



## RESIDENCY ELIGIBILITY + ROSTERING

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Dodgeball Canada's residency eligibility rules for the National Championships are outlined below.

#### **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 Sports Organization (PSO).
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 PSO has a qualifying tournament, an athlete only needs to be listed on an official registered team roster.
  - b. Where a PSO has a selection process, an athlete must follow the selection process.
3. Athletes may compete only for the province/territory in which they are a current **resident**, unless they are eligible for an exemption that is made in good faith.
4. Exemptions:
  - a. An exemption request must be submitted to Dodgeball Canada 3 weeks prior to the qualifying event laid out by the PSO. All requests will be reviewed by Dodgeball Canada's Board of Directors. Once a decision has been made, the athlete and PSO will receive communication of the decision.
  - b. Some examples of appropriate exemptions requests are:
    - i. Full-time Post Secondary Student
    - ii. Temporary employment or military relocation
    - iii. Health & wellness of the athlete
    - iv. Border communities
    - v. Other extenuating circumstances

**Note:** Dodgeball Canada will accept letters of support from a PSO for eligibility exemptions but they are not required.



### Definition of Resident

For all intents and purposes, Dodgeball Canada defines a resident as, where you play, where you work, where you live and spend the significant majority of your time. For those wishing to play outside their current residency, we encourage those individuals to apply for an exemption in good faith. Dodgeball Canada will make every effort to accommodate and ensure that all individuals are treated fairly and equally.

### Deadlines

An athlete **MUST** be considered a **resident** of the province/territory in which they wish to participate in the respective provincial qualifying tournament/selection process prior to the start of the PSOs qualification process of the year of the championship tournament. Athletes whose resident status has been questioned, either by Dodgeball Canada or a PSO, must declare and submit the required supporting documentation to Dodgeball Canada three weeks prior to the provincial qualifying event or beginning of selection process that the athlete is competing in.

Exemption requests must be received by Dodgeball Canada **a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to qualifying event**. Where it is indicated that Dodgeball Canada must also approve of the exemption, the Athlete must submit all relevant information to Dodgeball Canada when requested.

### 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 will subject themselves to investigation by Dodgeball Canada, and Dodgeball Canada will reserve the right to take action against the team/individual.

### Rostering

Rosters will be due 60 days prior to Nationals, the "roster lock date." After the roster lock date, rosters may not be changed, unless written requests have been received and approved by Dodgeball Canada. All team rosters will be provided directly to Dodgeball Canada via the PSO. Any players or team personnel not participating at the Dodgeball Canada National Championships must be removed from the roster before check-in.

Please note that late roster changes will be granted under exceptional circumstances. Player changes should fall within the following guidelines:

- Teams may only carry a maximum of twelve (12) athletes on the National Roster,
- Incoming player(s) must have participated in the PSO qualifying event, and
- Incoming player(s) can not have previously been rostered on a team that has already qualified for the National Tournament.