

NEW CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS STRUCTURE

At the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Member's Council, held in Ottawa, the following new structure for the Canadian Championships has been adopted.

Canadian Championships - 6 day combined event

Categories:

1. Singles Events:
 - a. Cadet 15 Boys and Girls
 - b. Junior 18 Boys and Girls
 - c. Youth 21 Men and Women
 - d. Open Singles Men and Women

2. Doubles:
 - a. Junior 18 Boys and Girls Doubles
 - b. Men's and Women's Doubles

3. Team Events*:
 - a. Cadet 15 Boys and Girls
 - b. Junior 18 Boys and Girls
 - c. Men's Team and Women's Team

*A player can play on ONE team only!

**Team Format: 3 players minimum, Olympic Format of play. "Split/combined teams" can only be created by combining two or more provinces that cannot field their own team. The provincial associations of the combined team must endorse the entry.

4. Table Tennis for Life Events (TT4L):
 - a. U3000 (one event in which both genders compete)
 - b. U2400 (one event in which both genders compete)
 - c. U1800 (one event in which both genders compete)
 - d. U1200 (one event in which both genders compete)
 - e. Over 40 Men and Over 40 Women
 - f. Over 50 Men and Over 50 Women
 - g. Over 60 Men and Over 60 Women

***Players will be able to register in a maximum of 6 singles and 1 doubles event.

Accommodation:

1. No accommodation packages will be offered
2. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will provide a 'host hotel' with booking code and group rate
3. All provincial associations will be responsible of making their own reservations directly with the hotel
4. Deadline to book hotel to have access to booking code and group rate.

Transportation:

1. Local transportation will be at the discretion of the LOC.
2. Transportation details specific to each organizing committee will be included in the Championships Prospectus
3. Transportation cost will be per participant and will be charged upon use

Banquet and Awards Ceremony:

1. Banquet(s) will be at the discretion of the LOC.
2. Banquet details specific to each LOC will be included in the Championships Prospectus
3. The Awards Ceremonies will be organized at the end of each day (if finals are taking place) in the gym. Memos will be distributed and posted at the venue to inform participants and spectators.

Athlete Eligibility:

1. Players must be permanent residents/Canadian citizens and must appear on the Canadian Ranking list as of March 1 preceding the Championships; the player represents the province indicated on the March 1 ranking (regardless of residence address at the date of the Championships)

Hosting:

1. The current rotation principle will be kept (2013 East, 2014 West...) provided there are candidates to host from the region.
2. TTCAN will prepare a bid template for provinces that are interested in applying
3. All requirements (hotel, venue, officials, etc.) in the bid template will be evaluated according to a points scale
4. Criteria to apply for 2014: a province must have at least 2 teams in the previous Championships
5. Criteria to apply for 2015: a province must have at least 5 teams in the previous 2 Championships (years)

6. Criteria to apply for 2016: a province must have at least 9 teams in the previous 3 Championships (years)

Trophies: Marg Walden, Jacques Bobet

1. Both trophies will be maintained. (TTCAN is currently working on a new point distribution to reflect the new Championships format.)
2. Only players on provincial teams will be able to earn points for the trophies.

HOPES WEEK

In lieu of the Cadet 13 and Cadet 11 age categories that were formerly included in the Canadian Junior Championships, a HOPES WEEK will be introduced in the same year as the new Canadian Championships structure.

Two Hopes Weeks will be organized – one in the West (MB, SK, AB, BC, YK) and one in the East (ON, QC, NS, PE, NL) – for geographical reasons NU can decide in which of the two Hopes weeks it will participate.

Structure:

1. 2.5 days of joint training camp (all provinces train together)
2. .5 days of individual provincial training camp
3. 2 days competition:
 - a. many matches, play out all positions
 - b. crown regional champions
 - c. play doubles matches between provinces but no team event
 - d. present special awards (ex. Coach's Star, Most Improved, Most Valuable Player, etc.)

Player Eligibility:

1. Training camp eligibility: Open to all (no restriction)
2. Future International Selection eligibility: PR/Cdn Citizen
3. Cadet 9, Cadet 11, and Cadet 13 boys and girls
4. Maximum 25 players per province covering all age categories
5. Maximum 125 players, if spaces are still available, 2 spots will be given to the host province and then to the next closest province and so on until the maximum number of participants is reached.

Coaching:

1. 1 Head Coach nominated by Table Tennis Canada
2. Coach and Player ratio per provincial delegation:
 - a. 1:5
 - b. 2:6-10
 - c. 3:11-15
 - d. 4:16-20
 - e. 5:21-25

Hosting:

1. Each 'region' will be responsible of communicating with each other to determine on a host city. TTCAN can assist with the 2013 version of the Hopes Week where necessary.
2. Hosting Requirements include:
 - a. venue with minimum space for 8 tables

- b. free or low cost accommodation (ex. University/College dorms)
 - c. dates can't conflict with the Canadian Championships
3. Social aspects will be at the discretion of the host (special awards, banquet type evening, tourism in host city, etc.)
 4. Canadian Hopes – North American Hopes – World Hopes – Cadet Challenge
The winners of the 2013 CA11 Hopes competition will be invited to compete in the ITTF North America Hopes competition/training camp provided s/he is active in Canada in the months leading up to the ITTF North America Hopes week (active = average of 3 matches/month in the Canadian Ranking system).
 5. The winner of the 2013 CA13 Hopes competition will be invited to the 2014 qualifying competition for the Canadian entries in the North American Cadet Challenge qualifier.