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KAYLA CROSS, KATHERINE SEBOV LEAD PLAYER FIELD AT 2026 TEVLIN CHALLENGER IN TORONTO

The tournament will take place at Sobeys Stadium in Toronto, Ontario, from October 25 to November 1, 2026

[TORONTO, ON] October 19, 2026 – Tennis Canada today announced the player field for the 2026 Tevlin Challenger, held at Sobeys Stadium in Toronto, Ontario, headlined by Canadians Kayla Cross (London, ON) and Katherine Sebov (Toronto, ON). The tournament, part of the World Tennis Tour (WTT) W75 series, celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2025.

“We’re thrilled to host another year of the Tevlin Challenger, bringing together international talent and Canada’s top rising players,” said tournament director Marie Davies. “While we celebrated the event’s 20th anniversary last year, this year marks our 20th tournament, a milestone we’re incredibly proud to reach as we continue hosting this fantastic women’s event at Sobeys Stadium. With free admission once again, we encourage fans to come out and support these superb athletes.”

Two Canadians will receive direct entry into the main draw, led by world No. 186 Cross. Earlier this season, the 21-year-old reached the second round of the National Bank Open presented by Rogers, earning an impressive victory over then-world No. 72 Katie Boulter of Great Britain. Cross also captured the biggest singles title of her career to date at the Granby National Bank Championships in July. Fellow 21-year-old Brace, ranked No. 331 in the world, has also enjoyed a strong season, winning a W35 title in Barueri, Brazil.

Other players to watch include Japan’s Sara Saito, a four-time WTT title winner who was ranked inside the Top 150 less than two years ago, and Great Britain’s 19-year-old Mimi Xu, who has already claimed two WTT titles, including a W100 title in Wrexham in 2025. Xu, world No. 305, recently enjoyed success on the junior circuit, finishing runner-up in doubles at Wimbledon in 2024 before reaching the singles semi-finals at the tournament again in 2025.

Click [here](#) to view the full list of players scheduled to participate in the 2026 Tevlin Challenger. Admission to the tournament is free.

MEDIA NOTES

- The Tevlin Challenger celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2025.
- Four Canadians have won the event in singles: Aleksandra Wozniak (2005), Eugenie Bouchard (2012), Gabriela Dabrowski (2014), and Marina Stakusic (2023).
- It’s the 17th professional tennis event held in Canada so far this year.
- Canadian players are also taking part in the [Road to the NBO](#), a points race for a main-draw wild card into the 2027 National Bank Open presented by Rogers.

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