



2027 Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program & National High-Performance Program ITF Ranking Performance Indicator ADJUSTMENTS

The following changes will come into effect for the 2027 Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program carding cycle (January 1st to December 31st, 2027). The key changes include:

1. Changing the Men's entry level ITF ranking from 150 to 100
2. Changing the Junior Girls' entry level ITF ranking progressions including the entry level from 15 to 10
3. Removing the Junior Transition carding level
4. Adjusting and aligning the yearly ITF ranking performance indicator progressions for the Men's, Women's, Quad and Junior Girls divisions.

The new 2027 Development and Senior card progressions are below:

<i>Development Card Minimum Standards</i>
Injury cards are not included in the calculation of number of years carded
<u>Men</u> Entering 1 st year carded at D level: ITF Top 100 singles or better Entering 2 nd year carded: ITF Top 85 singles Entering 3 rd year carded: ITF Top 72 singles Entering 4 th year carded: ITF Top 61 singles
<u>Women</u> Entering 1 st year carded: ITF Top 75 singles Entering 2 nd year carded: ITF Top 64 singles Entering 3 rd year carded: ITF Top 54 singles Entering 4 th year carded: ITF Top 46 singles
<u>Quad</u> Entering 1 st year carded: ITF Top 50 singles Entering 2 nd year carded: ITF Top 43 singles Entering 3 rd year carded: ITF Top 36 singles Entering 4 th year carded: ITF Top 31 singles
<u>Junior Boys:</u> Entering 1 st year carded: ITF Top 25 singles (junior) Entering 2 nd year carded: ITF Top 20 singles (junior) Entering 3 rd year carded: ITF Top 15 singles (junior)
<u>Junior Girls</u> Entering 1 st year carded: ITF Top 10 singles (junior) Entering 2 nd year carded: ITF Top 8 singles (junior) Entering 3 rd year carded: ITF Top 6 singles (junior)



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<u>Senior National Minimum Standards</u>
Injury cards, and Paralympic upgrade from a D card or from no carding, are not included in the calculation of number of years carded.
<u>Men's Division</u> Entering 1 st year carded at Senior levels (SR1, SR2, SR): ITF Top 61 singles or better Entering 2 nd & 3 rd years: ITF Top 49 singles Entering 4 th & 5 th years: ITF Top 39 singles Entering 6 th & 7 th years: ITF Top 31 singles Entering 8 th & 9 th years: ITF Top 25 singles Entering 10 th & 11 th years: ITF Top 20 12 th year and more: ITF top 16 singles, plus showing progression toward meeting SR priority 1 and essential to the performance of the World Team Cup (WTC).
<u>Women's Division</u> Entering 1 st year carded at Senior levels (SR1, SR2, SR): ITF Top 46 singles or better Entering 2 nd & 3 rd years: ITF Top 37 singles Entering 4 th & 5 th years: ITF Top 29 singles Entering 6 th & 7 th years: ITF Top 24 singles Entering 8 th & 9 th years: ITF Top 19 Entering 10 th & 11 th years: ITF Top 15 12 th year and more: ITF top 12 singles, plus showing progression toward meeting SR priority 1 and essential to the performance of the WTC
<u>Quad Division</u> Entering 1 st year carded at Senior levels (SR1, SR2, SR): ITF Top 31 singles or better) Entering 2 nd & 3 rd years: ITF Top 25 Entering 4 th & 5 th years: ITF Top 20 Entering 6 th & 7 th years: ITF Top 16 Entering 8 th & 9 th years: ITF Top 13 Entering 10 th & 11 th years: ITF Top 10 12 th year and more: ITF top 8 singles, plus showing progression toward meeting SR priority 1 and essential to the performance of the WTC



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Adjustments to the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program performance indicator progressions triggered necessary changes to the National High Performance Program ranking levels. Both programs are aligned to ensure consistency.

Key changes include:

- 1. Changing the Men's entry level ITF ranking from 150 to 100**
- 2. Changing the Junior Girls' ITF ranking progressions and entry level from 15 to 10**
- 3. Removing the Junior Transition carding level**
- 4. Aligning the Men's, Women's, Quad and Junior Girls Podium and Performance ranking levels**

The new Podium and Performance Stream progressions are as follows:

Stream	Level	Performance Indicator (ITF Singles ranking)
Podium	Gold	Men: Top 8 Women: Top 5 Quad: Top 4
	Silver	Men: 9 - 16 Women: 6 - 9 Quad: 5 - 8
	Bronze	Men: 17 - 25 Women: 11-16 Quad: 9 - 13
Performance	Tier 1	Men: 26 - 36 Women: 17-27 Quad: 14-20
	Tier 2	Men: 37 - 60 Women: 28-45 Quad: 19 - 30
	Tier 3	Men: 61- 100 Women: 46-75 Quad: 31-50
	Junior (Under 18)	Boys: Top 25 Girls: Top 10



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APPENDIX A – RATIONALE FOR CHANGING THE MINIMUM RANKING LEVELS

The new proposed ITF ranking levels are based on the following general principles:

- 1) All NHPP players should at minimum be playing enough ITF tournaments to qualify as a “full time” player (unless they are capable of achieving the minimum ranking criteria playing less tournaments). A full time player is defined as playing the minimum number of countable tournaments for an ITF ranking (9 men, 8 women, 7 quad).
- 2) All NHPP players should demonstrate a certain level of competitive consistency as demonstrated by results in ITF tournaments. This ensures NHPP players are not in the program simply because of “one good result” and instead because they demonstrate consistent growth/performance.
- 3) NHPP player minimum rankings should be competitive and equitable for each division such that achieving the minimum ranking criteria in one division is not substantially easier or harder than achieving the minimum ranking required in another division.

