be posted in the sportcentre, with the most important rules highlighted.

B) RACKETLON CANADA Tournaments Structure and Applications

1) Tournaments Structure

Ranking Quality Factor and Points

- a) National events: Ranking Points x 1 (Canadian Champs x 1,5)
- b) Provincial events: Ranking Points x 0,5 quality factor
- c) Regional event: Ranking Points x 0,25 quality factor

The quality factor counts for all classes in all tournaments. Starting with 2008, the RACKETLON CANADA Canadian Tour was given a new structure. Canadian Tour Event from 2008 onwards:

- 4 to 6 National Tournaments
- A number of Provincial and regional tournaments

2) Tournaments Application

Requirements

a) National event: application deadline 3 months notice

b) Provincial event: application deadline 2 month notice

c) Regional event: application deadline 1 month notice

Applications for all tournaments can be made to the Canadian Tour Chairman Rod Bedard(tournaments@racketlon.ca) and the president Dany Lessard (dany.lessard@racketlon.ca) via the application form available, having read and complying with this tournament requirements document.

The proposal for the RACKETLON CANADA Canadian Tour is made by the Tour chairman and sanctioned by the Board of Directors. All members of the Board shall be informed by e-mail one week before a tournament is announced in order to be able to give any extra information if available.

C) Tournament Requirements and Recommendations

1) Prize Money – Entry Fees

Requirements

a) National events: minimum 1000\$ prize money, max. 75\$ entry fee,

b) Provincial events: 500\$ prize money, max. 60 \$ entry fee

c) Regional events: no minimum

For all tournaments more prize money than the minimum is always allowed, thus a Regional tournament may also offer prize money. Entry fees are restricted to maximum 75\$ for National events and must include one welcome present (e.g. t-shirt) and one food voucher. Provincials may charge a maximum of 60 \$ which must include at least either a food voucher or a welcome present.

All players who pull out of a National tournament after the entry deadline or

don't show up are entitled to pay the full entry fee (if they have not already done so) no matter what the reason for pulling out or not showing up. The tournament organizers are asked to send a list of such players who did not pay to the RACKETLON CANADA Canadian Tour Chairman Rod Bedard, who will put them on a suspension list. These players, to be seen on the official website, are suspended for all further national tournaments until they have paid their outstanding entry fees to RACKETLON CANADA before their start at the next tournament. Tournaments may require prepayment over the internet and may in cases of non-payment charge extra for players who pay in cash on site.

2) Internet – Tournament Information

Requirements

- a) National event: 2 months, hotel recommendations
- b) Provincial: 1 month
- c) Regional: none

GEST (Guaranteed Earliest Start Time) and GLET (Guaranteed Latest End Time) for the tournament must be published on the tournament homepage 1 months before tournament start in order to facilitate the booking of flights or other transportation in advance. In addition all further tournament related information must be available over the internet in the given time. At least two accommodation recommendations (high budget and low budget) must be given on the internet with CLEAR description how far the hotels are from the site and how they can be reached.

3) Tour Status Fee

Requirements

For all Canadian participants 5\$ per player (max of 100\$ for regionals, 200 for provincials and 400\$ for nationals) must be paid to **Racketlon Canada** by cheque. The fee shall be paid within two weeks after the event.

The address is: [1719 Jobin Cres. Gloucester, ON, K1J 1C6](#). Failure to comply will cause the tournament to lose his Tour status so no rankings points will be awarded. **The results will not be processed until full payment is received.**

4) Classes

Requirements

a) National events: Men's A, Men's B, Women's A, Women's B, Seniors (45+), Boys u21; (U-16 and u-13 recommended)

b) Provincial tournaments: Men's A, Men's B Women's A and either u-21, u-16 or 0-45.

C) Regional: Men's A, Men's B and women.

Other official categories: u-21 girls, men's doubles, women's doubles, mixed doubles, 0-55.

For all Classes it is a requirement to use the **official naming of RACKETLON CANADA** otherwise no Canadian ranking points can be awarded. All classes in the requirement list must be on the application form. Classes can only and **MUST be played with a minimum of four participants** in order to count for the Canadian rankings. If less than 4 players enter for a class, classes can be put together. The requirements for Canadian Tour events is just the minimum, if tournament organizers want to have additional classes played in Canadian Tour events they may of course do so. If a tournament wants to play new and other classes than the ones listed above, it can do so even with less than 4 participants, but this will not award Canadian ranking points.

Players can not play two classes in one category. E.g. Men A and Men B.

The age classes shall be named and defined in accordance with the following conventions: **Boys and Girls u21** is open to all players **that turn 21** during the calendar year and younger (i.e. it is enough for the condition "<21" to be fulfilled *at some point during the year*). The same counts for Seniors (45+), which is open to all players that **turn 45 during the season calendar year**, and older (i.e. it is enough for the condition ">45" to be fulfilled *at some point during year*).

