



Date: January 18, 2010

To: Competitive Junior Players and Parents

From: Tennis Saskatchewan Excellence Committee

Re: 2010 Prairie Regional Indoor Junior National Qualifier

In late summer 2009 the number of Tennis Canada Junior National spots for Manitoba and Saskatchewan participants was reduced from 4 spots to 3 spots per gender per age group. Instead of each province having 2 guaranteed spots, 3 spots will be available between the two provinces. This reduction in spots will be effective for the 2010 Indoor Junior Nationals and beyond.

To determine spots for the 2010 Indoor Junior Nationals, a Prairie Regional Qualifier (participants from Manitoba and Saskatchewan) will be held. The 2010 Indoor Prairie Regional Qualifier will be held March 5 - 7, 2010 at the Lakewood Indoor Tennis Centre in Saskatoon to select the top 3 boys and top 3 girls in each age group (U12-U18). Each Prairie Regional draw will consist of a maximum of 6 players, with a maximum of 3 spots being given to each province (3 Manitoba players and 3 Saskatchewan players). If a Provincial Qualifier is required, it will be held on February 5 – 7, 2010 in Saskatoon (to determine our 3 Regional Qualifier spots per gender per age group).

To qualify for the Provincial and / or Prairie Regional Qualifier, Saskatchewan players must qualify through the provincial qualification criteria / process as follows:

1. Open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents only.
2. All athletes must maintain a permanent residence in the province of Saskatchewan as evidenced by a valid Saskatchewan Health Services Card. Students attending school out of province are eligible to participate, however they must still meet the above mentioned residence criteria.

3. All athletes must be in good standing with Tennis Saskatchewan (i.e. financial, discipline, membership, etc.).

Previous information indicated that all athletes must participate in a minimum of six (6) tournaments “sanctioned” by a Provincial, State, and/or National Tennis Association, within the 12 months immediately preceding the date of the applicable qualifying event. For the 2010 Indoor Provincial and Regional Qualifier the tournament participation requirement has been waived due the fact that Tennis Canada has reduced the number of Junior National spots for the Prairie Region (thus forcing some type of inter provincial team selection) and Tennis Saskatchewan / Affiliated Clubs were not able to schedule any indoor tournaments (extremely difficult to obtain court time in the winter months in both Regina and Saskatoon).

Appeals, based on extenuating circumstances, must be received in writing, by January 29, 2010. Written appeals must be forwarded to Tennis Saskatchewan, 2205 Victoria Avenue, Regina, SK S4P 0S4.

If questions arise, please contact Rory Park by phone at 306-780-9410 or by email at tennissask@sasktel.net. Thank You.

2010 Indoor Junior National Schedule, Dates, and Locations

Under 12	March 27 – April 2	The Tennis Academy	Calgary
Under 14	April 4 – 9	Saville Sports Centre	Edmonton
Under 16	March 27 – April 3	Carrefour Multisport	Laval, Quebec
Under 18	April 5 – 10	Mayfair Racquet & Fitness	Markham, Ontario

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Junior National Travel Policies / Procedures

Please note the following in regard to Junior National Participation:

