

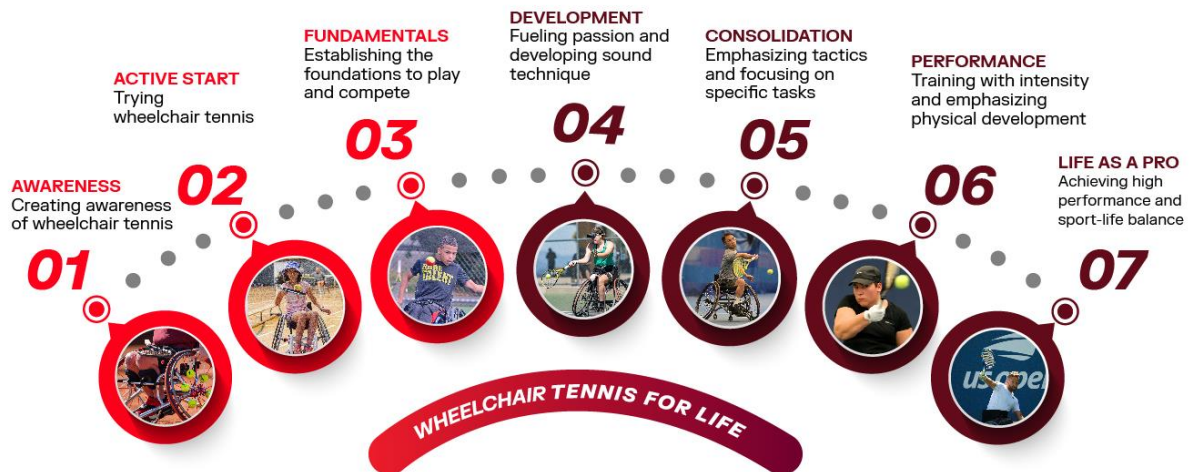


## 2026 National High Performance Program

Tennis Canada's Wheelchair Tennis Whole Player Development Pathway is a holistic approach designed to develop people and players through each stage of the pathway. The National High Performance Program (NHPP) focuses on the Podium Pathway which encompasses stages 6 and 7: Performance and Life as a Pro.

The pathway stages are illustrated below and the entire document will be available on the Tennis Canada web site later this year.

### The Wheelchair Whole Player Development Pathway





The NHPP is one component of the pathway and is designed for athletes who are on track to meet Tennis Canada's, Sport Canada's, and Own the Podium's performance and podium objectives in 2026 and beyond. The overall objectives include:

- Paralympic and ParapanAm podium results
- Top 16 ITF singles world rankings
- Targeted World Team Cup results
- A pool of next gen athletes

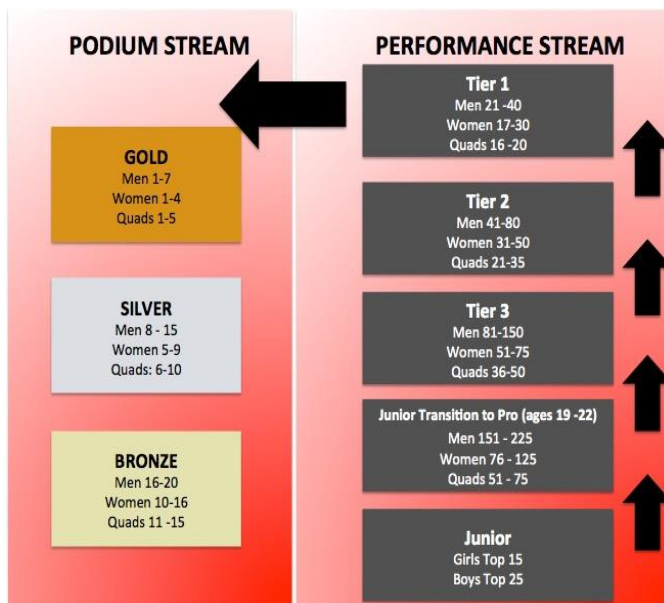
### **NHPP: Streams and Performance Indicators**

The NHPP is geared to athletes moving through the high performance pathway and is divided into two streams: Podium and Performance.

