



ATLANTIC TENNIS ALLIANCE (ATA)

Indoor Playing Ops

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Indoor Junior Atlantics Qualifying:

Qualifying for the 2027 Indoor Junior Atlantics will be based solely on the National Bank Rankings. The **top 8** ranked players in Atlantic Canada in each age group as of Wednesday, January 20th, 2027, for each gender will qualify to play in the Indoor Atlantics, *regardless of which province they are from*. Players who are in the top 8 in their older (secondary) age group will qualify for both events. Playing both divisions at the Atlantics is discouraged unless you plan to attend both Nationals in the case of qualifying for both age groups. If a player in the top 8 is not using their spot, the next player in the rankings *regardless of which province they are from* will receive the spot until the 8 are filled. The maximum singles draw size will be 8 players.

Indoor Junior Atlantic Circuit Events:

The 2026-2027 Indoor ATA Circuit will consist of four 3.5 Star and four 4 Star events, concluding with the 5 Star Atlantic Junior Indoor Championships (National Selections). These tournaments will give players the opportunity to earn points to climb into the top 8 in rankings, and to qualify for the Atlantics.

Note: The 3.5 Star and 4 Star events are open to players outside of Atlantic Canada.



2026/2027 Indoor Schedule of Events:

To maintain ranking integrity heading into the Indoor Atlantics, all players competing in 4 Star tournaments held in late 2026 must register and play in their 2027 age groups.

- **Why this is required:** Qualification for the Indoor Atlantics is based directly on the National Bank Junior Rankings. Aligning late 2026 4 Star events with 2027 age categories ensures point allocations reflect the divisions players will compete in at Indoor Atlantics.
- **Affected 4 Star Events:** This rule will only apply to the two 4 Star tournaments scheduled in November 2026:
 - **Nov 13–15:** PEI 4 Star Tournament
 - **Nov 27–29:** St. John's (NL) 4 Star Tournament
- **Registration:** Tournament software for both November 4 Star events will automatically restrict registration to players' 2027 age categories.
- **Example:** A player born in 2014 plays U12 in early 2026. Because they age into U14 for the 2027 calendar year, they must register in the U14 category for the November 2026 PEI and St. John's 4 Star tournaments.
- **3.5-Star Events:** This rule does not apply to 3.5 Star tournaments held in 2026. Players competing in 3.5 Star events may continue playing in their current 2026 age groups if they choose to.

2026 Indoor Events:

- October 2 – 4 PEI **3.5 Star (COUGAR DOME, TRURO) *Tennis PEI Event***
- October 16 – 18 NL (St. John's) **3.5 Star**
- November 13 – 15 PEI (COUGAR DOME TRURO) **4 Star *Tennis PEI Event***
- November 27 – 29 NL (St John's) **4 Star**
- Dec 11 – 13 Volvo Cars NB Tennis Centre Fredericton (formerly Abony Family Center) **3.5 Star (MAX OF 40 PLAYERS)**
- December 27-29 - Headstart Tennis Centre (Halifax) **3.5 Star (Sun - Tue) (May begin on the afternoon of Dec 26 depending on entry size)**

2027 Indoor Events:

- January 2-4 - Volvo Cars NB Tennis Centre Fredericton (formerly Abony Family Center) **4 Star (Sat – Mon).**
- January 15-17 - NS Sobeys Atlantic Tennis Centre (Halifax/Bedford) **4 Star**
- Qualification Top 8 Cut Off - Wednesday, January 20th, 2027
- February 4-7 - Junior Indoor Atlantic Championships **5 Star *Hosted by Tennis PEI* (Sobeys Atlantic Tennis Centre, Halifax/Bedford NS)**



Registration for the above events will be conducted through the respective Provincial Tennis Associations. General format, depending on participation numbers, will be standard draws with first-round loss match consolation; draws of 4 or less may use a round-robin format. Seeding for all events will be based on National Bank rankings.

