

Canada Games 2022

Story : Tennis Competition Set to Begin on Sunday August 7th in Niagara

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Niagara-on-the Lake Tennis Club and Welland Tennis Club are set to host the tennis competition of the 2022 Canada Summer Games between August 7th and August 13th.

Players from across Canada will represent their provinces/territories in a mixed team competition format. Each provincial/territorial team will be represented by four male athletes and four female athletes that will compete in both singles and doubles.

Postponed a year due to the Covid pandemic, the Canada Games promise to showcase a hard-fought battle for the gold medal as a lot of talented athletes will partake in the tennis competition. Among these is Annabelle Xu from Quebec, ranked as high as #20 in the world in the ITF (International Tennis Federation) junior rankings. Last May/June, she reached the quarterfinals of the prestigious Roland Garros Junior Championships, one of the four junior slams.



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Another notable athlete from the province of Quebec is Mélodie Collard, who was ranked as high as #17 in the world in the ITF junior rankings. Collard, who now plays at University of Virginia in the NCAA, already played in the qualifying draw of the WTA 1000 National Bank Open in 2021.



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Ellie Daniels, ranked as high as #96 in the world in the ITF junior rankings, and Aleksandar Mitric, who recently won the U18 Fischer Indoor Junior Championships, will represent Ontario. Other notable athletes for the Games include Reece Carter from BC (Career high #98 ITF junior, participated in 2017 Canada Games) and former U16 National Champion Liam Drover-Mattinen from Newfoundland & Labrador.

In the opening match, Ontario will start its quest to defend its 2017 gold medal against Alberta on Sunday August 7th at Niagara-on the-Lake Tennis Club at 9:00 am.