



PROVINCIAL COMPETITIVE STRUCTURE AND RANKINGS POLICY FOR 2021 – [Updated June 2021]

In response to the challenges COVID-19 has placed on the Provincial Competitive Structure and Rankings, Tennis Canada in conjunction with the Provincial Associations has created a policy for returning to competition in 2021. This document outlines the three-part policy which was formulated using the following guiding principles:

- (1) Encouraging competition in accordance with local health and safety protocols;
- (2) Providing the full quota of allotted high level competitive opportunities for players across Canada during the 2021-22 ranking period;
- (3) Maintaining the integrity and accuracy of the Provincial, Regional and National rankings.

PART 1: LOST HIGH-LEVEL OPPORTUNITIES FROM 2020 (*provinces can play these as soon as they open individually*)

The 2021 Competitive Structure and Rankings Policy will allow provinces to carryover any outstanding 2020 4-star and 5-star tournaments into 2021. This carryforward allowance aims to provide juniors across all provinces their allotted high-level competitive opportunities. This in turn will also help improve ranking accuracy across the country. Provinces will have until December 31, 2021 to run these tournaments. A regional breakdown of the outstanding 2020 tournaments is provided in *Appendix A*.

PART 2: MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER IN 2021

The 2021 Competitive Structure and Rankings Policy organizes provinces into three groups in efforts to align competitive opportunities. The Policy requires provinces within the same group to move together through the multi-stage return to competition framework outlined below:

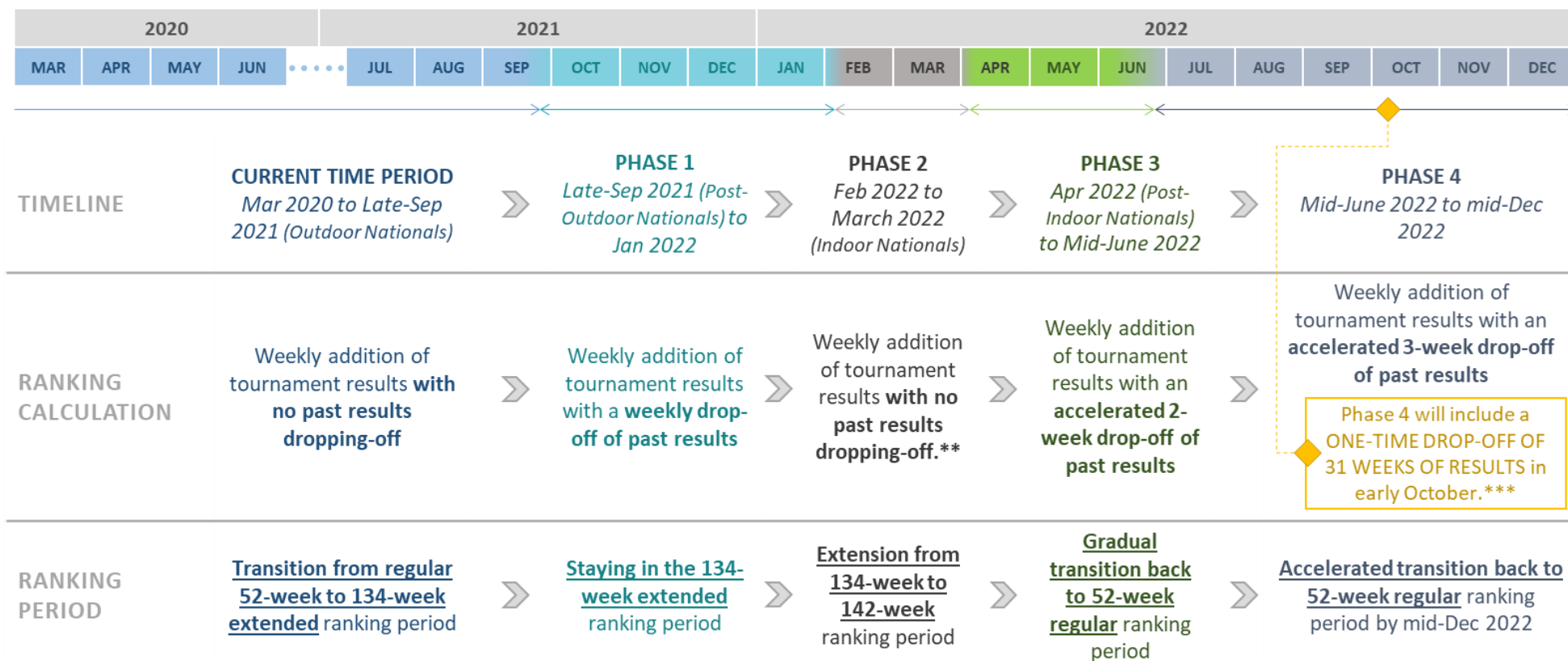
LEVEL OF COMPETITION	GROUP 1 (ON, BC, QC, AB)			GROUP 2 (NS, NB, NL, PE)			GROUP 3 (MB, SK)		
	Return to Competition Stage	Majority required to enter stage?	Additional Criteria to Enter Stage	Return to Competition Stage	Majority required to enter stage?	Additional Criteria to Enter Stage	Return to Competition Stage	Majority required to enter stage?	Additional Criteria to Enter Stage
2 Star	1	NO	Local health and safety guidelines allow for competitive tennis.	1	NO	Local health and safety guidelines allow for competitive tennis.	1	NO	Local health and safety guidelines allow for competitive tennis.
3 Star									
3.5 Star									
4 Star	2	YES	3/4 provinces have run sanctioned events for the past 2 consecutive weeks	2	YES	3/4 provinces agree to run the ATA Circuit	2	YES	2/2 provinces agree to run 4-star and 5-star events
5 Star									

