



SQUASH NSW

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Definitions

CHAMPIONSHIPS is used when an event decides a champion individual or team of a specific area or event.

CLOSING DATE is the day specified when the event entries close.

EVENTS MANAGER is appointed by Squash NSW to oversee and manage the coordination, communication and evaluation of the Championship's preparation and the delivery. During the event they are the on-site Squash NSW Representative empowered to deal with all Squash NSW responsibilities impacting on event delivery and acts as the principal contact with the Host.

GAMES are components of a match.

HOST ASSOCIATION is the venue/club or association appointed by Squash NSW to assist in the delivery of the event.

MATCHES are between individual players. All matches in the event are to be PAR 11, best of five games, unless otherwise stipulated.

PAR 11 is Point-A-Rally scoring to 11 points. If tied at 10-10 player must win by two points.

PLAYERS are the athletes who compete in the event.

PSA is the Professional Squash Association.

RULES of SQUASH are the rules as approved by WSF and adopted by Squash Australia and Squash NSW

SEEDING PANEL is appointed by Squash NSW to seed teams and/or individuals at an event when required.

SQUASH AUSTRALIA is a company limited by guarantee and is the sole national body officially recognised as responsible for Squash in Australia.

SQUASH AUSTRALIA EVENT REGISTRATION SYSTEM The online national competition and event registration system.

SQUASH NSW (NSW Squash Ltd) is the Member of Squash Australia responsible for Squash in New South Wales.

TOURNAMENT refers to a single event.

TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATOR(S) are Volunteer(s) from Squash NSW or its member clubs engaged to assist and prepare daily draws, match times, court allocations, plus the production of score sheets and all results during the event. They shall report to the Tournament Director on all matters.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR (TD) is appointed by Squash NSW to conduct draw procedures including but not limited to seeding, scheduling, draw creation and is responsible for coordinating the event on site. The TD is appointed by Squash NSW and accountable for the efficient conduct and delivery of an event.

TOURNAMENT ORGANISING COMMITTEE (TOC) is formed by the Events Manager in consultation with the Squash NSW and is charged with ensuring that the Championship is administered and coordinated effectively. The TOC consists of Events Manager, Tournament Director, and an additional representative at the discretion of Squash NSW.

TOURNAMENT REFEREE (TR) is appointed by Squash NSW to lead and manage the match officials and make final decisions on matters arising in matches on court that relate to the Rules of the Game. Any matters concerning interpretations of the rules and disputes are to be referred to the Tournament Referee.

VENUE CONTROLLER is appointed by the Events Manager in conjunction with the host venue.

WADA is the World Anti-Doping Agency.

WSF is the World Squash Federation – the world governing body for the sport of squash.

1.0 Section One – General Information

1.1 Introduction

The SQUASH NSW Events Policy applies to the following NSW events:

- Squash NSW Junior Championships
- Squash NSW Junior Silver
- Squash NSW Open
- Other Squash NSW events as occur from time to time, including PSA-registered events

Section 1 and 2 of this policy should be read in conjunction with the applicable event appendix and any other applicable policy.

1.2 Changes to Policies and Procedures

Changes to Policies and Procedures may be made by the Squash NSW Administration subject to any applicable policy approval by the Squash NSW Board.

1.3 Tendering for Tournaments

Squash NSW conducts an Expression of Interest process for event hosting as per the Expression of Interest Events Policy.

1.4 Control of the Event

Squash NSW is the owner of the State events listed in 1.1 and in accordance with the Expression of Interest Events Policy. The roles and responsibilities of the host and Squash NSW will be defined in the event contractual agreement upon completion of the EOI process.

Squash NSW will appoint the Event manager, Tournament Director and any other event personnel required at its sole discretion. The Event Manager and Tournament Director cannot play or coach any match at the event.

Squash NSW owns all rights associated with the events as per the Squash NSW Expression of Interest Events Policy.

Squash NSW is responsible for the financial operations of the tournament.

Squash NSW may choose to allow the centre/club host to have responsibilities of the financial and management of the event – outlined in the contract agreement.

1.5 Clothing Regulations

All players must wear appropriate court attire as follows.

Player clothing shall consist of a short-sleeved polo shirt with an attached collar or non-cotton shirt or sleeveless non-cotton shirt and shorts / skirt / skort or dress, socks, and non-marking indoor court shoes.

Wristbands / sweatbands / Headbands and bandanas of any colour are permissible.

Compression Wear must be worn under clothing e.g., compression shorts must be above the knee under shorts/skirt, Short sleeved compression tops must be under a shirt. Compression socks / sleeves up to the knee are permitted. The use of all other compression wear is not permitted, unless supported by a medical certificate.

