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To: Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18 Competitive Junior Players, Coaches, and Parents

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Re: 2027 Fischer Indoor Junior Nationals Qualification

2027 Fischer Indoor Junior Nationals Dates & Venues:

Mar 19 - 26 **Under 16 Fischer Indoor Junior Nationals**,
Club de tennis Ile des Soeurs, Montreal, Quebec
(Mar 19 - 20 Qualification, Mar 21 - 26 Main Draw)

Mar 20 - 26 **Under 12 Fischer Indoor Junior Nationals**,
Osten & Victor Alberta Tennis Centre, Calgary, Alberta

Mar 28 - Apr 4 **Under 18 Fischer Indoor Junior Nationals**,
White Oaks Resort, Niagara, Ontario
(Mar 28 - 29 Qualifying, Mar 30 - Apr 4 Main Draw)

Mar 28 - Apr 4 **Under 14 Fischer Indoor Junior Nationals**,
UBC Tennis Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia

TEAM PRAIRIES JUNIOR NATIONALS QUALIFICATION – 2027

2027 FISCHER INDOOR NATIONALS' CRITERIA & DETAILS

A) Qualifying Tournaments

To be eligible to qualify for the 2027 Fischer Indoor Nationals, a player must play a minimum of 3 Qualifying Tournaments (in either Manitoba or Saskatchewan) out of a total of 4 Qualifying Tournaments (SK will host 2 tournaments, MB will host 2) with at least one of the tournaments

being in the other Prairie province prior to 2027 cut-off date.

2027 Fischer Indoor Junior Nationals Prairies Qualifying Tournaments are as follows:

1. Dec 18 – 20	Tennis Manitoba Indoor Junior Tournament, Location: Taylor Tennis Centre, Winnipeg, MB
2. Jan 8 – 10	Regina Sportplex Indoor Junior Open, Location: Sportplex, Regina, SK
3. Feb 18 – 21	Tennis Manitoba Indoor Junior Tournament, Location: Winnipeg Winter Club, MB
4. Feb 26 – 28	Indoor Provincial Junior Open, Location: Lakewood Tennis Centre, Saskatoon, SK

World Tennis Tour Junior Tournaments Policy

World Tennis Tour Junior tournaments played are also accepted as a qualifying tournament for age categories U16 & U18. Therefore, any World Tennis Tour Junior tournaments played count towards the 3 tournaments minimum total. However, a player still must play (at least) 1 tournament in the other prairie province and (at least) 1 tournament in their prairie province.

Please note the following regarding cancelled tournaments / events: players will be given credit for a tournament if they entered a tournament, and it was cancelled due to a lack of entries or poor weather conditions.

B) Qualification Cut-off Date & Team Size

Players will be selected for the Fischer Outdoor National Championships based on **top 3 singles results for U18 category** and **top 6 singles results for U12, U14 & U16 age categories** using Tennis Canada National Bank Rankings points accumulated during the period:

Start date – WEEK 36, 2026 (including)

Cut-off date – MARCH 3, 2027 – for ALL age categories

For all age categories (U12, U14, U16 & U18), unless spot(s) used by player(s) receiving automatic entry base on their National Bank Ranking - top 32 ranking only in U18 category, the top three (3) players by gender in the age category between the two (2) provinces will qualify unless a player exemption(s) has been granted by Team Prairies Selection Committee. (example: U12 – 3 boys and 3 girls, same for U14, U16 and U18).

If a player ranked in the Top 3 declines invitation to compete in the Fischer Junior Nationals, the next eligible player on the National Bank Rankings List will be invited UP TO THE #6 RANKING IN THAT CATEGORY within the PRAIRIES REGION.

Note: In the event of a tie, head-to-head (H2H) results from the qualifying period (week 36, 2026 to March 3, 2027) between the tied players will determine qualification. If the H2H results are also tied, or if more than two (2) players are tied, priority will be given to the player(s) with the highest National Bank Ranking (52-week ranking).

C) Exemptions

Application for an 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 exemption may include injury, illness, national team requirements**, and/or other valid reasons.

