



MODIFICATIONS TO THE REGISTRATION PROCESS - TOURNAMENTS WITH A PARTICIPATION LIMIT

Tennis Québec is conscious that participation limits in place for numerous sanctioned tournaments is a source of frustration for our athletes and their parents. Technical difficulties linked to Tennis Canada's registration platform used by all provinces is a further source of concern. As limited access to courts at clubs hosting our tournaments, especially during the indoor season, will continue to be a reality for the foreseeable future, the Federation has decided to implement core changes to its current registration process. Please note that this process will go through an initial trial period, during which Tennis Québec will closely monitor the impact this new process is having and make changes, if required. By moving away from the current "first-come first-served basis", this new registration process aims to ensure that all the players interested to play in our tournaments, **without exception**, will be given an equal opportunity to secure one of the available places. The new process will entail the following steps:

1. All the players interested to play in a tournament with a participation limit will be invited to register directly on the tournament page between 8am and 1pm on the Monday when the registrations open. All the details relating to the registration period are always [available online](#) on the home page of each tournament. At this stage of the process, no payment will be required or possible.
2. At 1pm, every over-registered tournament will be automatically and permanently closed. The registered players will be listed alphabetically by family name in the tournament software. Tennis Québec will then proceed to a draw that will randomly establish the participation list. All the tournaments with places still available past the initial registration period will remain open until the set limit is reached.

For example*, if 40 players register for a tournament with a limit of 16 participants, the draw could look like this:

Main Draw List (16)	Player 14
	Player 18
	Player 15
	Player 12
	Player 2
	Player 31
	Player 27
	Player 29
	Player 6
	Player 3
	Player 5
	Player 10
	Player 20
	Player 40
	Player 32
	Player 26
Reserve List (5)	Player 9
	Player 39
	Player 8
	Player 28
	Player 30
Exclusion List	Player 38
	Player 24
	Player 16
	Player 13
	Player 22
	Player 19
	Player 4
	Player 33
	Player 7
	Player 37
	Player 11
	Player 17
	Player 1
	Player 23
	Player 34
	Player 21
	Player 36
	Player 35
	Player 25

* This example is the result of a real draw.

3. The official list generated by the draw will be posted online in the hours following the end of the registration period. The players in the main draw and the reserve list will receive an email inviting them to pay their registration fees in order to confirm their participation. The said players will have until 4pm, on the Friday of the week in question to pay their fees. Should the payment not be made before the deadline, the concerned player will lose their place in the main draw or reserve list and another player will be invited to fill the available spot. The players drawn in the exclusion list will also receive an email informing them of their status and will only be invited to pay at a later stage should they be moved from the exclusion list to the reserve list.
4. Should a withdrawal from the main draw or the reserve list occur in the weeks preceding the tournament, Tennis Québec will invite the first eligible player to fill the vacant spot.

While this new registration process will not provide an immediate solution to the issue of limited participation in our sanctioned tournaments, Tennis Québec hopes that this approach will help decrease the current issues and frustrations linked with Tennis Canada's registration system and that more licenced players will be given the opportunity to play in our tournaments.