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TENNIS CANADA RELEASES 2026 NATIONAL EVENT CALENDAR FROM JANUARY THROUGH TO JULY

- *Between January and July, 50 tournaments will take place on Canadian soil*
 - *The Odlum Brown VanOpen makes its highly anticipated comeback*
- *The Road to the NBO competition returns, with points to be earned at each professional event to win a wild card into the National Bank Open*

[TORONTO, ON] February 18, 2026 – Tennis Canada announces a total of 50 tournaments to be held from January to July, after unveiling the first part of its National Event Calendar today. The events will take place across eight provinces and will include 10 professional events, among them the much-anticipated return of the Odlum Brown VanOpen. The Eastern and Western Canadian Indoor Masters Championships will also be returning in 2026.

On the professional circuit, the first event that took place was the Davis Cup Qualifiers 1st Round, held in Vancouver, British Columbia, as Canada defeated Brazil to reach the second round of the event in September, also to be staged in Canada. March will then see four professional International Tennis Federation (ITF) \$15,000 tournaments held in Quebec: women's events in Trois-Rivieres and Victoriaville, and men's events in Sherbrooke and Montreal. The W15 Victoriaville will mark the first time the city has hosted a professional-level tournament.

This summer, the ITF M25 tournament in Laval, Quebec, will kick things off the week of July 5, followed by the Granby National Bank Championships (ITF W75 and ATP Challenger 75), the Winnipeg National Bank Challenger (ATP Challenger 75), and the W35 Saskatoon. July will end with the Odlum Brown VanOpen (WTA 125 and ATP Challenger 125) – the second largest tournament in the country after the prestigious National Bank Open presented by Rogers (NBO), to be hosted in August.

Returning in 2026, Canadians are competing for a wild card into the NBO as part of the *Road to the NBO*, an innovative competition introduced in 2025 to increase engagement and participation in tournaments held in Canada. This year's competition began immediately after the 2025 NBO, with seven tournaments played across the men's and women's divisions, and will continue until the conclusion of the Winnipeg National Bank Challenger and the W35 Saskatoon. Points earned at the Odlum Brown VanOpen will count toward the 2027 rankings. Katherine Sebov (Toronto, ON) currently leads the women's wild card standings with 40 points, while Duncan Chan (Markham, ON) sits atop the men's leaderboard with 47 points.

"We are proud to officially unveil the first half of our 2026 National Events Calendar, a schedule that reflects our long-term strategy to provide our players with more opportunities to play in Canada at all levels of the game," said Ryan Borczon, Senior Director, Professional and National Events, at Tennis Canada. "This year, we are introducing an event in Victoriaville, Quebec, and welcoming the highly anticipated return of the Odlum Brown VanOpen, the second biggest event held in Canada, providing our players with new opportunities and growing the sport's popularity by reaching fans in new regions."



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"At the same time, we are delighted to announce the second edition of the Road to the NBO – a competition that brings added intensity and purpose to the season, as players compete for valuable points on home soil to secure a wild card into the prestigious National Bank Open presented by Rogers," said Richard Quirion, Director, Professional and International Events, Quebec, at Tennis Canada. "Last year, we really felt the excitement of the competition, particularly in Granby, where many Canadians were not only battling for the title, but also for the prized WTA wild card."

Click [here](#) for more information on the *Road to the NBO*, including the points system and standings.

EXCITING NEWS FOR JUNIORS AND MASTERS TENNIS

For the second consecutive year, IGA Stadium in Montreal will stage the North/Central America & Caribbean Final Qualifying for the ITF World Junior Tennis (boys and girls), Davis Cup Juniors, and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors by Gainbridge. This event will feature some of the world's top juniors in the 14 & Under and 16 & Under categories, who will aim to qualify for the final stage of the competition. A total of 20 junior events will take place in Canada ahead of August, including the Fischer Indoor Junior Nationals, which will be held in March in four different provinces.

In masters tennis, the Eastern and Western Canadian Indoor Masters Championships return to the calendar after a three-year hiatus. The Eastern competition is spread across Montreal and Nuns' Island, Quebec, as well as Niagara Falls, Ontario, while Edmonton, Alberta will host all categories of the Western competition. Other events scheduled during this seven-month span include nine additional masters tournaments, five ITF Future Series as part of the UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour, four beach tennis events, and the annual Canadian University Championships, now moved to May instead of August.

Click [here](#) to view the first part of the National Event Calendar. The remainder of the calendar, covering the months of August through December, will be announced in due course.

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 and follow us on LinkedIn, X, Facebook and Instagram.



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