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PLAYER ENTRY LIST CONFIRMED FOR THE 2025 SAGUENAY NATIONAL BANK CHALLENGER

Led by top seed Cadence Brace, four Canadians gain direct entry into the main draw

[MONTREAL, QC] October 10, 2025 – The player entry list for the 2025 Saguenay National Bank Challenger is official, and several Canadians are set to take centre stage at the Club de tennis intérieur Saguenay from October 20 to 26. Approaching its 20th anniversary, the tournament founded in 2006 is an International Tennis Federation (ITF) W75 event offering a total prize money of \$60,000.

“We’re always thrilled to be back in Saguenay, which is known for its warm welcome and fervent fans,” said Francis Milloy, Manager of Professional and National Events in Quebec at Tennis Canada. “The Saguenay tournament has long been an important stepping stone for Canadian players, and it’s inspiring to see them return year after year, ready to compete against a strong international field.”

Ranked a career-high World No. 205, Canadian Cadence Brace enters the tournament as the favourite. The 20-year-old has enjoyed a strong season, reaching the semi-finals of the ITF W75 event in Granby and, just a few weeks later, the final of a similar-level tournament in South Carolina. Now in her second year at Louisiana State University (LSU), she continues to impress on the NCAA circuit, standing out as the only Canadian in the pre-season Top 10 singles ranking at No. 4.

Coming off a final appearance at an ITF W75 event in California, fellow Canadian Kayla Cross (No. 258) will compete in the main draw as the fifth seed. Also joining the field is Ariana Arsenault (No. 474). At the National Bank Open presented by Rogers in Montreal last August, she battled through the qualifying rounds before falling to eventual finalist Naomi Osaka. The last Canadian to earn direct entry is Dasha Plekhanova (No. 544), who reached a final and a semi-final of W35 tournaments this season and won the [pre-qualifying event of the National Bank Open](#).

Other players to watch include former World No. 43 Viktoria Hrucakova of Slovakia and former World No. 70 Harriet Dart of Great Britain, who competed in the main draws of all four Grand Slam tournaments this year. Dart arrives in Saguenay fresh off a W35 tournament triumph in Tunisia. Former World No. 73 Sachia Vickery will be looking to claim her first title of the season.

Five more Canadians will fight it out in the qualifying draw: Alexandra Vagramov, Raphaëlle Lacasse, Nadia Lagaev, Ana Grubor and Anna Tabunshchyk.

“It’s a privilege to lead the tournament for a third year,” said Caroline Delisle, Director of the Saguenay National Bank Challenger. “We’re proud to welcome Canada’s rising stars and talented players from around the world. The enthusiasm of the crowds and the unwavering support of our partners always



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make this week very special, and we can't wait for another edition filled with top-level tennis and unforgettable moments.”

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