

SPORT INFORMATION PACKAGE

SQUASH

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A. HISTORY OF SPORT

Squash developed from the game of rackets and is said to have begun at Harrow School in England in the mid-19th century. There was a court in most of the boarding houses, the Headmaster's having two. As no standard pattern existed, some of the courts had many hazards in the form of windows, doors, pipes, etc. Students started a knockabout game which, because it was played in a confined area, required a softer ball than the hard one used for rackets. It was from this ball that could be 'squashed' in the hand, that the name derived.

The first squash courts in Canada, built in the early 1900's, were privately owned and probably made of wood. Today the courts are of prefabricated space-age materials with wooden floors and special kinds of plaster on the walls to ensure a smooth, hard, non-sweating surface.

The Canadian Squash Racquets Association was formed in 1913. Originally it was almost solely a Montreal and Toronto Association which gradually broadened to become a Province of Quebec and Ontario Association and finally encompassed the western provinces. In 1991 the operating name was changed to Squash Canada. It comprises 12 Provincial/Territorial Associations and a membership of approximately 400 clubs and 100,000 players. The Association coordinates eight annual national Championships – Junior Open, Men's and Women's Provincial Teams, Doubles, Mixed Doubles, University and College, Junior Nationals and Nationals.

B. CANADA GAMES SPORT HISTORY AND PAST RESULTS

Squash made its debut at the 1991 Canada Winter Games in Prince Edward Island, and has been part of every Winter Games since then.

	1991		1995		1999		2003		2007	
	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
AB	4	4	2	4	1	2	1	4	2	2
BC	2	3	1	7	2	3	6	1	3	3
MB	3	2	5	2	7	5	3	3	6	4
NB	9	-	10	9	9	9	9	-	10	11
NL	10	8	7	5	5	8	7	7	8	10
NWT	12	-	12	10	-	-	12	-	9	-
NS	7	6	6	3	6	6	10	-	7	9
NU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ON	1	1	3	1	3	1	2	2	1	1
PEI	8	-	8	-	11	-	8	8	12	7
QC	5	5	4	6	8	7	5	5	4	6
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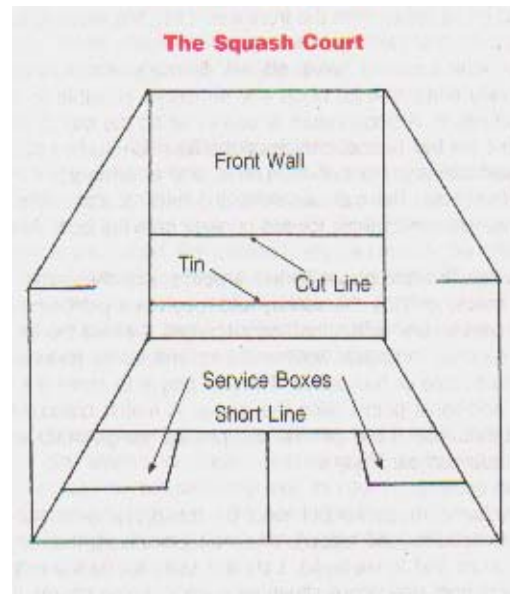
C. NUMBER OF ATHLETES PER TEAM

A provincial/territorial contingent consists of 8 athletes -- 4 males and 4 females -- comprised of 2 males and 2 females under 19 years of age, and 2 males and 2 females under 17 years of age.

D. EVENT FORMAT AND RULES OF PLAY

The competition is played in a team format. One event will be held for women and one for men. During the first stage of the competition (pool play) the teams will be placed in one or two pools and will play a round robin competition (all play all) within their pool. During the second stage of the competition (play offs) there will be cross over encounters between the pools resulting in a final ranking of all teams.

Squash is played on an enclosed four wall court. This standard international singles court is 21' wide and 32' long. The front wall is 15' high and the back wall is 7' high. The side walls are bounded by a red line which runs diagonally from the top of the front wall to the top of the back wall. This red line which forms the upper limit on all four walls is the out-of-court line. At the base of the front wall is a strip of metal 19" high running the complete width of the court. This is the "Tin" which serves the same role as the net in tennis. Any ball which hits the Tin is out of play. Six feet above the floor on the front wall is another red line – the service line (formerly called the cut line). The ball must be served above this line to start play.



