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## **CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR TENNIS TEAMS NAMED FOR 2026 NATIONAL HIGH PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

- ***Four players have also been selected to represent Canada at the World Team Cup Americas Qualification in Lima, Peru***

**[TORONTO, ON] February 26, 2026** – Tennis Canada today unveiled the 2026 cohorts for the National High Performance Program (NHPP) and National Development Program (NDP), which are designed for Canada's top and up-and-coming wheelchair tennis players.

This year's NHPP class includes returning players Frédérique Bérubé Perron, Shawn Courchesne, Anne-Marie Dolinar, Barry Henderson, Natalia Lanucha, Mitch McIntyre, Thomas Venos, and former NDP member Se Youn Moon. Rob Shaw, Canada's most decorated wheelchair tennis player and former member of the NHPP, will not be back, having announced his retirement in January. The 2026 NDP group will consist of returnees John Chen, Patrick Levis, Hisham Mohammad, and Lachlan Sandford.

"We are incredibly proud of the dedication and resilience our Canadian wheelchair tennis athletes have shown over the past year, and we're excited to carry this momentum into 2026," said Kai Schrameyer, National Wheelchair Tennis Coach at Tennis Canada. "The success of our National High Performance and National Development Programs reflects the strength of our pathway and the commitment of our players, coaches, and support staff nationwide. With eight players ranked in the Top 100 in their divisions – and several more close behind – this is a tremendous achievement. We're determined to grow that number and help our top athletes reach new heights this season."

### **NHPP AND NDP ATHLETES**

<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>	<b>DIVISION &amp; RANKING</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>
Frédérique Bérubé Perron	St. Bruno, Quebec	Women's World No. 115	NHPP
Shawn Courchesne	Brampton, Ontario	Quad's World No. 24	NHPP
Anne-Marie Dolinar	Deep River, Ontario	Women's World No. 52	NHPP
Barry Henderson	Mission, British Columbia	Men's World No 94	NHPP
Natalia Lanucha	Pincourt, Quebec	Women's World No. 86	NHPP
Mitch McIntyre	Vancouver, British Columbia	Quad's World No. 64	NHPP
Se Youn Moon	Richmond, British Columbia	Men's World No. 103	NHPP
Thomas Venos	Anmore, British Columbia	Men's World No. 34	NHPP
John Chen	Richmond, British Columbia	Men's World No. 125	NDP
Patrick Levis	Victoria, British Columbia	Men's World No. 139	NDP
Hisham Mohammad	Hamilton, Ontario	Quad's World No. 54	NDP
Lachlan Sandford	Mission, British Columbia	Quad's World No 57	NDP



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## WORLD TEAM CUP QUALIFICATION

The BNP Paribas World Team Cup Americas Qualification will take place in Lima, Peru from March 2-6, 2026, and will feature a Canadian men's team and quad team. The event is considered to be the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup of wheelchair tennis, with teams aiming to advance to the World Team Cup Final in September.

NHHP athletes Venos and Henderson will represent Canada in the men's division. This will be the fifth time Venos has participated in the World Team Cup Qualification, and the fourth time for Henderson. Their division will include teams from Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru, and Uruguay. The quad team will be represented by NHPP member Courchesne and NDP athlete Sandford. This will be the second time Courchesne dons the maple leaf at the event, while Sandford gets set for his debut. The quad division includes Argentina, Chile, Chinese Taipei, Ecuador, Japan, Peru, and the Republic of Korea.

The four Canadian athletes will be accompanied in Lima by men's team captain Sarah Kadi, quad team captain Joel Cruz, Mara Chaplin as athletic therapist, and Shaw, who has represented Canada on numerous occasions, as team manager.

To follow the action on the clay courts of the Club Lawn Tennis de la Exposición as Canada attempts to qualify for the World Team Cup Final, click [here](#).

### About Tennis Canada

Founded in 1890, Tennis Canada is a non-profit, national sport association with a mission to lead the growth, development and promotion of tennis in Canada and a vision to be a world-leading tennis nation. We value teamwork, passion, integrity, innovation and excellence. Tennis Canada owns and operates the premier National Bank Open presented by Rogers WTA and ATP Tour events, it financially supports 15 other professional tournaments in Canada, as well as operating more than 60 events nationally across junior, wheelchair, university and Masters tennis categories. Tennis Canada is a proud member of the International Tennis Federation, the Canadian Olympic Committee and the Canadian Paralympic Committee, and serves to administer, sponsor and select the teams for Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup, the Olympic and Paralympic Games and all wheelchair, junior and masters tennis national teams. Tennis Canada invests its surplus into tennis development. For more information on Tennis Canada please visit our website at: [www.tenniscanada.com](http://www.tenniscanada.com) and follow us on LinkedIn, X, Facebook and Instagram.