



## 2023 Sanctioned tournaments - Eligibility by category according to the year of birth of players and the type of tournament

Tennis Québec wants to remind you of the following criteria regarding the eligibility of players for the different categories of sanctioned tournaments according to their year of birth and the time of the year:

**From January 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

	2 *	3 * - 3.5 * - 4 * (Étapes and Quebec Championships excepted)	Étapes and Quebec Championships	Reserve draws of Étapes and Quebec Championships
<b>Orange ball</b>	2014 to 2016		Not applicable	
<b>Green ball</b>	2013 and 2014		Not applicable	
<b>10 and under</b>	2013 and 2014			
<b>12 and under</b>	2011 to 2013	2011 to 2013	2011 to 2013	2011 and 2012
<b>14 and under</b>	2009 to 2012	2009 to 2012	2009 to 2012	2009 and 2010
<b>16 and under</b>	2007 to 2010	2007 to 2011	2007 to 2010	2007 and 2008
<b>18 and under</b>	2005 to 2008	2005 to 2010	2005 to 2010	2005 and 2006
<b>Open</b>	2009 and before		Not applicable	

**From September 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

	2 *	3 * - 3.5 * - 4 * (Étapes excepted)	Étapes	Reserve draws of Étapes and Quebec Championships
<b>Orange ball</b>	2014 to 2016		Not applicable	
<b>Green ball</b>	2013 and 2014		Not applicable	
<b>10 and under</b>	2013 and 2014		Not applicable	
<b>12 and under</b>	2011 to 2013	2011 to 2013	2012 to 2014	<b>2012 to 2014*</b>
<b>14 and under</b>	2009 to 2012	2009 to 2012	2010 to 2013	2010 and 2011
<b>16 and under</b>	2007 to 2010	2007 to 2011	2008 to 2012	2008 and 2009
<b>18 and under</b>	2005 to 2008	2005 to 2010	2006 to 2011	2006 and 2007
<b>Open</b>	2009 and before		Not applicable	

*\* The eligibility of players has been extended to allow players born in 2014 to participate in the reserve draws of the fall U12 Étape. Indeed, these players cannot participate in the regular 12 and under tournaments. During the year, they have fewer opportunities to earn points to improve their ranking and to qualify for the main draw or the qualifying draw of the fall Étape.*

*Players born in 2014 are disadvantaged compared to players born in 2012 and 2013 who can play the reserve draws and accumulate points for the subsequent Étapes.*

In some cases, players can obtain an exemption allowing them to take part in tournaments in categories above what is already permitted according to the tables presented here. **Any exemption request can only be presented by a coach** and must be sent by email to Sylvie Giroux, Coach and Athlete Development Director.

### **Explanatory note**

Please note that during the meeting held on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the members of the Commission des entraîneurs du Québec approved changes relating to eligibility for sanctioned tournaments that apply since May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The change pertaining to the eligibility for two-star tournaments was implemented in order to limit the upgrading of players to only one age category. The objective is to encourage the participation of less experienced players in our sanctioned tournaments.

#### **Two-star tournaments**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Age</b>
<b>U12 Tournaments</b>	10-12 years old
<b>U14 Tournaments</b>	11-14 years old
<b>U16 Tournaments</b>	13-16 years old
<b>U18 Tournaments</b>	15-18 years old

The eligibility to participate in Étapes and Quebec Championships of the indoor and outdoor selection circuits remains unchanged:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Age</b>
<b>U12 Tournaments</b>	10-12 years old
<b>U14 Tournaments</b>	11-14 years old
<b>U16 Tournaments</b>	12-16 years old
<b>U18 Tournaments</b>	13-18 years old

\* Please note that from **September 1<sup>st</sup> each year**, the age eligibility for each category is amended as follows:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Age</b>
<b>U12 Tournaments</b>	9-11 years old
<b>U14 Tournaments</b>	10-13 years old
<b>U16 Tournaments</b>	11-15 years old
<b>U18 Tournaments</b>	12-17 years old

This rule is designed to ensure that only the players eligible to participate in the Canadian championships the following year can register to the selection circuit's fall Étapes starting in October.

*Current as of December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022*