JUNIOR NATIONALS
Selection Process Overview

Hybrid Selection Process

Tennis Alberta now uses a **Hybrid Selection Process** to determine its U12, U14 & U16 teams for Junior Nationals (Note: U18 Nationals uses a Tennis Canada-administered registration and selection process). This means that active junior players will have two potential ways to earn their spot. Top players that meet requirements (below) can be selected through their **National Ranking**, in a process that matches what was used in the previous Nationals cycle. The remaining spots will be distributed using a new **Provincial Points Race**, further reinforcing the need for athletes to compete in Alberta and test their performance against their peers.

National Rankings	Provincial Points Race

Allotments by Age Group

U12: 1 Spot from National Rankings, 3 Spots from Provincial Points Race

U14: 2 Spots from National Rankings, 2 Spots from Provincial Points Race

U16: 3 Spots from National Rankings, 1 Spot from Provincial Points Race

In all groups, National Ranking Spots are selected first.

National Rankings Requirements

Residency: Athletes must hold active Canadian Citizenship or active Canadian Permanent Residency Status.

Member in Good Standing: Athletes must be an active member of Tennis Alberta in good standing with Tennis Alberta.

Participation: Athletes must compete in at least one 4-Star and the Provincial Championships in the age group they are seeking National Selection in, in the preceding selection cycle.

Points Race Calculation

An Athlete's Provincial Points Race Total is determined by:

- Their result from the age group's Provincial Championship, plus;
- Their best two of the three results from 4-Stars in the age group in the cycle
- **Note**: Points reset after each National Championship

Tennis Alberta posts leaderboard after each selection event.

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if a player declines their spot? The next highest-ranked athlete in the system that yielded their selection will be offered the opportunity to fill their place. **Note**: This can result in the Order of Merit changing when athletes move from Points Race to National Rankings selection spots (see *Girls U14 Example Scenario* below)

What about playing up? Do those points count in the Points Race? Each Points Race only considers results from its age category. If a player does elect to play up and earns points in that age category, they will earn a separate position on that category's Points Race.

Example Scenarios

Girls U12: Player A tops the National Rankings and meets all requirements, so she is selected first. Player A is then removed from the Points Race. Players C, B, and D are then selected based on their Points Race finishing positions.

Boys U16: Player E only competed out-of-province and therefore does not meet participation requirements, so is removed from eligibility. Players F, G & H are then selected based on their National Ranking & Player I is selected from his Points Race finishing position.

Girls U14: Players O & P were offered spots through National Rankings & Players Q & R were offered spots through the Points Race, but Player O declined her spot. This gives Player R the 2nd National Ranking spot & selects Player S through the Points Race (putting R above Q in Order of Merit).

Girls U12

National Rankings		Provincial Points Race	
Player	Points	Player	Points
A (Selected 1st)	1200	A (selected)	1000
B	1000	C (Selected 2nd)	800
C	800	B (Selected 3rd)	700
D	600	D (Selected 4th)	600

Boys U16

National Rankings		Provincial Points Race	
Player	Points	Player	Points
E (Ineligible)	2000	F (Selected)	1200
F (Selected 1st)	1500	G (Selected)	1100
G (Selected 2nd)	1250	H (Selected)	1000
H (Selected 3rd)	1000	I (Selected 4th)	800
I	1000	E	0

Girls U14

National Rankings		Provincial Points Race	
Player	Points	Player	Points
O (Declined)	2000	O (declined)	1800
P (Selected 1st)	1800	P (Selected)	1600
R (Selected 2nd)	1600	Q (Selected 3rd)	1400
Q	1400	R (Selected)	1200
S	1200	S (Selected 4th)	1000