From 2009 on, all classes listed above will be recorded for ranking purposes.

5) Equipment and Facilities

Requirements

a) National: 3-star table tennis balls, competition grade table tennis tables (1/2 inch minimum thickness) feather shuttle cocks all classes, double dot yellow squash balls, ITF-approved tennis balls, 2 match courts per sport except for tennis (three courts).

b) Provincial: 3-star table tennis balls, feather shuttle cocks in "A" classes, double dot yellow squash balls, ITF- approved tennis balls, 2 match courts per sport.

c) Regional: Same equipment but 2 tennis courts plus one of each of the three other sports.

5.1) Table Tennis balls

Orange or white table tennis balls are a requirement on the Canadian Tour and must have 3 stars. The tournament director can decide which color of balls to use, but these must not have a similar color as the background walls or banners. In case a player is wearing the same color t-shirt as the ball he can be asked to change the t-shirt or the tournament can provide a different color ball.

5.1.1) Table Tennis paddles

All National and provincial events must request paddles to have the ITTF logo on them. It is recommended that tournaments carry a few spared paddles.

5.2) Badminton shuttles

It is a requirement on **National** Canadian Tour events that feather shuttles are used in all classes for Badminton. **Provincials** must use feather shuttles only in the "A" Classes, plastic may or may not be used in other classes. For all "A" classes the feather shuttles must be of the best A-quality, for all other classes B- quality.

5.3) Squash Balls

Double yellow dot squash balls are a requirement in all adult classes for all tournaments.

5.4) Tennis Balls

ITF-approved tennis balls are a requirement in all classes for all tournaments.

5.5) Protective Glasses

It is a recommendation that organizers require protective glasses to be worn in squash, for all classes. For juniors (U-18 it is mandatory).

5.6) Courts

A minimum of 2 courts in each sport (3 in tennis) must be available in order to start 2 matches parallel every 15 min for all National Canadian Tour Events. For Provincial events 2 match courts in each sport must be available. **If there are any problems with this availability, organizers can ask the Tour chairman for exceptions.** In case of summer events with tennis played outdoors at least 2 tennis courts must be available indoor in case of rain, for all events.

The lights must be reasonable on all courts, the nets must be of original height in table tennis badminton and tennis, held by weights in badminton and suspended by a string in table tennis. Single Posts must be

used on the tennis courts for all single matches. The space around the table tennis tables must be reasonable (4m behind each table and 2m apart), the matches can't take place in a small low ceiling room (3m minimum).

5.7) Practice Courts

It is a requirement that organizers provide at least one practice court per sport for National events at least one hour before tournament start. "A" level players must have the possibility to warm up with table tennis at least 10 minutes before the start of their first match.

6) DRAWS - SEEDING

6.1) Requirements

a) Nationals: 3 match guarantee, separate provincial origin in 1st round (except for host province), draws online 1 week prior to event. Four to eight seeded players in "A" division, based on national ranking. Max of four wildcards (draw of 32).

b) Provincials: 2 match guarantee, up to four seeded players and two wildcards.

c) Regional: 2 matches guarantee.

It is a requirement for all Canadian Tour events to guarantee at least two matches for all players in each draw e.g. singles and doubles or Men and Veterans, but it is recommended to guarantee three matches for players travelling from abroad.

6.2) Nationalities in the Draw

The provincial origin of the players must be clearly indicated in the draw, with the three lettered acronym. When the draws are made no players of the same province shall meet in the 1st round except players from the home province.

6.3) Elite Draws for **Canadian Championships** are to be done centrally by RACKETLON CANADA

All Canadian Championships draws in women and men with prize money or any other draws like doubles or veterans if they offer prize money shall be done central by RACKETLON CANADA. There will be a Monrad draw sheet for 8, 12, 16, 24 and a maximum of 32 Elite players.

6.4) Elite Draws – Cut Off

For all Canadian Championships tournament, the Tour chairman will choose

the most appropriate size draw for the elite ("A") categories depending on the number and quality of entries, but all places must be taken up. In turn in all Canadian Championships events the players ranked in the top 7/8th's of the entries in the tournament MUST play in Class A. E.g. If a 32 draw is used in Class A, the top 28 ranked players in the tournament MUST play Class A. Thus players with a Canadian ranking position above this Cut-Off must enter Class A and cannot on their own wish play Class B. The remaining 4 players can then be chosen as per the wildcard system which is designated below in point 6.5.

6.5) Elite Draws - Wildcards

Only the best players according to the Canadian ranking can enter the elite competitions of the Canadian Tour national events. A maximum of 1/8th of the total number of players in the draw can be offered a wild card, meaning they can enter the elite draw although having a lower or no Canadian ranking at all. Half of the wildcards are offered by the tournament director, the other half by Racketlon Canada. If there is an odd number of wildcards, the tournament director has the only or extra wildcard.

