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TENNIS CANADA UNVEILS SPEAKERS FOR 2026 UNMATCHED: GENDER EQUITY IN SPORTS CONFERENCE

- ***Panelists include Olympic medallists, researchers and executives investing in the future of sport***
- **Reserved tables are sold out, lounge single tickets are available for conference's fifth anniversary edition**

[TORONTO, ON] July 16, 2026 – Tennis Canada has unveiled the first wave of speakers for the fifth anniversary edition of the UNMATCHED: Gender Equity in Sports Conference, presented by National Bank.

The lineup will join conference host, CBC Sports' Anastasia Bucsis, for a day of bold conversations, practical solutions and collaborative thinking inspired by this year's theme, Architects of the Next Era of Sport Equity.

Bringing together Olympic medallists, researchers, architects, executives and community leaders, this year's speakers are helping shape a more equitable future for sport through their work, research and lived experience.

Through panel discussions, participant-led table conversations and next-generation Equity Lab spotlights, attendees will explore the ideas, experiences and practical solutions shaping the future of sport. Tables for the conference, taking place on Tuesday, August 11 in the VIP Lounge driven by Mercedes-Benz at Sobeys Stadium are sold out, lounge single tickets are available. Tickets and additional event information are available [here](#).

Confirmed Speakers:

This year's speaker lineup brings together some of Canada's most influential voices in sport, health, leadership and design, alongside Olympic medallists, industry pioneers and changemakers who are actively building a more equitable future for sport.

See below a list of the speakers for each panel:

- Asia Hogan-Rochester (she/they), Team Canada Rugby Olympian
- Raia "Coach" Carey (she/her), Certified Life Coach, Speaker and EDI Consultant
- Ellie Black, Four-Time Canadian Olympian and World Championship Medallist
- Shauna Bookal, President and CEO, Inclusion in Canadian Sports Network
- Teresa Resch, President, Toronto Tempo
- Melissa Clark, AIA, LEED AP, Regional Leader, Sports + Recreation + Entertainment, HOK
- Brian Burke, Hockey Executive and Leader
- Allison Sandmeyer-Graves, CEO, Canadian Women & Sport
- Dr. Margo Mountjoy, Clinical Professor, McMaster University
- Eric Myles, Chief Sport Officer, Canadian Olympic Committee



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- Michelle Yu, Emmy Award-winning Journalist, Anchor and Host

Additional speakers, moderators and special guests will be announced in the coming weeks.

Explore the full UNMATCHED 2026 program, session descriptions, Equity Lab and ticket information [here](#).

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“We’re pleased to share an incredible lineup of speakers for the fifth edition of UNMATCHED. Each brings a unique perspective, deep expertise, and valuable experience that will enrich this year’s programming. We look forward to the meaningful and honest conversations their discussions will inspire and hope their stories will highlight the progress we’ve made toward equity in sport, while also helping us identify the opportunities and challenges that remain. With participants bringing their own diverse experiences and perspectives to the conversation, we look forward to exploring how we can continue to advance this work together.”

- **Terri Temelini, Director of Women and Girls’ Advancement at Tennis Canada**

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, four professional ATP and ITF sanctioned events and financially supports four other professional tournaments in Canada. Tennis Canada operates junior national training centres/programs in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. 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 senior 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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