



WITHDRAWALS AND REPLACEMENTS OF PLAYERS DURING SELECTION CIRCUIT ÉTAPES AND QUEBEC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Any place left vacant by the withdrawal of a player or team will be filled as follows:

A. If the withdrawal does not relate to a seeded player

a. From the publication of the draws to the start of the qualifiers:

Places left vacant are filled by players registered for the qualifiers according to the Rogers ranking.

b. After the start of the qualifiers :

Places left vacant in the main draw can only be filled by lucky losers. Since May 1st, 2020, the available places are allocated as follows:

1. a place for a lucky loser is allocated randomly among the players who have a ranking;
2. if necessary, a place is allocated randomly among the players who do not have a ranking.

Should more players be required, they are chosen among the losers of the penultimate qualifying round, using the same method of selection.

c. In the absence of qualifiers:

Places left vacant in the main draw are to be filled by players on the reserve list. The priority is established according to the acceptance list. A substitute player or team can fill a place left vacant if the player or team to be replaced has not started the tournament (not played their first round match or, exceptionally, second round match).

B. If the withdrawal relates to a seeded player

a. Qualifying draw:

A place left vacant by the withdrawal of the strongest seeded player within a section of the qualifying draw, occurring after the publication of the match schedule for the first day of the qualifiers, is filled by the next eligible seeded player.

Example: In the case of a qualifying draw with eight (8) qualifying places, if a seeded player ranked first (1st) to eight (8th) withdraws, the player seeded 9th fills the place.

b. Main draw:

A place left vacant through the withdrawal of one of the first four (4) seeded players after the publication of the schedule for the first day of the main draw is filled by the player who is or would have been seeded fifth (5th). The place left vacant by this change is filled by the next eligible player (substitute or lucky loser) as aforementioned in paragraph A.

If an important number of seeded players withdraw after the publication of the draw, but at least 24 hours prior to the start of the tournament, Tennis Québec may choose to redo the draw. For the purposes of this rule, "significant number" means:

a. in the case of a draw with four (4) or six (6) seeded players, the withdrawal of at least half the seeded players (two (2) seeded players out of four (4); three (3) seeded players out of six (6)); or

b. in the case of a draw with eight (8) seeded players or more, the withdrawal of more than the quarter of seeded players (three (3) seeded players out of eight (8); five (5) seeded players out of sixteen (16)).

Double

The above rules apply to both singles and doubles. Furthermore, if a player from a doubles team withdraws before the pair has played its first match in the tournament, the withdrawn player can be replaced by a substitute player who is registered in another event of the tournament, as long as this player does not improve the position of the team among the seeded pairs. Once a team has started its first match of the tournament, no other substitutions are permitted.