



2017 Canada Summer Games Athlete Information Package

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History of Canada Summer Games

The first Canada Games were held in Quebec City in 1967 and were an outstanding success. They paved the way for what is now Canada's largest multi-sport competition for young athletes. As the best in their age group, amateur competitors from all over Canada come to the Canada games from 13 provinces and territories across the nation and compete for the Canada Games Flag and Centennial Cup.

“Together, we'll build a strong, healthy Canada through engagement in sport, united in celebration of our many cultures and shared national heritage.”

2017 Canada Summer Games

The Canada Summer Games are this country's largest multi-sport event for young athletes and this year will celebrate their 50th anniversary and Canada's 150th birthday. Winnipeg, Manitoba will host Canada Summer Games July 28 - August 13th 2017 and will feature 16 sports, over 250 events, a major cultural festival and will welcome over 4,000 athletes/coaches and more than 20,000 visitors. The Games will leave a lasting legacy of new and enhanced sport facilities, volunteer and leadership development that will benefit athletes and the broader community for years to come.

Tennis

Tennis originated from a 12th century French game called paume (meaning palm); it was a court game where the ball was struck with the hand. Paume evolved into jeu de paume and rackets were used. The game spread and evolved in Europe. In 1873, Major Walter Wingfield invented a game called Sphairistike (Greek for “playing ball”) from which modern outdoor tennis evolved. Tennis was part of the inaugural Canada Summer Games in 1969, and has been a regular event over the years.

The Winnipeg Lawn Tennis Club will be hosting the 2017 Canada Summer Games Tennis Event, August 5th-13th. Founded in 1881, the club has 11 plexipave hard courts with professional lighting for evening play. In preparation for the Canada Summer Games, new renovations included three electronic scoreboards and upgraded LED lights. The Winnipeg Lawn Tennis Club underwent a dramatic facelift in preparation for the Pan American Games in 1999 including the building of a new clubhouse and resurfacing/expansion of courts, creating a club facility that is second to none in Manitoba.

Tennis Alberta will be selecting eight athletes, four males and four females, to attend this year's Canada Games and represent their province competing against the top



players around Canada. Two females and two males will be selected to compete in the Doubles Event, one male and one female will compete in the Single's Event, and all players will compete in the Team Competition. More information regarding eligibility and the selection process can be found in this document under the "Athlete Selection Process & Criteria" section.

Below is a list of *Important Dates* regarding the 2017 Canada Summer Games:

- December 2016: Head Coach Announced
- June 2nd 2017: Team Alberta Athletes Announced
- June 7th 2017: Deadline to submit appeals
- June 23rd 2017: Deadlines for athletes to register for Canada Summer Games
- July 8th 2017: Canada Summer Games Staging Event (Edmonton)- **Mandatory for all selected athletes.**
- August 5th 2017: Depart from Calgary to Winnipeg
- August 6th-12th: Competition Days
- August 13th 2017: Closing Ceremonies
- August 13th/14th 2017: Team Alberta returns to Alberta

2017 Travel Opportunities- Games Preparations

Tennis Alberta is offering several travel opportunities to the top players in the province over the course of the seven months leading up to the 2017 Canada Summer Games. These trips will expose players to international level competition, create team cohesion, allow players to experience travel with a team, and will allow coaches to observe the province's top players in various environments. Players will have the opportunity to play both singles and doubles at all events being offered. Selections for these trips may differ for each one, however, each will be posted and communicated in advance. It will be the responsibility of players and coaches to stay informed by reading the communication and by checking Tennis Alberta's website regularly.

The trips are heavily subsidized by Tennis Alberta and the Alberta Sport Connection, however, individual fees will be associated with most opportunities. It is NOT mandatory for players to attend ALL trips to be considered for Team Alberta, however, it is highly encouraged to attend as many as possible if selected as it is part of the final selection criteria. A list of potential trips are listed below, and as details and funding are confirmed descriptions will be posted and invitations sent to players. Please note that the listed trips are subject to change as Tennis Alberta is awaiting confirmation of funding. Trips listed in red have been confirmed!