Any jewellery or watches worn by a player shall not be bulky, noisy, or brightly reflecting as to distract or be potentially dangerous.

The Tournament Referee may require the removal of any piece of jewellery deemed to violate the above.

For any match covered by television or livestreaming a players' clothing shall:

- Conform to the advertising regulations published in the terms and conditions of entry and applied by the appropriate television authority.
- Both players shall be obliged to wear distinctly different coloured clothing. The higher seeded player will have first choice. If there are no seeding, the player in the top slot of the bracket will have first choice. This colour/style must be worn for the duration of the match. If a player must change their top during a match, they must make sure that they wear the same colour and style of shirt as they started the match.

Unacceptable attire at Squash NSW events includes the following:

- Sweatshirts and tracksuits
- Long sleeved tops
- Promotional T-shirts
- Training tops
- Leggings
- Aerobic bodysuit of any description
- Long sleeved compression garments
- Full length compression stockings

If any of the above is to be worn for religious or medical reasons, prior consent must be obtained from the Tournament Director or Tournament Referee.

Where applicable PSA regulations may apply, this will be included on the tournament registration page at the time of entry and is the players responsibility. PSA Tour Rule Book

(<https://psaworldtour.com/squash/psa>)

Players who do not comply with the clothing regulations will be withdrawn from the tournament and may face disciplinary action. In all matters of judgement or opinion arising from the interpretation of this clothing rule, the decision of the tournament referee shall be final.

1.6 Equipment

The Squash Australia official ball will be used at all sanctioned Squash NSW Events.

Players must only use equipment that meets the standards and specifications of WSF.

<https://www.worldsquash.org/rackets-balls/racket-specs/>

1.7 Eyewear

Players must wear WSF approved eyewear when required in compliance with WSF regulations.

<https://www.worldsquash.org/eyewear/informationregulation/>

Eyewear is always encouraged at all times, however, is only required for the following:

- All players who are under 19 years of age.
- All players participating in Doubles Squash.

For approved eyewear visit: <https://www.worldsquash.org/certified-eyewear/>

1.8 Referees

There should be a minimum of one WSO Level 2/State Level Referee or higher in attendance at all times at any Squash NSW State event where referees are required.

For PSA events – there must be at least one WSO Level 3 referee at the event

Players are required to mark/referee the match directly following their own as directed by Tournament Referee or Tournament Director. Where only one player is required, it will be the losing player who is to assist the referee.

All referees should wear the required Squash NSW Referee event uniform.

The Tournament Referee is responsible for:

- Leading and managing the officials at the event, including allocation of referees and markers to matches; and
- Making final decisions on matters arising in matches that relate to the Rules of Squash.

Any matters concerning interpretations of the rules and disputes are to be referred to the Tournament Referee. If the Tournament Referee fails to resolve an appeal, they will refer it to the Tournament Director.

The Tournament Referee may not play in or coach any match during the tournament and may be required to officiate on agreement with the Tournament Director.

1.9 WADA/Antidoping

Anti-doping tests may be conducted at all tournaments in accordance with the WADA Code. A notice to this effect must be included on tournament entry forms.

The entry form must state that as a condition of entry all participants (including managers, coaches, and physiotherapists) must agree that they are subject to Anti-Doping Rules & Regulations. The WADA Prohibited List may be accessed on the WADA website www.wada-ama.org.

Any player refusing to undergo a doping control and any player guilty of a doping infraction proven by a positive laboratory test result immediately prior to, or during, a tournament will be subject to the disciplinary action and sanctions specified in the WADA Code (www.wada-ama.org). If the doping infraction occurs during an individual tournament, the guilty player will be withdrawn immediately from the event. If confirmed only after the end of the event, there will be no readjustment of prizes, but the guilty player will be required to return any medals or prizes.

1.10 Sport Integrity Australia

Squash NSW works closely with Squash Australia and with Sport Integrity Australia and has adopted the National Sport Integrity Framework. All members, participants and non-participants in the sport are bound by these policies. These are available on the Squash Australia website and include:

- National Integrity Framework
- Complaints, Disputes & Discipline Policy
- Member Protection
- Child Safeguarding
- Improper Use of Drugs & Medicines
- Competition Manipulation and Sports Wagering
- Australian National Anti-Doping Policy

1.11 Awards

Clubs/Centre host will be responsible for the supply of awards at each event in the form of trophies, medallions, prizes, or certificates.

No monetary rewards will be awarded at a junior event.

1.12 Other

Visiting Associations and Officials are to be responsible for their own costs incurred travelling to or during the tournament. This includes transportation, accommodation or any other costs incurred by their representatives

2.0 Tournament Procedures

2.1 Conditions of Entry

Squash NSW events are conducted under the requirements of Squash Australia and/or WSF. All players, coaches, officials, referees, and event organisers involved in an event are subject to these regulations. All applicable event policies must be adhered.