The competition will follow the official W.S.F. Rules of the Game. Two players take turns hitting the ball with their racquets onto the front wall of the court. Players may hit the ball while it is still in the air before it bounces, or they may wait until it bounces once on the floor before hitting it. The ball may rebound off any of the other walls before or after it hits the front wall. The object in squash is to win rallies by hitting the ball so that it bounces twice on the floor before the opponent can reach it. Rallies may also be won by forcing the opponent to hit the ball into the Tin or on or above the out-of-court line. Either player may score points. The server, on winning a rally, scores a point and retains the service; the receiver, on winning a rally, scores a point and becomes the server. Each game is played to 11 points. The player who scores 11 points first wins the game except that if the score reaches 10-all, the game continues until one player leads by two points. A match is the best of five games, that is the first player to win three games wins the match.

E. EQUIPMENT & TERMINOLOGY

The equipment used to play squash is a squash-specific racquet and ball.

The following is a list of commonly used terms and expressions in the sport of Squash:

Winner - A shot with which the receiver cannot even make contact with the racquet; used especially with reference to service.

Appeal - A player's request to the Referee to consider an on or off court situation. "Appeal" is used throughout the rules in two contexts:
Where the player requests the Referee to consider varying a Marker's decision.
Where the player requests the Referee to allow a let.
The correct form of appeal by a player is "Appeal please" or "Let please".

Board - The lowest horizontal marking on the front wall, with the tin beneath it covering the full width of the court.

Box (SERVICE) - A square area in each quarter court bounded by part of the short line, part of the side wall and by two other lines, and from within which the server serves.

Service Line - A line upon the front wall, 50 millimeters (2 inches) in width, the top edge of which is 1.83 meters (6 feet) above the floor and extending the full width of the court.

Game Ball - The state of the score when the server requires one point to win the game in progress. ("Game ball" is also used as a Marker's call).

Half-court line - A line set upon the floor parallel to the side walls, dividing the back of the court into two equal parts, meeting the short line at its midpoint to form the "T".

Hand - The period from the time a player becomes server until he becomes receiver.

Hand out - Condition when a change of server occurs.

Match - The complete contest between two players, commencing with the warm up and concluding when both players have left the court at end of the final rally.

Match Ball - The state of the score when the server requires one point to win the match. ("Match ball" is also used as a Marker's call).

Nick - A shot that hits the juncture of the floor and wall, and dies. Also, the juncture itself.

Quarter Court - One half of the back part of the court which has been divided into two equal parts by the half-court line.

Rail - A shot hit close to and parallel to the sidewalls - that is, down the line or alley; a power drive hit for length.

Rally - A service only or service and any number of returns of the ball, ending when the ball ceases to be in play.

Striker - The player whose turn it is to hit the ball after it has rebounded from the front wall, or who is in the process of hitting the ball, or who - up to the point of his return reaching the front wall - has just hit the ball.

Stroke - The gain achieved by the player who wins a rally, either in the course of play or on award by the Referee, and which results in either the scoring of a point or change of hand.

Tin - Situated between the board and the floor covering the full width of the court and constructed in such a manner as to make a distinctive noise when struck by the ball.

F. ELIGIBILITY

2 Males and 2 Females: Under 19 years of age as of February 19th, 2011

2 Males and 2 Females: Under 17 years of age as of February 19th, 2011

G. JUDGING/SCORING SYSTEM

Competition

As per the W.S.F. Rules of the Game, the first player to reach 11 points shall be declared the winner of the game. Either player may score points. If the score reaches 10-all, the game continues until one player leads by two points. The first player to win 3 of 5 games will be declared the winner of the match.

Sport Scoring

Each Provincial/Territorial Team encounter will consist of four (best of five) matches. Two points (2) will be awarded for a Team victory (3-1, 4-0), one point (1) for a tie (2-2), and zero points (0) for a loss.

H. PLAYOFF AND TIE-BREAKING FORMAT

All teams will play one another to establish order of merit within a Pool. This will be decided by the greatest number of points won according to the scoring system (see section 6.0). If any teams have equal numbers of points the following procedure will be used to break the tie(s):

- A. If two teams are tied, the ranking will be determined by the head-to-head results between the two teams:
 - i) first by greater number of matches won;
 - ii) if equal, by greater number of games won;
 - iii) if equal, by positive difference between points won and lost;
 - iv) if equal, the result of the match between the number #1 ranked players in each province in the encounter will be the deciding factor.

- B. If more than two teams are tied, the ranking will be determined by the head-to-head results among the tied teams;
 - i) first by the greater number of matches won against the tied teams;
 - ii) if equal, than the greater number of games won against the tied teams;
 - iii) if equal, than by the positive difference between games won and lost;
 - iv) if equal, than by the positive difference between points won and lost among the tied teams;
 - v) if still equal, then by draw.

NOTE: if any of the above criteria result in a tie between two teams, revert to the procedure for two teams tied (Section 5.6 A).

