



2026 TEAM ALBERTA

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION PROCESS

Team Objectives:

- To select the most competitive athletes who are prepared to compete at the Provincial Team Competition (PTC) held at the Pickleball Canada Nationals (August 25–30, 2026, Greater Toronto Area).
- To develop the next generation of elite athletes in alignment with Pickleball Alberta's strategic priorities.
- To support the identification and evaluation of athletes for Pickleball Canada's National Team Development Program, recognizing the 2026 Provincial Team Competition as an assessment opportunity within the national high-performance pathway.
- To ensure selected athletes represent Pickleball Alberta with excellence, integrity, and sportsmanship.

Eligibility Criteria:

Athletes wishing to be considered for selection to Team Alberta must:

- 1) Be a member of Pickleball Alberta and Pickleball Canada in good standing
- 2) Be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident
- 3) Meet the Alberta residency requirements to compete for the Province¹
- 4) A minimum DUPR rating of 4.0 - no exceptions as per Pickleball Canada rules
- 5) Must be a player participant in the 2026 Pickleball Alberta Provincial Tournament²
- 6) Must meet the Fairness and Safety in Sport Eligibility requirements for the female team positions (female born at birth)

¹ Proof of Alberta Residency may be required. Alberta Residency is defined as being physically present in Alberta for 6 months of a 12-month period, files Provincial taxes in Alberta, or has Alberta Provincial Health Care Coverage. Examples of proof of residency include Alberta Government Issued ID ie: Alberta Drivers License, or Alberta Provincial Health Care Card

² Team Alberta athletes that do not participate in the 2026 Pickleball Alberta Provincial Championships for any reason will be replaced by an alternate named to the team (no exceptions)



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Team Composition:

- Team Alberta athletes will be selected in two divisions³:
 - Open Division (all ages)
 - Four (4) male and four (4) female team members
 - At a minimum one of the eight (8) positions in the Open Division will be allocated to a Junior U18 athlete
 - 1 male and 1 female alternate
 - Masters Division (age 50 and above)
 - 4 male and 4 female team members
 - 1 male and 1 female alternate
- One Team Captain and one Assistant Team Captain will be assigned from the 16 selected team athletes
- In addition to the players and alternates outlined above, Pickleball Alberta will select one Team Coach, and one Administrative Support Staff as part of Team Alberta
- Team members will be responsible for all expenses, excluding registration fees and team uniforms, and are expected to participate in fundraising efforts to help offset these costs
- Team members should have expectations to participate in team meetings and development/training opportunities
- Each division will consist of five playing events:
 - Men's doubles
 - Women's doubles
 - Mixed Doubles
 - Men's Singles
 - Women's Singles

³Note: once an athlete is substituted out of the PTC (if an injury occurs) then they are not allowed to play for the remainder of the PTC and the alternate becomes the roster athlete.



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Team Selection:

- Each team member will compete in only one (1) of the five (5) playing events within their respective division.
- Athlete selection will be based as individual evaluation, not on pre-existing teams or partnerships
- DUPR ratings will be verified by the Selection Committee on April 1, 2026
- Selection of sixteen (16) athletes and four (4) alternates will be based on the following:
 - DUPR ratings as of April 1, 2026,
 - DUPR reliability ratings will be considered as part of the evaluation process
 - One (1) position in the open division will be allocated to a Junior (U18) athlete
 - Four (4) male athletes, four (4) female athletes, one (1) male alternate and one (1) female alternate must be age 50 and above to compete in the Masters Division
- The Team Coach must hold a minimum NCCP Level 2 Certification, be in good standing, and have completed all required Safe Sport requirements, including a current criminal record check (Backcheck) and Respect in Sport- Activity Leader certification
- The Administrative Support Team member must be a current Pickleball Alberta Board or staff member, and meet Pickleball Alberta Safe Sport requirements, including a current criminal record check (Backcheck) and Safe Sport certification

The Team Alberta Selection Committee comprised of Pickleball Alberta Board Members and the Executive Director, is delegated the authority to make final selections and decisions related to Team Alberta, and to handle any situation not covered by its rules and policies as it considers necessary. Appeals can be made through the Pickleball Alberta [Appeal Policy](#) and any questions or matters of concern should initially be directed to Pickleball Alberta's Executive Director at lisa.hardy@pickleballalberta.org



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Online Application Form Questions:

First and Last Name

Email Address

Cell Phone Number

Date of Birth

Home Club

Mailing Address

Current DUPR Rating

History of 2023 – 2026 Canadian Tournament Achievements/participation:

Select your preference of which playing event you would like to be considered for:

- Men's doubles
- Women's doubles
- Mixed Doubles
- Men's Singles
- Women's Singles

In accordance with Alberta's Fairness and Safety in Sport Legislation (Bill 29), Pickleball Alberta is required to ask the following:

Do you plan to participate in a female-only competitive division (Women's Singles or Women's Doubles), 12 years of age or older? (Y/N)

If yes,

I declare that I meet the eligibility requirements to be considered for a female roster position on Team Alberta, including that my sex assigned at birth was female, in accordance with Pickleball Alberta policies and the Fairness and Safety in Sport Act and related regulations. I acknowledge that Pickleball Alberta may require confirmation of eligibility where necessary and that any false or misleading information may result in disqualification from the selection process and/or removal from Team Alberta