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to the
PAN AM
GAMES



SQUASH

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Venue

Exhibition Centre

Venue acronym

EXC

Landmark status

Medium

On the grounds of Exhibition Place, where the Canadian National Exhibition visits Toronto each August, the Exhibition Centre has over one million square feet of space. The facility hosts plenty of other events during the year, including the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in November, which fills the building with horse feces and animal psychics.

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Other events at venue

Indoor volleyball, roller sports (figure skating), handball, racquetball.

Transit Options

The 509 Exhibition streetcar from Union Station on Line 1 or the 511 Bathurst streetcar from Bathurst Station on Line 2 will do the trick, taking you to the Exhibition Loop. There is an temporary express bus (193 Exhibition Rocket) from Dundas West Station (Line 2). You can also take the GO Train to the Exhibition stop on the Lakeshore West line.

For exact directions, try:

Triplinx.ca

[TTC trip planner](#)

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Schedule

July 11-13 Singles

July 13-14 Doubles

July 14-17 Team

[See the full competition schedule at the Pan Am website](#)

How it works

The most popular sport for business types who forgo lunch for a trip to the gym, squash can be played in singles, doubles or team competitions. It takes place in an enclosed court, and players must keep the ball below the a line on all four walls that is 15.1 metres high on the front wall and slopes down as it gets to the back. Games are played up to 11, and competitors must win by two.

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Nations competing

13; Canada, Chile, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico and the U.S. have qualified full teams of six players.

Canada's team

Men

Shawn Delierre, Montreal;
Andrew Schnell and Graham
Schnell, both Calgary.

Women

Samantha Cornett, Ottawa; Hollie Naughton, Mississauga, Ont.; and Nikole Todd, Regina.

Tournament format

A single elimination tournament in all six events (singles, doubles and team for men and women).

Results from 2011

Mexico won gold in four of the six

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events, and seven medals overall. Canada won seven medals, including a gold in the women's team event. Toronto's Miranda Ranieri won three medals on her own — a gold in the team event, bronzes in singles and doubles.

Why it's worth watching

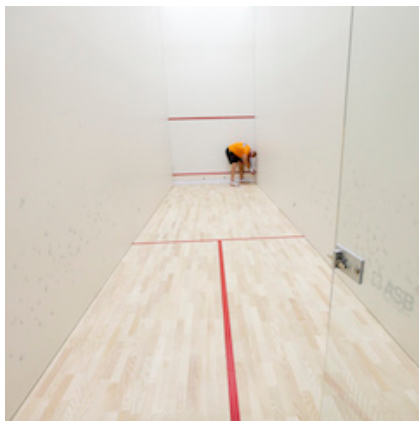
You want to realize how bad you are in your third-favourite recreational pastime, don't you?

Competition outlook

Delierre (ranked 53rd in the world) and Cornett (33rd, a two-time medallist at the previous Pan-Am Games) lead the Canadian teams. Miguel Angel Rodriguez, ranked fourth in the world, of Colombia is the highest-ranked player on the men's side.

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Amanda Sobhy of the United States is the only women's competitor ranked in the top 20.



A crew member prepares one of the squash courts in the days before the Pan Am Games.

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