Date	Time	Event	Location	Fees:	Eligibility
February 2 nd -10 th 2017		Queretaro Junior Cup, Grade 4 ITF	Queretaro, Mexico	TBD	Top 3 U18 players as of January 1 st 2017 (Roger's Ranking)
February 11 th 18 th 2017		Jalisco Junior Cup, Grade 4 ITF	Zapopan, Mexico	TBD	Top 3 U18 players as of January 1 st 2017 (Roger's Ranking)
March 9 th -13 th 2017		Rob Nickels Tennis Academy	Parkland, Florida	TBD	Top 4 U16 players as of February 1 st 2017 (Roger's Ranking)
Mar 18 th 2017	3:30pm-8pm	Doubles Training Camp	Saville Tennis Centre	\$30/player	Top 4 U16 & U18 players as of March 7 th 2017 (Roger's Ranking)
April 10 th -15 th 2017		Burlington ITF Grade 5	Burlington, Ontario	TBD	TBA
May 29 th -Jun 3 rd 2017		Panorama ITF Grade 5		TBD	TBA
June 2017		Alberta Tennis Centre ITF, Grade 5	Calgary, Alberta	TBD	Top 2 U16 & U18 players as of April 12 th 2017 (Roger's Ranking)
June 25 th -July 1 st 2017		Saville ITF, Grade 5	Edmonton, Alberta	TBD	Players selected for Canada Summer Games
July 8 th 2017		Team Alberta Training Session	Edmonton, Alberta	\$0	Players selected to represent Alberta at 2017 Canada Summer Games



2017 Travel Details & Confirmed Events

Queretaro Junior Cup

Event: ITF Grade 4

Location: Queretaro, Mexico

Date: February 2nd-10th 2017

Selections: Top 3 U18 boys and girls according to Tennis Canada National Rogers Rankings as of January 1st 2017 will be invited to attend. If any of these players decline their spot on the trip, it will be offered to the alternate listed below. Any additional unused spots will remain unfilled.

The following players have qualified for selection:

U18 Boys:

Cleve Harper

Danny Wu

Oscar Yang

U18 Girls:

Kirsten Prella

Ashleigh Jacobs

Neetika Sud

Alternate:

Michal Ostrzygalo

Alternate:

Karin Hamilton

Details: Six players will depart with one Alberta coach for Queretaro, Mexico February 2nd 2017. They will play both singles and doubles events in the Queretaro Junior Cup, qualifying events begin on February 4th 2017. February 10th players will depart for Guadalajara, Mexico where they will compete in the Jalisco Junior Cup.

Approximate Player Fees: subject to change pending final participation numbers and funding from the Alberta Sport Connection. Will include flights to/from Mexico and flights to Guadalajara, accommodations (3 players per room), coaching fees, and car rental for 16 days. If any of these players decline their spot on the trip, it will be offered to the alternate listed below. Any additional unused spots will remain unfilled.

Jalisco Junior Cup

Event: ITF Grade 4

Location: Zapopan, Mexico

Date: February 10th-18th 2017

Selections: Top 3 U18 boys and girls according to Tennis Canada National Rogers Rankings as of January 1st 2017 will be invited to attend. If any of these players decline their spot on the trip, it will be offered to the alternate listed below. Any additional unused spots will remain unfilled.



The following players have qualified for selection:

U18 Boys:

Cleve Harper
Danny Wu
Oscar Yang

U18 Girls:

Kirsten Prella
Ashleigh Jacobs
Neetika Sud

Alternate:

Michal Ostrzygalo

Alternate:

Karin Hamilton

Details: Six players will depart from Queretaro, Mexico with one Alberta coach for Guadalajara, Mexico February 10th 2017. They will play both singles and doubles events in the Jalisco Junior Cup, qualifying event dates starting on the 11th. Players will return to Alberta on February 18th 2017.

Approximate Player Fees:, subject to change pending final participation numbers and funding from the Alberta Sport Connection. Will include flights to/from Mexico and flights to Guadalajara, accommodations (3 players per room), coaching fees, and car rental for 16 days.

***Return dates may be sooner depending how deep into the draw players reach.

South Florida U16 Team Competition

Event: Alberta vs. Florida Team Competition

Location: Parkland Tennis Center at Quigley Park

Date: March 9th – March 13th 2017

Selections: Top four U16 boys and girls according to Tennis Canada National Rogers Rankings as of February 1st 2017 will be invited to attend. If any of these players decline their spot on the trip, it will be offered to the alternate listed below. Any additional unused spots will remain unfilled.