QUAD DIVISION

Current ranking level 50: no changes required

- 1) There are 51 ITF ranked Quad players who have played the minimum # of tournaments to reach the maximum # of tournaments that count toward a players ranking (N=7). This suggests that there are 51 Quad players that we would consider to be “full time players”. We believe that all NHPP players should at minimum be playing enough tournaments to be considered “full time” unless they are capable of achieving the minimum ranking criteria playing less tournaments. As such, we propose that the Quad ranking remain at 50 which closely aligns with the total # of “full time” players (51) currently on tour.
- 2) It would take 116 ranking points for a player to achieve a ranking of #50. This equates to a player needing to reach the Quarter Finals of at least 6 ITF Future Series tournaments from their 7 total played tournaments.
- 3) Requiring a Quad player to achieve 6 ITF Future Series Quarter Finals out of 7 tournaments (to reach the minimum ranking criteria for the NHPP) is similar to requiring a Women’s players to achieve 7 ITF Future series Quarter Finals out of 8, and a Men’s player 7 ITF Future series Quarter Finals out of 9 to reach their minimum ranking criteria.



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WOMENS DIVISION

Current ranking level 75: no changes required

- 1) There are 76 ranked Women players who have played the minimum # of ITF tournaments to reach the maximum # of tournaments that count toward a players ranking (N=8). This suggests that there are 76 Women players that we would consider to be “full time players”. We believe that all NHPP players should at minimum be playing enough tournaments to be considered “full time” unless they are capable of achieving the minimum ranking criteria playing less tournaments. As such, we propose that the Women’s ranking remain at 75 which closely aligns with the total # of “full time” players (76) currently on tour.
- 2) It would take 127 ranking points for a player to achieve a ranking of #75. This equates to a player needing to reach the Quarter Finals of at least 7 ITF Future Series tournaments from their 8 total played tournaments.
- 3) Requiring a Women’s player to achieve 7 ITF Future Series Quarter Finals out of 8 tournaments (to reach the minimum ranking criteria for the NHPP) is similar to requiring a Quad player to achieve 6 ITF Future series Quarter Finals out of 7, and a Men’s player 7 ITF Future series Quarter Finals out of 9 to reach their minimum ranking criteria.

MENS DIVISION

Current ranking level 150: new ranking level 100

- 1) There are 109 ranked Men players who have played the minimum # of ITF tournaments to reach the maximum # of tournaments that count toward a players ranking (N=9). This suggests that there are 109 Men players that we would consider to be “full time players”. We believe that all NHPP players should at minimum be playing enough tournaments to be considered “full time” unless they are capable of achieving the minimum ranking criteria playing less tournaments. As such, we are adjusting the Mens ranking to 100 which closely aligns with the total # of “full time” players (109) currently on tour.
- 2) It would take 136 ranking points for a player to achieve a ranking of #100. This equates to a player needing to reach the Quarter Finals of at least 7 ITF Future Series tournaments from their 9 total played tournaments.
- 3) Requiring a Men’s player to achieve 7 ITF Future Series Quarter Finals out of 9 tournaments (to reach the minimum ranking criteria for the NHPP) is similar to requiring a Quad player to achieve 6 ITF Future series Quarter Finals out of 7, and a Women’s player 7 ITF Future series Quarter Finals out of 8 to reach their minimum ranking criteria.



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JUNIOR GIRLS

Given the difference in depth of field between the girls and boys the ITF ranking progressions were adjusted as follows:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Junior Boys:</u></p> <p>Entering 1st year carded: ITF Top 25 singles (junior) Entering 2nd year carded: ITF Top 20 singles (junior) Entering 3rd year carded: ITF Top 15 singles (junior)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Junior Girls</u></p> <p>Entering 1st year carded: ITF Top 10 singles (junior) Entering 2nd year carded: ITF Top 8 singles (junior) Entering 3rd year carded: ITF Top 6 singles (junior)</p>

JUNIOR TRANSITION CARDING LEVELS

Research indicates that most junior players compete in both ITF junior and ITF adult/open competitions, as early as their teenage years. The top juniors can build an adult/open ranking as they progress through their junior years. As a result, the junior transition level is no longer required and has been removed. Adult/open entry level rankings should apply to juniors transitioning from junior competition to adults at age 18.