

## Black Knight Ontario Junior (A) High Performance Championship Qualifications Guidelines - April 21<sup>st</sup>-23rd, 2023

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

#### References:

- [A. Junior A Provincial Championships Qualifications Guidelines](#)
- [B. ODBA policy on financial assistance to juniors](#)
- [C. Badminton Ontario Junior Ranking](#)

#### Introduction

Please note that we haven't seen new requirements for 2022/2023 season from Badminton Ontario. The one below are the requirements from Badminton Ontario for 2021/2022 season. However if you are interested for playing for Ontario Junior A championship this year, just send us a request before the deadline.

A player qualifies for the Ontario Jr. A championships if they have accumulated 3000 points or more in any one discipline as listed in the Badminton Ontario Ranking System. Points are listed in the Ontario Ranking System published online and championship qualification is in accordance to the ranking point level at two weeks before the start of the championships. U11 Athletes have no ranking point qualification restrictions to qualify for the Ontario Junior HP A Championships.

All athletes must be a Canadian Citizen. Non-Canadian citizens, must have landed immigrant status (Ontario PR card) and must have resided in ONTARIO for 12 months prior to the date of the tournament. An athlete is not eligible if such athlete has played in (or registered to play in) a closed championship in any other province or in any other country in the playing year in which the tournament is held.

Any player who qualifies in one discipline may enter in all disciplines of the same age group. Any player that qualifies or plays in the Ontario Jr. A Championship cannot play in the Ontario Jr. B Championships nor the Ontario Jr. C Championship in any age group.

Each District Member Association of Badminton Ontario may nominate athletes to participate in the Junior (A) HP Championships who did not qualify by points. Badminton Ontario must receive all nominations from the District seven (7) days before the registration deadline. Badminton Ontario will respect the nomination process set by each District.

Each Badminton Ontario district at their discretion can nominate one girl's singles and one boy's singles player, one girls' and one boy's doubles team and one mixed doubles team in each age group who otherwise did not qualify by points. Generally, appeals will be permitted however, the tournament committee will reserve the right to permit additional players. For more information, please contact your District representative.

Age	Season QUALIFIERS	District Nominations
U19 Boys	any athlete with 3000 points or more in any one discipline	4
U17 Boys	any athlete with 3000 points or more in any one discipline	4
U15 Boys	any athlete with 3000 points or more in any one discipline	4
U19 Girls	any athlete with 3000 points or more in any one discipline	4
U17 Girls	any athlete with 3000 points or more in any one discipline	4
U15 Girls	any athlete with 3000 points or more in any one discipline	4

This document explains the process to be used by the ODBA to identifying these additional players from the Ottawa District. Please also note that players who participated in Provincial Junior A Championship will not be allowed to participate in Provincial Junior B/C Championship.

## Selection Process

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 criterion, the one who has earned the most provincial ranking points (ref C) 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 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 BON apply (player must have a valid BON card).

## Procedure for players

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 interests to the Director of Junior Player Development **no later than [midnight on March 28th, 2023](#)**. This email shall indicate the event(s) in which the player or team is interested in as well as information below.

Last Name	First Name	BON ID	Year born	Gender	Age Group	Event	Partner	Club

The Director of Junior Player Development will maintain a log of players and teams who indicated their interest. Once the BON 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 BON and the players concerned will be notified. Players who were allocated wildcards will then be able to register for the Junior A through the BON 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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