
2021 CANADA WIDE TEAM LEAGUE **Uniting Table Tennis Across Canada**

Date: March 8-31st, 2021
Location: Determined by Province/Territory
Time: Determined by Province/Territory
Players: Determined by Province/Territory

Organizing Committee:

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Provincial/Territorial Support:

Name: Determined by Province/Territory

INTRODUCTION

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, safe return to play is extremely important. The wellbeing of our athletes, coaches, umpires, administrators, volunteers and all the families involved is the ultimate goal. Restrictions and rules for public gathering vary from region to region inside our country. This scenario makes it for a very difficult way to come up with a competition format that would not break social distancing rules.

This competition format will allow players to compete safely inside their own region. Cross borders and isolation will not be necessary since the eligible athletes will play against a small group of athletes from the same region.

For this event, this small group of athletes is composed of 5 athletes representing 5 different nation wide teams. Each team will have 1 athlete from each of our 13 Provinces and Territories. 65 athletes will be playing this tier.

Our inspiration for the 5 teams is simple: The 5 Olympic Games Rings represented by the colors blue, yellow, red, black and green. Although playing inside their own region, the athletes will represent one of the 5 colours, not the athlete's club or Province/Territory.

The Canadian sport movement is calling for a better integration of gender equality. Table Tennis Canada supports this initiative by making sure that the small group of 5 athletes will be composed by a minimum of 2 players per gender, whenever possible.

Our goal is to provide meaningful competitions for all participants. Meaningful competition is achieved when the outcome of a match between two athletes is not predictable, avoiding

blowouts and/or easy wins. With that in mind, the small group of 5 athletes selected by the Province/Territory have **similar ratings points** in the Canadian Ranking System.

COVID-19 REGULATIONS FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

TTCan encourages all participants to take in consideration the Club Risk Assessment Tool guidelines as well as regional governmental guidelines to ensure the safety of all participants.

1. EVENTS

Event Category

Maximum number of players

Mixed Teams

65 athletes (5 athletes per PTSO)

Note:

- ◇ 5 teams will be formed each representing a colour of the Olympic Games rings (blue, yellow, red, black and green).
- ◇ Minimal participation of 2 players of each gender per PTSO, being the total of 5 athletes being selected.
- ◇ All 5 players need to have similar rating points/levels.
- ◇ Number of mixed athletes per team: 13.

2. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY:

To represent a P/T member association, a competitor must be:

- ◇ A member in good standing of a member association and with Table Tennis Canada
- ◇ A Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident (proof required for new players).
- ◇ If a player has resided in one or more Provinces/Territories, the player represents the Province/Territory for which he/she is listed on the rating list at entry deadline.

3. ENTRY PROCESS / DEADLINES:

Information session: February 22, 2021 - 7pm EST
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88929686383?pwd=NFFYdGtNWjFWNWpUSWt2MmJwait3QT09>

P/T association registration deadline: February 25, 2021

Team Draw: March 1, 2021 - 7pm EST
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86108079766?pwd=ZVFNkpwWcytaa1crV1ZYRjdxDDQ2Zz09>

Announcement schedule, live stream: March 5, 2021

4. DRAW FORMAT and SEEDING:

- ◇ 5 teams (13 athletes each):
 1. Team Blue
 2. Team Yellow
 3. Team Red
 4. Team Black
 5. Team Green

- ◇ All matches will be best of 5 sets.

- ◇ 1 Round Robin Group of 5 players in 1 table at the same time.

- ◇ Suggested Order of the Matches:
 1. Round 1: Match 1 - Team Blue v Team Black; Match 2 – Team Red v Team Green
 2. Round 2: Match 3 - Team Yellow v Team Green; Match 4 – Team Red v Team Black
 3. Round 3: Match 5 - Team Blue v Team Red; Match 6 – Team Yellow v Team Black
 4. Round 4: Match 7 - Team Blue v Team Yellow; Match 8 – Team Black v Team Green
 5. Round 5: Match 9 - Team Blue v Team Green; Match 10 – Team Yellow v Team Red

- ◇ The Provincial/Territorial names need to be submitted by February 25, 2021. The draw of the teams will be done March 1, 2021. The teams will be published in full at www.tttcanada.ca

5. MEDIA:

TTCan encourages all the PTSOs to share in the media outlets and www.ttcanaa.ca the following videos and posts:

- Draw for teams
- 1 match per round in the RR Group (or more)

6. JURY MEETING:

If necessary, TTCan will organize a Zoom Meeting on March 1, 2021.

7. EQUIPMENT:

Tables: TBD by the PTSOs (local organizer)
Balls: Butterfly A40+
Floor: TBD by the PTSOs (local organizer)