(exception can be made for a first event in a province)

6.6) Elite Draws - Seedings

The seeding for the elite competitions of all Canadian ranking events including Provincials must be done strictly according to the Canadian rankings. A total of 1/4 of the players in the used elite draw sheet should be seeded. I.e. 16 players, 4 seeded; 32 players, 8 seeded.

The placing of the seeded players should be done in the quarterfinals seeded 1 to 4 play seeded 5 to 8. In the semifinals 1 plays 3 or 4 and 2 plays the other.

6.7) Elite Draws - Withdrawals

In all Canadian ranking events including Provincials: If players in the Elite A draws withdraw after the draws are done, the tournament director should do his best to replace these players by the top seeded players from Men B. If they don't, any other appropriate local player can play or the position kept free. In case a seeded player withdraws, the last none seeded player according to Canadian ranking moves to the free position and the alternate player is moved to the last none seeded players original position.

6.8) Other Draws

In all other draws without prize money it is up to the organizer to play group play, Monrad or knock out system with a plate competition. It is a recommendation to use the Canadian ranking as a basis for seeding and to classify the players in the classes, there is also no limitation for wildcards. Tournament organizers are reminded to try to restrict too strong players

playing in lower classes, so that the so called recreational players don't lose interest in Racketlon. At the end of all tournaments all players must have a clear end position in the draws, these can also be the same as another players position.

6.9) Draws online

All draws for Canadian Tour national events must be online at least one week before the first day of the tournament on the tournament's own homepage or on the Racketlon Canada website.

7) Media - Results Reporting

7.1) Requirements

a) National events: media officer, one report one week before tournament and one report one day after, draws and results displayed in sports centre, print or electronic medias.

b) Provincials: one report one week before tournament and one report one week after, draws and results displayed in sports centre, local newspaper.

7.2) Reports on the Internet

The media officer is responsible to deliver one short report on the tournament latest one week before the first day of play and one report one day (one week for provincials) after the last day of play to RACKETLON CANADA. These requirements are in the interest of the tournament to help with the promotion.

7.3) Draws, results and rules displayed in sports centre

All draws must be displayed in the sports centre either on paper or on electronic monitors. The results should be updated permanently so that spectators can follow the tournament. The "Rules of Racketlon" must be displayed in the sports centre with the most important ones highlighted.

8) Referees

Requirements

a) National events: Head referee, umpires for all finals of Elite (M and W)

b) Provincials and Regional: Head referee

All tournaments must appoint a Head Referee for the tournament, he takes all final decisions according to the Federation International de Racketlon Rulebook. In cases which are not provided for in the Rulebook, head referee takes final decisions on his own responsibility according to ideas and ethnics of Racketlon. In doubt he can consult the RACKETLON CANADA Supervisor, if present.

For all other draws, umpires must be provided if any of the players ask for one and an argument cannot be solved. Umpires can be any of the players taking part in the tournament, because by entering a Canadian Tour Racketlon tournament all players agree to referee in at least one of the four sports.

9) Other Requirements

9.1) Canadian Tour Race Trophies

It is a requirement on the last tournament of the Canadian Tour season to provide trophies (RACKETLON CANADA will pay costs after cost calculation is received by tournament) for the players who finished first in the Canadian Tour Race in 0-45, men, women and U-21.

9.2) Prize Giving Ceremony

All RACKETLON CANADA **national** tournaments are required to hold an official prize giving ceremony where at least the top 3 players or double pairs in all classes are awarded with medals or trophies. At Provincials other prizes can also be awarded.

9.3) Stringing Service

At Canadian Tour **national** events, a stringing service should be on site or at least on standby (players have to pay themselves).

9.4) RACKETLON CANADA Logo

All Canadian Tour national events are obliged to use the RACKETLON CANADA Logo on all printed tournament material and on the respective tournament webpages.

10) Commitment Statement

By sending the application form to RACKETLON CANADA for any RACKETLON CANADA ranking events, tournament director automatically confirm to Racketlon Canada that they will follow the requirements given in this document. The application form is a CLEAR and FINAL COMMITMENT STATEMENT.

In case certain requirements can not be met and the Tournament Director knows this before hand, he/she can ask for exceptions, which can again be sanctioned by the Canadian Tour Chairman. In case some requirements are not met without before hand notice, the Board can speak out a warning, fine the tournament, lower the level of a tournament i.e. from National to provincial status or even cancel the sanctioning of this tournament for the next or one of the future years.

From January first 2009 if a National tournament is cancelled a fine of 200\$ is to be paid to RACKETLON CANADA and the organizers may not participate in any RACKETLON CANADA events until this fine is paid.

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