- All players must agree to the terms and conditions of and sign a Tennis Saskatchewan Code of Conduct and Release Form prior to departure (Form to be forwarded to Tennis Saskatchewan prior to departure).
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- If players qualify for Junior Nationals (either through Provincial and/or Regional qualifying), they will be expected to participate in the Nationals. Players who qualify for Nationals, then choose to not participate in Nationals, may be subject to disciplinary measures as per Tennis Manitoba / Tennis Saskatchewan Disciplinary Procedures. All players must participate in Provincial and/or Regional qualifying (i.e. must register for and participate in Qualifier, if held). Players who do not register for Regional Qualifying competition will be deemed ineligible to participate in Junior National competition.
- Tennis Saskatchewan will provide all participants with a Team Prairies jacket at no cost (one jacket per year).
- A parent or legal guardian must accompany players under 11 years of age.
- Tennis Saskatchewan will make transportation arrangements (book van, book flights, etc.), book accommodations, book practice courts, etc. for all players and coaches ... if players wish to make alternate arrangements (example – book their own flight using points), Tennis Saskatchewan must be notified immediately after player has qualified for Nationals.
- Players must pay for their portion of the Junior Nationals prior to departing for Nationals (usually about 7 – 10 days prior to departure date ... exact date to be determined by Tennis Saskatchewan).
- Players making changes to their hotel and/or flight itinerary are responsible for all charges related to changes (flight upgrade fees, flight change fees, etc.) (includes changes prior to departure to Nationals and changes during Nationals).
- Saskatchewan players and coaches will attempt to stay at the Tennis Canada designated Host Hotel during Nationals.
- A Tennis Saskatchewan designated Coach will be present during Junior Nationals. The designated Coach may be a Tennis Saskatchewan or a Tennis Manitoba coach. The Tennis Saskatchewan Player Development Committee will approve all designated coaches after all Regional qualifying has been completed.
- The designated Coach may or may not accompany all players to and from Nationals (i.e. Coach may depart from a different City or Province) ... when a player is not traveling with the designated Team Coach, the player will be provided with contact information of the

Team Coach and the Tennis Saskatchewan Executive Director (phone numbers and cellular numbers) ... if travel problems take place, players should contact the appropriate above noted individual as soon as possible ... if none of the above noted individuals are available, please contact your parents.

- The designated Coach reserves the right to restrict movie rentals and outgoing telephone calls from player rooms during Nationals. Players must pay for all movie fees and telephone calls upon departure from the designated Host Hotel.
- Players and coaches must participate in the Tennis Canada team picture.

The entry fee for the Prairie Regional Qualifier will be \$40.00 / player / event.

For the 2010 Junior Nationals, players will be responsible for the following fees:

- maximum of \$350 for travel related expenses (flight, van rental, gas, etc.) (some conditions apply)
- all accommodation expenses (room and taxes)
- all car rental (rental, gas, insurance) expenses and/or taxis
- tournament entry fee of \$50.00
- 1/18 of coach related / administration related expenses (transportation, accommodation, honorarium, and per diem) (approximately \$150.00 - \$200.00 / national)
- all miscellaneous expenses (additional practice courts, special events, movies, etc.)

Tennis Saskatchewan will pay for most designated Coach related expenses (flight, accommodation, per diem, and honorarium) (player to pay for 1/18 of coach related expenses) and pay for all player travel related expenses (flight, van rental, gas, etc.) above \$350 (example – if the player flight is \$750, the player pays for \$350 and Tennis Saskatchewan pays \$400 – some conditions apply).

All players wishing to qualify for the Indoor Junior Nationals must complete and submit an Indoor Junior National – Provincial Qualifier Form (form below).

Provincial Qualifiers will only be held when more than 3 players / gender / age group are trying to qualify. Entry fees to be submitted at the Qualifier, prior to first match.

**2010 INDOOR JUNIOR NATIONALS
TENNIS SASKATCHEWAN – PROVINCIAL QUALIFIER
ENTRY FORM**

Name: _____ Phone: (H) _____

Address: _____ (W) _____

Email: _____

Postal Code: _____ Birth date: _____
month / day / year

School Name: _____

Club Name: _____

Event(s) Entering (please check): BU12 _____ BU14 _____ BU16 _____ BU18 _____
GU12 _____ GU14 _____ GU16 _____ GU18 _____

Entry Deadline: Friday, January 29, 2010

Entry Fee: \$40.00 / player / event - Payable to Tennis Saskatchewan, submitted at the Qualifier, prior to first match.

Completed entry form must be received by Tennis Saskatchewan, 2205 Victoria Avenue, Regina, SK, S4P 0S4 by Friday, January 29, 2010. All players must submit entry form (with event(s) entering checked). Fax # - 306-525-4009 Email: tennissask@sasktel.net. Entry forms may be submitted by mail, fax, or email.