The Podium Stream is divided into three levels: Gold, Silver, Bronze

The Performance Stream is divided into five levels: Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, Junior Transition to Pro and Junior

The pathway, and associated performance indicators, will be reviewed annually to ensure the dynamic nature of the sport is captured. To be eligible for consideration for the NHPP an athlete must attain a minimum ITF singles ranking by October 31, 2025 as per Figure 2 below. Note: meeting the minimum ITF singles ranking does not guarantee a spot in the program as other factors including stage of development, tournament results, training and competition plan, and coach assessments will be considered.





## NHPP Benefits & Services

Each NHPP athlete will receive an assistance package related to the stream and level within the program as outlined below:

Stream	Level	Description	Performance Indicator (ITF Singles ranking)	Assistance Package
<b>Podium</b>	<b>Gold</b>	Athletes achieving performance indicators on track to podium at the Paralympic Games.	Men: Top 7 Women: Top 4 Quad: Top 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$6,000 base funding/year</li> <li>• Access to National Coach services</li> <li>• Strength &amp; Conditioning testing &amp; individualized program</li> <li>• Access to mental performance coach</li> <li>• Access to Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (carding)</li> <li>• World Team Cup training camp if selected</li> <li>• Access to Birmingham Excellence Fund</li> </ul>
	<b>Silver</b>	Athletes achieving performance indicators on track to for the Gold level.	Men: 8-15 Women: 5-9 Quad: 6-10	\$5,000 base funding/year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to National Coach services</li> <li>• Strength &amp; Conditioning testing &amp; individualized program</li> <li>• Access to mental performance coach</li> </ul>



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	<b>Bronze</b>	Athletes achieving performance indicators on track for the Silver level.	Men: 16-20 Women: 10-16 Quad: 11-15	<p>\$4,000 base funding/year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to National Coach services</li> <li>• Strength &amp; Conditioning testing &amp; individualized program</li> <li>• Access to mental performance coach</li> <li>• Access to Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (carding)</li> <li>• World Team Cup training camp if selected</li> <li>• Access to Birmingham Excellence Fund</li> </ul>
<b>Performance</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>	Athletes achieving performance indicators on track for the Podium Bronze level.	Men: 21-40 Women: 17-30 Quad: 16-20	<p>\$3,000 base funding/year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support with daily training environment, competition planning, and sport science/sport medicine</li> <li>• Access to Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (carding)</li> <li>• World Team Cup training</li> </ul>



				<p>camp if selected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Birmingham Excellence Fund</li> </ul>
	<b>Tier 2</b>	Athletes achieving performance indicators on track for Tier 1.	<p>Men: 41-80 Women: 31-50 Quad: 21-35</p>	<p>\$2,000 base funding/year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support with daily training environment, competition planning, and sport science/sport medicine</li> <li>• Access to Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (carding)</li> <li>• World Team Cup training camp if selected</li> <li>• Access to Birmingham Excellence Fund</li> </ul>
	<b>Tier 3</b>	Athletes achieving performance benchmarks on track for Tier 2.	<p>Men: 81-150 Women: 51-75 Quad: 36-50</p>	<p>\$1,500 base funding/year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support with daily training environment, competition planning, and sport science/sport medicine</li> <li>• Access to Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (carding)</li> <li>• World Team Cup training camp if selected</li> </ul>
	<b>Junior Transition to Pro (Ages 19-22)</b>	Athletes achieving performance benchmarks on track for Tier 3.	<p>Men: 151-225 Women: 76-125 Quad: 51-75</p>	<p>\$1,000 base funding/year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support with daily training environment, competition planning, and sport science/sport medicine</li> <li>• Access to Sport Canada</li> </ul>



				Athlete Assistance Program (carding) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Team Cup training camp if selected</li> <li>• Consideration for Mentor Program if applicable</li> </ul>
	<b>Junior (Under 18)</b>	Juniors on track for the performance stream	Boys: Top 25 Girls: Top 15	\$1,000 based funding/year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support with daily training environment, competition planning, and sport science/sport medicine</li> <li>• Access to Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (carding)</li> <li>• World Team Cup training camp if selected</li> <li>• Consideration for Mentor Program if applicable</li> </ul>

**Notes:**

\*The amount and level of services provided will be determined on a case-by-case basis based on the Podium Results Track and the Winning Style of Play and be dependent on High Performance Committee approval and budget for the given year.

