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Notice to Members

The changes to the B&C Eligibility Criteria were made by a the B&C Eligibility Criteria Committee which was comprised of 2 Individual MBA Members, 2 Staff Members & 1 Board Member. The new eligibility criteria was approved by the board of directors on September 23, 2015. Names of committee members are available upon request.

Former B&C Championships Eligibility:

Definition of "A" player, for reference in regards to Manitoba B&C player eligibility:

16+ - Includes any player who turns 16 the year of the B&C Championships, or those who are older

Top 5 Provincially ranked U19 boys and girls singles players will not be allowed to participate in B&C Championships.

Top 2 Provincially ranked U17 boys and girls singles players will not be allowed to participate in B&C Championships.

Open Rankings Eligibility Cutoff:

Men - An "A" player will be determined by: top eight (8) in current and previous year's MBA (open) rankings, reached semi-final or higher in an open tier 1.00 tournaments of the current or previous year's season, and current top forty (40) national (open) rankings

Women - A "B" player will be determined by: top four (4) in current and previous year's MBA (open) rankings, reached semi-final or higher in an open tier 1.00 tournaments of the current or previous year's season, and current top thirty (30) national (open) rankings

New B&C Eligibility Criteria (Effective 2015-16 Competitive Season):

Players will be considered "A" players if any of the following apply:

- Participated in an Open or Junior National or higher level Tournament in the current or previous MBA Membership season. This includes Junior National Championships, National Championships (Open) as well as any tournament that is part of the Junior Elite or Senior Elite circuit. This does not include National or International Masters Competitions.
- Reached a semi-final in Provincial Championships, Herb Richard Manitoba Open or any other 1.0 tier tournament in Manitoba in the current or previous MBA Membership season.

The above criteria are exclusively applicable to specific events in the "A" division. For example, a player who makes an "A" semi-final in Women's Doubles at Provincial Championships is not excluded from participating in Women's Singles or Mixed Doubles.

In the case of **doubles and mixed doubles**, a team is only ineligible if both players are "A" players according to the above-mentioned criteria. In other words, an "A" player according to the above mentioned criteria may play in B&C Championships if he or she registers with a non-"A"-player.

An "A" player whose exclusion is due to participation in an Open or Junior National Tournament may **only** register to play in B&C Championships in Mens/Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles, and only if he or she registers with a non-A player.

Players must be at least fifteen (15) years of age at the start of the tournament.