Division & “Play Up” Rules:

- **Maximum Entries:** Players may register in a maximum of 2 singles divisions per event.
- **4 Star Events & Atlantics:** Players may enter their primary age division and/or one age group higher (noting that for November 2026 4 Star events, a player's primary division is based on their 2027 age group).
- **3.5 Star Events:** There are no "play up" age restrictions for 3.5 Star events, allowing players to enter any higher age division of their choice.

Nationals Wildcards:

On rare occasions, the ATA will accept requests for a Nationals wildcard spot from a player who is unable to attend the Atlantic Championships for valid reason (e.g. conflicts with a Tennis Canada mandatory camp, significant injury with physician note, etc.). Wildcard applications must include supporting documentation and are reviewed on a case-by-case basis using objective criteria. A maximum of one (1) wildcard per age group per gender may be awarded to players with valid reason who is deemed to be one of the top players in their division. Any request for a wildcard must be sent to the ATA Administrator (Pierre Gallant) at least 10 days in advance of the first day of the Atlantic Championship tournament. The awarding of a wildcard will require unanimous consent from the 4 Provincial Tennis Associations and will be communicated to players prior to the start of play of the Atlantics. In the event that a Wildcard is granted, the remaining two nationals spots will be awarded to the 2 main draw finalists of that particular age category. At that point, no Nationals spot will be awarded to the winner of the Consolation Draw.



Indoor Athletics:

The 2027 Indoor Junior Atlantics will be held in Halifax, NS at the Sobeys Atlantic Tennis Centre from Thursday, February 4 to Sunday, February 7. The event will be a 4 day tournament with play to begin Thursday morning. Players may qualify in 2 singles events (if in Top 8) and play in 2 singles draws at the Indoor Atlantics; however, they must be prepared to play as many as 3 or 4 matches each day (not more than 2 per singles division) as required by the scheduling process.

Indoor Atlantics Divisions:

- Under 12 Boys & Girls Singles
- Under 14 Boys & Girls Singles
- Under 16 Boys & Girls Singles
- Under 18 Boys & Girls Singles
- Under 14 Boys & Girls Doubles
- Under 18 Boys & Girls Doubles

Atlantics Format:

All singles divisions will be standard elimination draws (maximum of 8) with feed in consolation to the semis. Scoring format for all singles matches, both main draw and consolation, will be best 2 of 3 tiebreaker sets. Small draws may use a modified format.

All doubles divisions will play one 8-Game Pro-set, with No-Ads (returner's choice) and a regular tiebreak to 7 (winning by a 2-point margin) played at 7-all in games. There are no consolation matches for doubles.

Seeding for Atlantics: Seeds will be determined by the National Bank Rankings. All draws will have 4 seeds, unless the category has a draw size smaller than 8 players.



Nationals Spots Allocations:

The top 3 placed players in each division U12 - U18 at the Atlantics will be offered a spot at the 2027 Indoor Junior Nationals.

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There are still vacant Junior Nationals spots available after being offered to the top 3 placed players at the Atlantics.	The 4 th place player would be the next in-line to be offered a vacant spot at the Junior Nationals.
There are still vacant Junior Nationals spots available after being offered to the top 4 placed players at the Atlantics.	The vacant spot would first be offered to the highest ranked player who finished in the 5 th /6 th position at Atlantics, then to the lower ranked player who finished in the 5 th /6 th position at Atlantics.
There are still vacant Junior Nationals spots available after being offered to the top 6 placed players at the Atlantics.	The vacant spot would first be offered to the highest ranked player who finished in the 7 th /8 th position at Atlantics, then to the lower ranked player who finished in the 7 th /8 th position at Atlantics.

**Players must have participated in the Atlantics (National selection) in order to be considered for a National spot, unless a Wild Card has otherwise been granted. Rankings will be based on the date the spot is officially offered.*

**Please note that the Junior National Championships are only open to Canadian citizens or permanent residents.*