

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THIRTEEN CANADIANS TO COMPETE IN PRE-QUALIFYING TO SECURE THE FINAL QUALIFYING WILD CARD FOR THE NATIONAL BANK OPEN IN MONTRÉAL

Pre-qualifying runs from Monday, July 21 to Thursday, July 24 at IGA Stadium

[MONTRÉAL, QC] July 18, 2025 – Today, Tennis Canada released the list of players set to compete in the pre-qualifying tournament for a qualifying wild card into the 2025 National Bank Open presented by Rogers (NBO) in Montréal. The event takes place at IGA Stadium from Monday, July 21 to Thursday, July 24.

"This year's pre-qualifying tournament brings together a compelling mix of young, motivated players and others who've had a shot in the qualifying rounds before. It really reflects the depth of Canadian tennis," said Noëlle van Lottum, Head of Women's Tennis at Tennis Canada. "It's an incredible opportunity for the players to earn a spot in the qualifying draw of a WTA 1000 event like the National Bank Open and gain valuable experience competing at one of the highest levels right here at home, at IGA Stadium."

Among the players on the pre-qualifying list is Ariana Arseneault. A member of Team Canada at the 2025 Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers earlier this season, she has delivered solid results on home soil, reaching the singles semifinals at the ITF W15 in Montréal in 2025. Last season, she was a finalist in Edmonton (ITF W35) and a quarterfinalist in Saskatoon (W35). In 2019, she earned a wild card into the qualifying draw of the National Bank Open. The 22-year-old is currently the Canadian no.3 in doubles owing to her world ranking (No.111).

Also on the pre-qualifying list are Ontarians Dasha Plekhanova and Nadia Lagaev. Plekhanova was a finalist at the ITF W35 in Decatur, Illinois, in June and a semifinalist at the W35 in Orlando, Florida, in May. Lagaev, who recently competed in the junior qualifying rounds at Wimbledon, is also in the mix. As the No.43 in the ITF rankings and the top junior in the country, she has claimed three J200 titles this season.

The winner of the pre-qualifying event will join her fellow Canadian wild cards—Carol Zhao, Cadence Brace and Katherine Sebov—in the qualifying draw. Any one of them could face 2025 Wimbledon quarterfinalist Laura Siegemund, or three-time Grand Slam quarterfinalist Ajla Tomljanovic.

FULL LIST OF PLAYERS COMPETING IN PRE-QUALIFYING

Player	Hometown
Dasha Plekhanova	Toronto, ON
Ariana Arseneault	Richmond Hill, ON
Nadia Lagaev	Vaughan, ON
Raphaëlle Lacasse	Montreal, QC
Annabelle Xu	Montreal, QC
Alexandra Vagramov	Port Moody, BC



Justine Bryson	Markham, ON
Andrea Cabio	Milton, ON
Catherine Gagnon	Montreal, QC
Isabella Marton	Woodbridge, ON
Scarlett Nicholson	Toronto, ON
Charlize Celebrini	North Vancouver, BC
Clémence Mercier	Saint-Roch-Ouest, QC

To view tomorrow's match schedule, click here.

To view the pre-qualifying draw, click here.

Additional information

- The first edition of the National Bank Open in its new format starts with a day of qualifying on Saturday, July 26. Main draw play runs from Sunday, July 27, through Thursday, August 7 at IGA Stadium.
- The qualifying draw will be decided on Friday, July 25. The main draw ceremony is on Saturday, July 26 at 11 a.m.

TICKETS

Check out the *Ultimate Ticket Guide to the 2025 NBO Redefined Experience* here to learn more. Fans can follow the links below to purchase tickets for the National Bank Open in Montréal and Toronto: Montréal (WTA Tour) | Toronto (ATP Tour)

About the National Bank Open presented by Rogers

The National Bank Open presented by Rogers is a world-class tournament owned and operated by Tennis Canada. In 2025, the event enters a new era with an expanded 12-day format that features a 96-player main draw. As a Hologic WTA 1000 and ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournament, it will showcase the world's top tennis players in Montreal and Toronto from July 26 to August 7. The women's event, celebrating more than 130 years of history, will take place at IGA Stadium in Montreal. The men's event, celebrating more than 140 years of tradition, will be held at Sobeys Stadium. The National Bank Open presented by Rogers is the third-oldest title in tennis, behind only Wimbledon and the US Open. For more information and tickets, visit www.nationalbankopen.com.

-30-

Media contacts

Marika Guérin
Consultant, Communications
mguerin ext@tenniscanada.com
450-517-8813



Charlotte Robillard-Millette Coordinator, Communications <u>crobillard-millette@tenniscanada.com</u> 514-273-1515

Marc-Antoine Farly
Senior Manager, Corporate and Strategic Communications (Montréal)
mafarly@tenniscanada.com
+1 (514) 444-3556