While moving between stages, provinces must adhere to following guidelines for their respective group:

- Group 1:**
- (1) In order to progress to the next stage, a majority of Group 1 provinces must meet the stage’s specified criteria for consecutive weeks of competitive play.
 - (2) After progressing to the next stage, if one or more of the provinces required for a majority no longer meet the criteria than all provinces within Group 1 must move back to the first stage.
 - (3) Due to scheduling challenges faced by provinces within Group 1 a revised quota for high-level tournaments is provided in *Appendix B*.
- Groups 2 and 3:**
- (1) In order to progress to the next stage, a majority of provinces within the group must agree to run competition at the next level.
 - (2) After progressing to the next stage, if one or more of the provinces required for a majority are unable to continue to run competition at the required level than all provinces within that group must move back to the first stage.

PART 3: THE RANKING PERIOD IN 2021

The 2021 Competitive Structure and Rankings Policy aims to follow a multi-phase approach to managing the Rogers Rankings. The tentative plan is outlined below and is assuming that the Outdoor Nationals run in 2021. Due to the uncertain circumstances surrounding COVID-19 the **timelines presented below are subject to change**. Overall, the plan will place the rankings in an **extended ranking period** to accommodate the multiple stoppages in competition. Once competition permanently resumes to normal, the extended ranking period will transition back to the **regular 52-week** calculation period through an **accelerated drop-off of past results**.



**For the 8 weeks leading up to the 2022 Indoor Nationals the ranking system will pause dropping past results. This will help ensure the seeding for 2022 Indoor Nationals is completed fairly.

***31-week drop will include results from mid-Nov 2020 to mid-June 2021 during which the vast majority of competition across the country was suspended.



FUTURE KEY DATES

<p>Phase 1 Begins – ranking system resumes dropping weekly results. First results to drop will be the 2019 Indoor Nationals.</p>	<p>September 28, 2021</p>	<p>Last results of 2019 drop from the ranking system</p>	<p>June 7, 2022</p>
<p>Phase 2 Begins – 8 weeks leading up to the 2022 Indoor Nationals, the ranking system will pause dropping past results.</p>	<p>February 8, 2022</p>	<p>Phase 4 Begins – ranking system enters a further accelerated drop-off period, dropping 3 weeks of results each week</p>	<p>June 21, 2022</p>
<p>Phase 3 Begins – ranking system begins dropping 2 weeks of results each week. First results to drop will be the 2019 Outdoor Nationals.</p>	<p>April 5, 2022</p>	<p>One-time drop of 31-weeks of results (which include the last 2020 results)</p>	<p>October 4, 2022</p>
		<p>Ranking system returns to the regular 52-week system with a weekly drop-off</p>	<p>December 13, 2022</p>



Appendix A: Outstanding 2020 4-star and 5-star tournaments across Canada

Region	Outdoor Selections #1 [4-star]				Outdoor Selections #2 [4-star]				Outdoor Selections #3 [4-star]				Outdoor Provincial Championships [5-star]				LEGEND
	U12	U14	U16	U18	U12	U14	U16	U18	U12	U14	U16	U18	U12	U14	U16	U18	
Ontario	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	→	●	→	●	→	→	→	→	<p>● 2020 events completed in 2020</p> <p>→ Outstanding 2020 events that provinces can carryforward into 2021.</p>
Quebec	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
BC	●	●	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	
Alberta	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	
Prairies	All 4 Prairie outdoor 4-star tournaments can be carried forward into 2021												→	→	→	→	
Atlantics	All 4 ATA outdoor 4-star tournaments were completed for 2020												→	→	→	→	

2020 carryforward tournaments can be held anytime during 2021 regardless of what stage a Province is within the return to competition framework. These tournaments cannot be used as selection/qualification tournaments for the 2021 Provincial/Regional/National Championships.

Appendix B: 2021 High-Level Tournaments Quota for Provinces/Regions

Province	4-STAR TOURNAMENTS					5-STAR TOURNAMENTS		
	Original 2021 Quota		Revised 2021 Quota		2021 Total 4-Star Quota	2021 Quota		2021 Total 5-Star Quota
	INDOOR	OUTDOOR	INDOOR	OUTDOOR		INDOOR	OUTDOOR	
Ontario	3	3	2	2	4	1	1	2
Quebec	3	3	2	2	4	1	1	2
BC	3	3	2	2	4	1	1	2
Alberta	3	3	2	2	4	1	1	2
Prairies	4	4	4	4	8	1	1	2
Atlantics	4	4	4	4	8	1	1	2