\*\* Athletes may remain at each level of the Podium or Performance stream for multiple years providing agreed upon performance indicators are attained. Performance indicators may be outcome related including ITF singles rankings, rounds reached at tournaments, wins over players; or be process related including technical, tactical, physical, or psychological benchmarks.

\*\*\* Athletes may be nominated to the NHPP without fulfilling the ITF singles ranking requirements outlined in the chart above at the discretion of the Director, High Performance Programs & Administration pending approval of the High-Performance Committee.



\*\*\*\* To meet the ITF singles ranking indicators outlined in the chart above, an athlete must meet the ITF singles ranking as of October 31, 2025, or for a minimum of 20 weeks during the period between March 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025. The weeks do not need to be consecutive.

### **NHPP Athlete Responsibilities**

Members of the NHPP must fulfil the following requirements as per Policy #3 in the NHPP Handbook:

- Read the NHPP Handbook and sign the Tennis Canada/Athlete Agreement
- Sign the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) contract
- Sign the Code of Conduct
- Attend an individual meeting including the athlete, personal coach, National Coach, and Director to collaborate on the development of the annual training and competitive plan and performance indicators. When juniors are involved, parents will be included in the meeting process whenever possible.
- Advise the National Coach of any changes to competitive/training schedules or medical conditions throughout the year and respond to any inquiries in a timely manner
- Attend training camps when selected
- Participate in physical testing protocols if required
- Participate in mental performance training if required
- Represent Canada at the World Team Cup if selected
- Compete in the 2025 Birmingham National Championships unless an exemption is approved by the High-Performance Committee. To apply for an exemption a written request must be submitted to the Director of Wheelchair Tennis by the Birmingham Nationals by November 1.
- Meet all ITF national eligibility requirements to represent Canada at international events.
- Be in good standing with Tennis Canada
- Participate in a minimum number of ITF tournaments as agreed between athlete and Tennis Canada

### **NHPP Assistance Package**

Annual base funding is provided at each level of the NHPP pathway. Funding assistance may be utilized for coaching, travel, sport science, on court training, equipment, tournament fees, accommodation, and other related expenses. Receipts are required to access all funds.

In addition to the annual base funding, athletes may be eligible for support through the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (carding), the Birmingham Excellence Fund, Own the Podium, and the Canadian Sport Institute network. The Sport Canada AAP (carding) funding



cycle is for the calendar year. Please refer to the carding criteria on the Tennis Canada web site for specific details.

All funding and coaching decisions are reviewed and approved by the High Performance Committee.

### **NHPP: Selection Process**

To be considered for the 2026 NHPP interested athletes are to forward the following documentation to Kai Schrameyer, national coach wheelchair tennis, by **November 7, 2025**.

1. Letter of interest indicating your desire to commit to the 2026 NHPP

2. Draft 2026 objectives, competitive and weekly training schedules (templates available on the Tennis Canada web site: <https://www.tenniscanada.com/compete/wheelchair/resources/>, or by contacting National Coach Kai Schrameyer at [kschrameyer@tenniscanada.com](mailto:kschrameyer@tenniscanada.com). Only Tennis Canada templates will be accepted.

After a review of the applications successful athletes will be contacted and a planning meeting scheduled. The meeting will include the athlete, the athlete's personal coach, National Coach, and other personnel as required. The purpose of the meeting is to clearly define objectives, and to collaboratively design the annual training and competitive plan for the year. Final acceptance into the NHPP is determined through the meeting process.