Tie Breaking during Play-Off Round

If a play-off encounter results in a tie, (each team wins the same number of matches) the following procedure will be used to determine the winner:

- i) first by greater number of games won;

- ii) if equal, by positive difference between points won and lost;
- iii) if equal, the result of the match between the number #1 ranked players in each province in the encounter will be the deciding factor.

I. TECHNOLOGY OF SPORT

Squash rackets were originally made of laminated wood and had a small area strung with natural 'gut' strings. Advancements in racket construction has led to the use of composite materials and synthetic strings. The composite materials provide for a lighter yet very durable racket construction. With several brands producing rackets, each racket will have slightly different specifications. The "face" of the racket and the length of strings has increased in size and length.

Squash balls are made from an extremely durable high quality rubber compound. The original balls used for squash were made of thin rubber with small holes in it.

J. ROLE OF OFFICIALS IN SPORT

There are two officials at each squash match. The "Referee" is in overall control of the match and is assisted by the "Marker". The objectives of the officials are to see a fair outcome to each rally, and, therefore, the match, and to ensure the safety of both players.

The Marker is responsible for calling all serves and returns which are not good: serves that are "faults" (below the service line or not reaching the correct quarter court); balls that are "Out" (above the upper boundary lines); balls that are "Not Up" (double bounce); and balls that are "Down" (hit into the tin or floor). At the end of each rally the Marker calls the score without delay but after the Referee has decided any appeals. The Marker also makes all introductory and between game announcements.

The Referee is in overall control of the match and rules on all appeals from the players. These appeals may be against a Marker's call or non-call or may be an appeal for a let because of potential interference. Whenever a let is requested by one of the players, the Referee may deny a let ("No Let"), in which case the result of the rally stands; allow a let ("Yes, Let") meaning the rally will be replayed; or award a "stroke" ("Stroke to ...") to a player, thus awarding the rally to that player.

The Referee is also responsible for applying conduct penalties against players who behave inappropriately. These penalties can be mild (a warning) through very severe (the awarding of the match).

The Referee is responsible for all time related rules, allowing only the permitted times for intervals between games, injury recovery, and equipment replacement.

Both officials must keep a written record of the score and the correct side for service.

K. FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Squash matches will take place at Saint Mary's University during Week 1 of the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Saint Mary's University is located just under ten minutes from all three Athletes Villages. Saint Mary's University includes 4 international squash courts with sanded hardwood

floors. Additionally one 4-wall glass squash court will be utilized throughout the event and for medals encounters.

L. SPORT MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS AND STRUCTURE

MALE MEMBER COMPETITORS: 10,328 (Note – this figure is for athlete members; the figure for male competitors is 70,153)

FEMALE MEMBER COMPETITORS: 3,873 (Note – this figure is for athlete members; the figure for female competitors is 28,477)

REGISTERED COACHES: 3,497

REGISTERED OFFICIALS: 773

M. ATHLETES TO WATCH FOR

ALBERTA

Danielle Letourneau

Tyler Lee

Heather Yong

Cale Williams

Emma Yong

Jason Field

Evelyn Moorhouse

Adrian DeVries

Coach Entraîneur: Ian Paton

Team Manager/Directrice d'Équipe: Lisa Henderson

The 2011 Canada Games for Squash will be a family affair with sisters Heather and Emma Yong. The women's team looks strong with all four spots being held by number 1 to 4 players in their provincial rankings. Alberta will be led by Danielle Letourneau, who is coming off a win at 2010 Canadian Junior Open in December in GU19 division. The men's side will look for Tyler Lee to lead the team off on the right foot playing in the number one position. Team Alberta will have a big target on their backs as both team (Boys and Girls) placed 2nd at the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

BRITISH COLUMBIA/COLOMBIE BRITANNIQUE

Abbey Foster

Tyler Olson

Nicole Bunyan

Zachary Leman

Brynn Daniels

Michael Thompson

Lindsay Seginson

Mackenzie Foster

Coach/Entraîneur: Jeff Boag

Team Manager/Directrice d'Équipe: Rebecca Vassilakakis

Mackenzie Foster will be the only returnee for Team British Columbia and will be relied upon for his leadership throughout the event. The men's side will look for Tyler Olson ranked 3rd in the country as well as Zachary Leman 3rd in the BU17 ranking to help the team while Michael Thompson will be a strong player at the #3 position. On the girl's side, British Columbia will look for Abbey Foster and Nicole Bunyan to be a big component of the women's team. Foster with a previous 3rd place finish in the GU17 at both the 2010 Canadian Junior Championship and recent Canadian Junior Open Championship while Bunyan finished 4th at the 2010 Canadian Junior Championship and 6th at the recent Canadian Junior Open. Both the men's and women's teams will be favorites as they both placed 3rd in the 2007 Canada Games.

