

Provincial Junior A Championships (Mar 26-28, 2010)

Procedure to be used by the ODBA to identify “wildcard” participants

References:

- A. [Ontario Junior Ranking System Guidelines for Season 09-10](#)
- B. [ODBA policy on financial assistance to juniors](#)

Introduction

At the beginning of the 09-10 season, the Ontario Badminton Association (OBA) changed the qualification guidelines for participation in the Junior A Championships. Contrary to previous years, it is no longer possible to earn a qualification through participation in the Provincial Junior B/C Championships. Instead, as described in the document in ref A, the OBA adjusted the number of players who qualify through provincial ranking points and gave each of the 6 districts the right to identify additional players to take part in this event. This document explains the process to be used by the ODBA to identifying these additional players from the Ottawa District.

Selection Process

In addition to ODBA players who qualify based on points earned through participation in Provincial and National High Performance tournaments, the ODBA can identify one single player, one doubles team and one mixed doubles team for each of the age groups and genders requiring a qualification to participate (i.e. U14, U16 and U19). From here on, the right to participate in a given event at the Junior A Championships following identification by the ODBA will be referred to as a “wildcard” participation for ease of reference.

Since we recognize at the onset that participation in provincial tournaments can be significantly more onerous than participation in district tournaments given the travel involved, the allocation of wildcards will be made amongst players who indicate their interest in participating in this event. In cases where more than one player or team is interested in participating in a given event, the following steps will be applied in sequence to determine the one player or team that will get the wildcard. (Note that these will be applied in sequence similarly to a tie breaking procedure.)

- Step 1:** Players or teams who have participated in High Performance tournaments during the season and therefore have earned provincial ranking points (however not enough to qualify based on points) will be allocated wildcards. If more than one player or team fits this criteria, the one who has earned the most provincial ranking points in the event will get the wildcard. For doubles and mixed events, the team with the highest total of combined points in the subject event will get the wildcard.
- Step 2:** If the previous step does not identify which player or team gets the wildcard, results from player or team participation in the district’s Junior Championships tournament (Bob O’Reilly 2010) will be looked at. If more than one interested player or team participated in the district championship, the player or team who finished with the best result in the

subject event will be retained. If only one of the interested players or teams participated in the Bob O'Reilly tournament, this player or team will get the wildcard.

Step 3: If previous steps did not determine which interested player or team earns the wildcard, district ranking results will be looked at next.

Note. Players must note that participation in the Junior A Championships with a wildcard does not mean that the cost of participating in this tournament will be covered by the ODBA. The only financial contribution provided by the ODBA to participants in this tournament is as prescribed by the district's policy on financial assistance to juniors at ref B. In addition, the eligibility rules identified by the OBA apply (player must have a valid OBA card).

Procedure for players

The last High Performance tournament earning provincial ranking points is the *British Columbia Black Knight Junior Elite* tournament taking place on March 12-14, 2010. Players or teams interested in being considered for the allocation of wildcard participations in the Provincial Junior A Championships shall send an email to indicate their interest to the Director of Junior Player Development **no later than midnight on March 14, 2010**. This email shall indicate the event(s) in which the player or team is interested in as well as contact information.

The Director of Junior Player Development will maintain a [log of players and teams](#) who indicated their interest. Once the OBA confirms the list of players who qualified based on the final provincial ranking, any ODBA player or team already qualified on points for a given event will be removed from the list and the procedure described herein will be used to identify who gets the wildcard participation amongst the remaining interested players for each event.

Note. Wildcards for doubles and mixed events will be granted to teams, not to individual players. Players must indicate who their partner is when they communicate their interest play together if they are granted a wildcard.

As soon as a conclusion is reached on the allocation of wildcards, the list of players and teams will be communicated to the OBA and the players concerned will be notified. Players who were allocated wildcards will then be able to register for the Junior A through the OBA web site. The log will also be updated to indicate who was allocated the wildcard participation for each event.

Any question or concerns related to this process should be communicated to the Director of Junior Player Development at the email indicated below.

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