A player who does not or cannot meet the Qualification Criteria (including being ranked outside the National Bank Ranking top 6 in that category) and is seeking consideration must apply for an exemption to the Team Prairies Selection Committee by February 12, 11:59 pm CST, 2027. This deadline applies to all age categories.

** Players who are part of a Tennis Canada NTC (National Training Centre) or Tennis Canada National Team member with a Top 3 National Bank 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. The selection committee may use their own discretion when considering exemptions, and prioritize athletes participating in other events such as, but not limited to:

- Tennis Canada (representing, camps, tours, etc.)
- World Tennis Tournaments
- other International tournaments (Tennis Europe, USTA, etc.)

Both Tennis Manitoba and Tennis Saskatchewan would have to accept a player's exemption request in order to be considered for the event. It would be a rare case that a player would be accepted as the qualification requirements are minimal.

D) Additional Criteria

Players will also need to meet the following criteria:

1. All athletes must maintain a permanent residence in their respective province (Manitoba or Saskatchewan) as evidenced by a valid 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 their provincial association.

*****Respect in Sport Requirement*****

At least one parent (or legal guardian) of a participating player must complete the on-line Respect in Sport module. If not completed, the player will not be eligible to compete. Further information will be provided once the player has qualified for the nationals. For those who have completed the module, the certification is valid for 3 years from the date of completion and you do not need to complete it for this year. The on-line program is to be completed (at least) 7 days prior to start of applicable National championship.

E) Junior National Travel Policies / Procedures

Please note the following regarding Junior Nationals Participation:

- All players must agree to the terms and conditions of and sign a Provincial Code of Conduct and Release Form prior to departure. Participant and Parent (or legal guardian) signature required. Form to be forwarded to applicable Provincial Association prior to departure.

- All players must agree to the terms and conditions of and sign a Tennis Canada Release Form prior to departure. Participant and Parent (or legal guardian) signature required. Form to be forwarded to Provincial Association prior to departure.

- Strong recommendation for players to arrive in the host city 2 days prior to the first day of competition. This is to allow players to practice at the venue and to have extra time in case of travel delays.

MANITOBA & SASKATCHEWAN PLAYERS:

It is the responsibility of the players to book their flights, accommodations, and transportation.

- Team Prairies coaches will book practice courts for all Team Prairies players

- Players and coaches will attempt to stay at the Tennis Canada designated Host Hotel during Nationals. Where acceptable by team coach and all athletes, Air BnB (or similar accommodation) may be considered.

- A designated Team Prairies Coach will be present during Junior Nationals from first ball to last. The designated coach may be a Tennis Saskatchewan or a Tennis Manitoba coach. Provincial Association to approve all designated coaches after all regional qualifying has been completed.

- The designated coach may or may not accompany all players to and from Nationals (i.e. coach may depart from a different City or Province). When a player is not traveling with the designated team coach, the player will be provided with contact information of the

team coach and the provincial association (phone numbers and cellular numbers). If travel problems take place, players should contact the appropriate individual (noted above) as soon as possible. If none of the above noted individuals are available, please contact your parents or legal guardian.

- The designated coach reserves the right to restrict movie rentals and personal computer / cell phone usage throughout competitions (example: after curfew). Players must pay for all movie fees and accommodation charged telephone calls upon departure from the designated accommodation.

- Players and coaches must participate in the Tennis Canada team picture.

Financial Responsibilities

For the 2027 Fischer Indoor Junior Nationals, players will be responsible for the following fees:

- all travel related expenses (flight, van rental, gas, etc.);
- all airline baggage fees (departure and return);
- all airline seat related fees (departure and return);
- accommodation expenses (room and taxes);
- meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner);
- extra game, special event tickets, etc.

For the 2027 Fischer Indoor Junior Nationals, Tennis Manitoba/Tennis Saskatchewan will pay for the following:

- all designated coach related / administration related expenses (transportation, accommodation, honorarium, and per diem);
- player entry fees (please contact your provincial association for reimbursement if paid when registering online);
- “Prairies” Team jacket (one jacket per year)

Questions

If questions or concerns arise, regarding the attached information, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

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