The following players have qualified for selection:

U16 Boys:

Andre Afilipoaei
Tyler Sinclair
Shourya Verma
Matush Polakovic

U16 Girls:

Karin Hamilton
Emma Rutherford
Mia Kupres
Emily Granson

Alternate:

Ridley Potter

Alternate:

Hana Gamracy



Details: If all players accept their position on the trip, eight players will depart with two Alberta coaches for Fort Lauderdale, Florida March 9th 2017. Friday March 10th will involve a three-hour training session in the morning followed by a two-hour fitness session in the afternoon. Saturday and Sunday will comprise of morning and afternoon matches against a variety of players from various academies in the Fort Lauderdale area. Players will have the opportunity to play both singles and doubles. Doubles partners will be selected by the coaches attending the trip to observe various pairings. Players will depart from Fort Lauderdale early Monday March 13th 2017 to return to Alberta.

Coaches currently planning to attend: Tom McLean (Canada Summer Games Head Coach, Coach 3 Certified) and Jennifer Byberg (Tennis Alberta Coordinator of Player Development, Club Pro 1 Certified).

Accommodations: The accommodations are in the process of being confirmed. There will be 2-3 players per room (gender specific), depending how many players commit to the trip, with one player per bed. Players will be assigned rooms by coaches attending the trip. Players will travel solely with coaches to generate a team environment, therefore coaches will maintain responsibility for players during the entirety of the trip.

Approximate Player Fees: subject to change pending final participation numbers and bookings. Although the trip will be subsidized by Tennis Alberta through the Alberta Sport Connection, there will be associated fees the players will be responsible for. Fees might include the cost of flights, accommodations, meals, and any accrued fees while in Florida (restringing of a racquet, emergency fees, etc). The options we are currently looking into include breakfast and lunch buffets within the cost of the rooms, which is great! The estimated cost per player will range \$1000-\$1700 for the 5 days including what the cost would be for all daily meals throughout the trip. Pricing considers the cost of the following items: flights, hotels, car rental, coach's fees, gas, practice court fees, team competition entry fees, and all meals during the trip.

*** As previously mentioned, if any of these players decline their spot on the trip, it will be offered to the alternate listed. Any additional unused spots will remain unfilled.

****The deadline for confirming attendance on this trip is February 22nd 2017 by 5pm.



2017 Canada Games Team Athlete Selection Criteria & Process

Tennis Alberta is pleased to announce the upcoming 2017 Canada Games being held in Winnipeg Manitoba July 28-August 13th. 8 of Alberta's top athletes will be selected to attend and represent their province in Week 2 of the Canada Games!

This document clearly outlines the player selection process leading up to the Games effective January 1st 2017. Please read the document carefully to ensure full understanding of criteria, deadlines, and processes.

Selection Committee

The selection committee will include the following individuals: Coordinator of Player Development & Club Liaison, Provincial Coaches, and the 2017 Canada Summer Games Head and Assistant Coaches approved by Tennis Alberta's Executive Director.

Selection Process

The goal of the selection process is to identify 8 players who will achieve the best results for Tennis Alberta at the 2017 Canada Summer Games.

The Selection Committee will review the top players who meet the Selection Criteria listed in order of priority and will select 8 players (2 females and 2 males from U16; 2 males and 2 females from U18).

The final selections will be reviewed and approved by tennis Alberta's Executive Director and Executive Committee before being announced on June 2nd 2017.

Athlete Selection Criteria

The selection criteria policy was drafted and prepared by Tennis Alberta staff and formally reviewed/approved by the Executive Committee and the Junior Development Committee.

Eligibility set by Canada Summer Games:

- 2 males and 2 females under 16 as of January 1st 2017 (born 2001 or later)
- 2 males and 2 females under 18 as of January 1st 2017 (born 1999 or later)
- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- An athletes' permanent resident must be located, for at least 180 days prior to the opening of the Games on July 28 2017, within the recognized boundaries of Alberta.
 - o Athletes attending school on a full-time basis outside of his/her Province of permanent residence (Alberta) during the year of the Canada Games (2017),



the athlete is permitted to compete for the Province of permanent residence or the Province in which the athlete attends school.

- To be eligible to compete for the Province where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the current academic year.
- An athlete who is training outside of his/her Province of permanent residence may represent the Province in which they are training provided he/she can demonstrate a commitment to the Province he or she wishes to represent by one or more of the following:
 - Having been a member of a club or Provincial Sport Organization in that Province for the entire previous or current competitive season
 - Having represented that Province at an international, national, or regional championship
 - Not having received direct development funding from their Province of permanent residence within a year of the opening of the Games, unless funding jurisdiction provides permission for the athlete to compete for another team
 - Other similar circumstances may be considered
- Athletes may not compete in more than one sport at 2017 Canada Summer Games if they are scheduled in the same week.

