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PLAYER LIST CONFIRMED FOR THE 2023 CHALLENGER BANQUE NATIONALE DE SAGUENAY

Former pro Caroline Delisle takes the reins as new tournament director

Montreal, October 4, 2023 — On Wednesday, Tennis Canada announced the list of players who will compete at the Challenger Banque Nationale de Saguenay from October 15 to 22. The \$60,000 International Tennis Federation (ITF) Circuit event has been held in Saguenay, Quebec since 2006, crowning numerous Canadian champions, including Toronto's Katherine Sebov. Sebov, who captured the title in 2018 and reached the 2022 finals, will be back in Saguenay this year as the top-seeded player.

Played out of the Club de tennis intérieur Saguenay, the 2023 edition of the tournament will feature three Canadians in its main draw. Sebov, the No. 1 seed, has had a fantastic season so far, winning a title on home soil at the W25 event in Toronto and reaching a career high ranking of No. 152 this week. Joining her in the main draw is Mississauga's Marina Stakusic, who peaked at No. 297 on Monday following back-to-back ITF titles in September, and Toronto's Victoria Mboko (World No. 389), champion at this year's W60 event in Saskatoon.

Other notable players set to take to the courts in Saguenay are Australian Arina Rodionova (No. 169), Lesley Pattinama Kerkhove (No. 227) of the Netherlands, and 17-year-old American Liv Hovde (No. 275). Hovde, who was crowned champion at the 2022 Wimbledon girls' competition, isn't the only up-and-coming player in the field, as young Canadians Cadence Brace, Kayla Cross, Ana Grubor, Mia Kupres, Layne Sleeth, and Dasha Plekhanova will be taking part in the tournament's qualifying draw.

"Get ready to witness exhilarating tennis at the 2023 edition of the Challenger Banque Nationale de Saguenay," said Francis Milloy, Manager of Professional and National Events in Quebec at Tennis Canada. "With a lineup of talented players from across the globe, including some of Canada's top young players, the city will be treated to what is sure to be an unforgettable event."

In addition to the outstanding player field, the event has named Caroline Delisle as the new tournament director. Delisle, a former member of the Oklahoma State tennis team, played six years on the professional circuit, reaching a career high ranking of No. 94 in doubles and No. 237 in singles. Delisle's appointment as tournament director marks a significant milestone for the Challenger de Saguenay, as she becomes the first-ever female director in the event's history. Delisle has been working at Club de tennis intérieur Saguenay – the tournament's headquarters – as head pro for nearly 30 years.

"It is with pride, but above all with a great degree of humility, that I have accepted this appointment," said Delisle. "I see my new role within an organization that, like me, has always put the players' well-being at the forefront of its priorities. My dearest wish is that the girls will have an unforgettable memory of their time here at the Challenger Banque Nationale de Saguenay."

To see the full list of players scheduled to take part in the 2023 Challenger de Saguenay, please click [here](#). For more information and updates regarding the tournament, or to purchase tickets, please visit <https://saguenay.nationalbankchallenger.com/>.



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