MANITOBA

Alix Younger

Jake Hooker

Haley Clake
Hannah Blatt
Mia Kirbyson
Coach/ Entraîneur: Trevor Borland
Team Manager/Directrice d'Équipe: Nicole Mailey

Connor Turk
Andrew Thiessen
Adrian Chamberland- Mike

The only returning players for Team Manitoba is Alix Younger who leads off in the number one position for the second consecutive Canada Winter Games, her experience will be valuable as the team moves along in the tournament. Younger recently placed 2nd GU19 at the 2010 Canadian Junior Open Championship, 2nd at the 2010 Pan American Junior Team Championship in El Salvador and 1st at the 2010 Canadian Junior Championship in Calgary. Lead by returning Coach Trevor Borland the Men's team looks to improve on their previous 6th place finish for the men and the women's 4th place finish in 2007.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES/TERRITOIRES DU NORD-OUEST

Pooja Chugh
Sarah Nesbitt
Paulina Brooks
Dominique Jure
Coach/Entraîneur: Al Cook
Team Manager/Directrice d'Équipe: Sharmaine Wilson

Chad Hinchey
Devin Hinchey
Travis Kamitomo
Jeremie Roy

Squash is a family affair in Yellowknife. Both brothers Chad (15) and Devin (12) will be holding the first two positions on the team. Northwest Territories returns 3 of the 4 members from their 2007 Canada Games Boys Team. Lead by Al Cook and three returners the Northwest Territories Men's Team aims to improve on their 9th place finish at the 2007 Canada Winter Games. The Women's Team will be returning to competition as they will be playing their first Canada Winter Games since 1995.

NOVA SCOTIA/NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE

Arielle Petropolis
Niamh Campbell
Emily Terry
Maryam Aly
Coach/ Entraîneur: Chris Petropolis
Team Manager/Directeur d'Équipe: Colleen Sharpe

Matthew Sharpe
Theo Petropolis
Chad Hagan
Zach Petropolis

Team Nova Scotia will be lead by returners Arielle Petropolis and Niamh Campbell, Matthew Sharpe will lead the way on the men's side. Arielle will be joined by her younger brother Theo and their father Chris Petropolis as their coach and will try and improve Team Nova Scotia's previous finishes of 7th on the men's side and 9th on the women's side in 2007.

ONTARIO

Hollie Naughton
Michelle Gemmell
Alyssa Mehta
Jillian Baker
Coach/ Entraîneur: Patrick Ryding
Team Manager/Directrice d'Équipe: Nicole Pirko

Tyler Osborne
Michael McCue
Joshua Sekhar
Cameron Seth

Defending Champions on both the men's and women's side they will have all 9 teams gunning for them. Team Ontario lost star player Laura Gemmell but picked up her younger sister Michelle. The women's side looks strong again this year with Naughton the 2010 Canadian Junior Open GU17 Champion, 2nd at the 2010 Pan American Junior Team Championship, Gemmell the 2010 Canadian Junior GU17 Champion, and Mehta the 2010 Canadian Junior Open GU15 and 2010 Canadian Junior Champion GU15. The men's team looks just as strong with Osborne the 2010 Canadian Junior Open BU19 Champion, 2010 Scottish Junior Open Champion BU19, 3rd place at the 2010 World Junior Team Squash Championship, McCue 2010 Canadian Junior Open BU19 4th, Sekhar the 2010 Canadian Junior Open BU17 3rd and 2010 Canadian Junior Champion in the BU17 division and finally Cameron Seth the 2010 Canadian Junior Open BU 17 2nd place finisher.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND/ÎLE-DU-PRINCE-EDOUARD

Ryann Jinks	Nicki Trainor
Quincy Becks	Connor Jinks
Whitney MacDonald	Jordan Sampson
Elizabeth McKenna	Brandon Higginbotham

Coach/ Entraîneur: Derek Lawther
Team Manager/Directrice d'Équipe: Cynthia Dunsford

Yet another family affair for Squash at the Canada Games as PEI will have a brother and sister duo with Ryann leading off for the women's side and Connor going out second on the men's side. Coach Derek Lawther will look to improve on their previous finishes of 12th in the men's and 7th in the women's.

SASKATCHEWAN

Brooke Shmon	Chris Tunnicliffe
Neekha Patel	Matthew Mutschler
Rebecca Kohlrus	Benjamin Foreman
Zoe Hanson	Thomas King

Coach/Entraîneur: Christopher Martin
Team Manager/Directrice d'Équipe: Lori-Ann Martin

Brooke Shmon will be without her sister Amber at these Canada Games but her leadership will be relied upon as the only returning member of Team Saskatchewan. Lead by returning coach Christopher Martin, Team Saskatchewan will look to improve on their 2007 results of two 5th place finishes.

