

RESIDENCY ELIGIBILITY AND ROSTERING – 2023 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL VERSION – NOVEMBER 7, 2022

Dodgeball Canada’s residency eligibility rules for the 2023 Canadian National Championships in Montreal are outlined below. The residency rules used for the 2022 Canadian National Championships in Edmonton were amended from previous years to allow for exemptions due to the effects of the COVID pandemic on travel, practice availability and team formations. This approach brings eligibility back into alignment with pre-2022 guidelines.

Also included are Roster definitions that provide clarity on rosters, potential additions, and potential considerations to provincial programs in early development.

Eligibility requirements for an athlete to compete at the Canadian National Championships:

1. Athletes must be a member in good standing of Dodgeball Canada through their respective Provincial Sport Organization.
2. An athlete may only participate in the provincial qualifying tournament/selection process in **one** (1) province/territory in any championship season.
 - a. Where a Provincial Sport Organization has a qualifying tournament, an athlete only needs to be listed on an official registered team roster. If a player discloses that they are not attending a qualifying tournament due to injury, they must provide a player attestation to be eligible to compete at the Canadian National Championships.
 - i. Players and team staff participating at Nationals **MUST** be the same as those listed on the roster for their PSO Championship
 - ii. Changes made to the official roster after the PSO roster lock will only be considered under exceptional circumstances
 - b. Where a Provincial Sport Organization has a selection process, an athlete must attend the selection process.
3. Athletes may compete only for the province/territory in which they **currently reside** unless they are eligible for an exemption.

4. Exemptions:
- Athlete(s) currently plays in a province/territory with no active or recognized Provincial Sport Organization (i.e. Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut)
 - Additional athlete(s) are required to augment a roster of a province/territory that could not otherwise participate at the Canadian National Championships (e.g. Saskatchewan in 2018, Newfoundland and New Brunswick in 2019)
 - **Note:** The Provincial Sport Organization **must** make this case in writing to Dodgeball Canada to have this circumstance supported and approved
 - Players selected to augment a roster must still meet Eligibility requirements 1 and 2; for example, an athlete that augments a potential team from New Brunswick must have participated in the qualifying process in their province of residence
 - Athlete facing extenuating circumstances that relate to the health and well-being of that athlete, the evaluation of those circumstances and subsequent decisions being at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors for Dodgeball Canada

Definition of **Current Residence**

Dodgeball Canada, in consultation with the member Provincial Sport Organizations, is implementing a “play where you live” residency definition for the 2023 National Championships. As such, all athletes seeking to compete at the 2023 National Championships in Montreal, Quebec must qualify through the process in that province where they are residing as of January 1, 2023.

An athlete is deemed to “reside” in a province when they are in that province for more than 50% of their time on a regular basis for the period of 6 months prior to the National Championships.

Additionally, athletes who wish to compete in a province/territory where they are **not** considered a resident and **meet the exemption requirements under section 4** must declare and submit the required supporting documentation to the Provincial Sport Organization in which they wish to participate in the perspective provincial qualifying tournament/selection process prior to January 1st of the year of the championship season.

All exemption requests must be received by the respective Provincial Sport Organization, **a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Member Organization's deadline for entry to the first stage of the championship in question.** The Provincial Sport Organization must submit all relevant information to Dodgeball Canada in a timely manner.

Enforcement

In the case when a team/individual enters a provincial qualifying tournament/selection process and the athlete(s) are found **not** to be in compliance with the eligibility requirements, as outlined above, the entire team/individual risks being suspended for up to one (1) year from Dodgeball Canada and Provincial Sport Organization sanctioned events. Suspension shall only be implemented subsequent to due process and it is determined that information in regards to an athlete(s) residency and/or exemption has been provided in a fraudulent manner