Tennis Alberta Eligibility:

- Athlete is member in good standing with Tennis Alberta as of January 1st 2017:
 - Not currently serving a suspension or have any outstanding sanctions imposed as a result of any discipline issue;
 - No outstanding payments due;
- Must demonstrate positive sportsmanship at Tennis Alberta sanctioned events, Indoor National Championships, and Tennis Alberta travel opportunities with opponents, officials, teammates, coaches and parents as of January 1st 2017.

Criteria set by Tennis Alberta as of May 31st 2017:

- ITF Ranking (singles and doubles);
- Canadian National U16 & U18 Singles Rogers Ranking as of May 31st 2017;
- Canadian National U16 & U18 Doubles Rogers Ranking as of May 31st 2017;
- Results at 2017 U16 & U18 Canadian Indoor Junior National Championships;
- Demonstrated ability and participation in both singles and doubles;
- Player has committed to all Canada Summer Games preparation travel trips in 2017 where possible;
- Athlete has demonstrated ability to be coachable and to function well as a team player (behavior and performance at: Western Canada Games, provincial training camps, Alberta Provincials, and any travel trips through Tennis Alberta);
- Participation, performance, and results at 2015 Western Canada Summer Games is an asset;
- Competitive schedule: Personal coaches may be requested to submit Annual Plans of eligible players to demonstrate that players are competing in enough events that are developmentally appropriate as per Tennis Canada LTAD;



- Weekly Training Program: Personal coaches may be requested to submit weekly plans to demonstrate that players are meeting minimum requirements regarding training hours per week as per the Tennis Canada LTAD.

Exclusions Set by Canada Summer Games Committee

Athletes excluded from participating in the 2017 Canada Summer Games are as follows:

- Senior National Team Athletes;
- Athletes that have held an SR1 or SR2 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) at any time;
- Athletes who hold a C card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests may be submitted to Alberta's Chef de Mission by Tennis Alberta and must be approved by the Canada Games Council's Sport Committee.

Special Exemptions

A special exemption in this document is defined as an athlete considered for a position on Team Alberta for the 2017 Canada Summer Games despite not meeting the criteria listed in the Selection Criteria section of this document. Scenarios would include injury or illness preventing players to meet specific criteria such as rankings or Nationals participation; any unforeseen/special circumstances.

Players considered for a "special exemption" must demonstrate that he/she consistently outperforms Alberta's top players and clearly would have otherwise made the team. Special exemptions will be chosen as the best fit for the team as it relates to achieving best possible results at Canada Games.

Players must submit a formal application in writing to Tennis Alberta's Coordinator of Player Development & Club Liaison, Jennifer Byberg at Jennifer.byberg@tennisalberta.com, by **Friday May 26th 2017 at 5pm** to be considered for a special exemption. The document must fully describe the grounds on which special exemption should be granted.

Special Exemptions will be reviewed by the Selection Committee and final selections will be announced on June 2nd 2017. All final selections and special exemption cases will be reviewed and approved by the Executive Director and Executive Committee.



Appeal Process

Appeals must be sent in writing to Tennis Alberta's Coordinator of Player Development Jennifer Byberg at jennifer.byberg@tennisalberta.com within five days from the final selections being released. Appeals must fully describe the grounds on which the appeal is based.

Appeals will be reviewed by a small, impartial committee appointed by Tennis Alberta's Executive Director and a final decision will be rendered within five days from the dates in which the appeal was received.



2017 Canada Summer Games Head Coach

Tennis Alberta is pleased to announce our 2017 Canada Summer Games Head Coach, Tom Mclean!

Tom joins the team with extensive experience working with many of Alberta's top athletes from all age groups. Tom currently acts as the Head of High Performance at the Osten & Victor Alberta Tennis Centre developing players from U10-U18 age categories. For several years, Tom has represented Alberta as a travel coach to National Championships and events around the world.

Tom recently participated in the 2015 Western Canada Games as a Technical Official giving him valuable experience with this event format. Prior to this, Tom was the 2011 Western Canada Games assistant coach for Team Alberta. Recently obtaining his Tennis Canada Coach 3 Certification, Tom is confident that with his qualifications and experience he will guide Team Alberta to top results at the 2017 Canada Summer Games!

2017 Assistant Female Coach or Manager

To be announced.