QUEBEC/QUÉBEC

Lindsay Bovaird	Chris Defour
Chloe Chemtob	George Henderson
Marcia Filginao	Calvin Wren
Olivia Tory	Mathieu Diab

Coach/Entraîneur: Joshua Schwartz
Team Manager/Directrice d'Équipe: Anne-Christine Lajoie

Lindsay Bovaird will be the only returning player for Team Quebec. Team Quebec looks to improve on the previous men's 4th and women's 6th finishes respectively. On the women's side look for Chloe Chemtob who finished 2nd at both the 2010 Canadian Junior Open and 2010 Canadian Juniors in Calgary in the GU15 division.

YUKON

Sophie Flather	Stephen Grundmanis
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Kelly Panchyshyn
Shermaine Chua
Tia Oster
Coach/Entraîneur: Koong Chua

Mustafa Syed
Zain Syed
Coleman Newell

Yet another team, yet another family affair; Team Yukon will have brother's Mustafa and Zain Syed playing at the number 2 and 3 position. Shermaine Chua will go through her first experience at the Canada Winter Games with her father and first time coach Koong Chua. One of the two sisters from 2007 Canada Games, Sophie Flather will look to lead the Women's Team and improve their 2007 finish of 8th at the Games. Whereas the Men's Team is looking improve their 11th place finish in the 2007.

N. NOTABLE PAST ATHLETES/ALUMNI

Colin West

- 2007 Canada Winter Games, Ontario Team
- 2006 Named Ivy League Rookie of the Year
- 2010 CSA Individual Squash Championship - 1st
- 2010 World University Team Championship (Melbourne) – 4th
- 2010 World University Individual Championship (Melbourne) – 5th

Nicholas Sachvie

- 2007 Canada Winter Games, Ontario Team
- 2008 Canadian Junior Championships, 1st U17
- 2010 Canadian Junior Championships, 2nd U19
- 2010 World Junior Team Championship (Quito) – 3rd
- 2010 U.S Junior Open Championship, 1st U19

Laura Gemmell

- 2007 Canada Winter Games, Ontario Team
- 2010 CSA Individual Championships - 1st Place
- 2010 World University Team Championship (Melbourne) – 4th

Samantha Cornett

- 2007 Canada Winter Games, Ontario Team
- 2009 Panamerican Championship (Ecuador) – Team 2nd
- 2010 Commonwealth Games (Delhi) – Team member
- 2010 Pan American Championship (Guatemala) – Team 2nd
- 2010 World Team Championship (Palmerston North) – Team member
- Ranked 86 with the Women's International Squash Profession Association (WISPA)

Stephanie Edmison

- 2003 Canada Winter Games, Ontario Team
- 2006 Pan American Championship (Colombia) – Team member
- 2010 World Team Championship (Palmerston North) – Team member
- 2010 Pan American Championship (Guatemala) – Team 2nd
- 2010 Commonwealth Games (Delhi) – Team member
- ranked 88 with the Women's International Squash Players Association (WISPA)

Ashley Clackson

- 1999 and 2003 Canada Winter Games, British Columbia team

- member 2004 and 2005 Canadian team to Panamerican Championships

Douglas Parent

- 1991 Canada Winter Games, Alberta team
- 7 time Canadian Junior Champion (1990-1996)
- 1998 team Panamerican Championships (Guatemala)

Marnie Baizley

- 1991 Canada Winter Games, Manitoba team
- 1999 Pan American Games Team – Gold Medal
- 2000 Canadian Women's Team, World Championships (England)
- 2000 World University Championships – 1st
- 2000 World University Team Championships – 2nd
- 2002 Panamerican Championships (Ecuador) – Gold Medal

Ian Power

- 1991 Canada Winter Games, Ontario team
- 2002 team Panamerican Championships (Ecuador) – Gold Medal

Viktor Berg

- 1995 Canada Winter Games, British Columbia team
- member 1998 team Panamerican Championships (Guatemala)
- member 2002 team Panamerican Championships (Ecuador) – Gold Medal

O. NOTABLE CANADIAN RECORDS

Jonathon Power – retired ranked #1 in the world, Power won 36 Professional Squash Association (PSA) tour titles and 58 PSA tour finals. He's referred to as the most successful squash player in North America. He was recently inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

Sharif Khan – Son of legendary Hashim Khan, Sharif won the North American Open Championship 12 times before he retired in 1982.