Players must enter events on the Squash Australia Event Registration System. Every entrant is required to accept the "Conditions of Entry" shown on the tournament registration page as determined by Squash NSW and Squash Australia.

All completed entry registrations are to be submitted on or before the advertised closing date. Each entry must be accompanied by the entry fee to be valid.

Where applicable PSA regulations may apply, this will be included on the tournament registration page at the time of entry.

2.2 Event Schedule

The event will be held over the number of days specified in applicable event Appendix in this policy. Clubs/Centre and Squash NSW where applicable will endeavour to schedule matches between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm each day, however, reserves the right to schedule outside these hours due to entry numbers or venue restrictions.

Where possible, the tournament should run by a “follow on” format, whereby matches will run one after the other, rather than to their scheduled time. The Tournament Director must make this known to competitors at time of entry.

The allocation of matches to days will be determined by the club/centre tournament director or Squash NSW and published on the Squash Australia Event Registration System.

It is the responsibility of the player to ensure they are aware of the current schedule.

However, where a time is changed with less than four hours’ notice, the Tournament Director must confirm the time with both competitors before it is official.

Any match time changes due to religion, study or any other reason is solely at the discretion of the Tournament Director and affected opponent.

Players must sign-in with the Tournament Control Desk a minimum 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of each match.

A player has 15 minutes after their match has been called to be on their assigned match court. Any player that does not take to court after 15 minutes of the called time, may be forfeited.

Players may be requested to play earlier than scheduled if both are available and given adequate notice for warm up and preparations. Court allocations can change at any time from those published, it is the players’ responsibility to be familiar with court allocations at the venue.

2.3 Tournament Draws

Squash NSW Junior Championships

Squash NSW will oversee via the State Junior Coach to determine the draw formats based on the number of entries and availability of courts and officials, however, will use either Monrad, Triple Plate or Round Robin events.

In cases where uneven number of players are participating or to guarantee three (3) matches, qualifying matches may be required. All draws including the separate draw utilised for qualifying first round losers is still considered part of the overall standings of the tournament.

An AJST draw is not to be conducted where less than four entries are received, unless approved by Squash Australia.

Squash NSW reserves the right to combine draws where necessary.

Entries will close fourteen (14) days prior to an event commencing with draws published via the club/centre and Squash NSW website and/or Event Registration System no later than seven (7) days prior to commencement of the tournament. The draws are to be considered draft until the 24 hours before start date of the event.

All players will be guaranteed at least three matches at the tournament. In the event of byes and/or withdrawals, participation matches will be organised by the Tournament Director.

Squash NSW reserves the right to combine events and move entrants between events were deemed necessary.

Squash NSW Junior Silver

Tournament draws will follow the above with the club/centre to follow the draw format using AJST rankings and knowledge of players to create draws – Squash NSW can assist where necessary

Entries will close seven (7) days prior to an event commencing with draws published via the club/centre and Squash NSW website and/or Event Registration System no later than three (3) days prior to commencement of the tournament. The draws are to be considered draft until the 24 hours before start date of the event.

All players will be guaranteed at least three matches at the tournament. In the event of byes and/or withdrawals, participation matches will be organised by the Tournament Director.

Squash NSW reserves the right to combine events and move entrants between events were deemed necessary.

Squash NSW Open

The PSA will provide PSA Draws

Entries will close fourteen (14) days prior to an event commencing with draws published via the club/centre and Squash NSW website and/or Event Registration System no later than seven (7) days prior to commencement of the tournament. The draws are to be considered draft until the 24 hours before start date of the event.

All players will be guaranteed at least three matches at the tournament. In the event of byes and/or withdrawals, participation matches will be organised by the Tournament Director.

The Host club/centre reserves the right to combine events and move entrants between events were deemed necessary.

2.4 Seeding

Squash NSW events will follow WSF seeding procedures unless otherwise stipulated at the time of entry.

Seeds are to be allocated as follows:

- Seed top two players 1 and 2, place them into the draw in the appropriate location.
- Group players 3 to 4, randomly allocate in the 3/4 locations.
- Group players 5 to 8, randomly allocate in the 5/8 locations.
- Group players 9 to 16, randomly allocate in the 9/16 locations.
- Group players 17 to 32, randomly allocate in the 17/32 locations.
- Group players 33 to 64, randomly allocate in the 33/64 locations.

Following the random draw procedure, the only adjustment permissible is if two players from the same State/Territory or International country are scheduled to play each other in the first round.

Squash NSW will attempt to avoid this however, there may be circumstances where this is not achievable.

Squash NSW will appoint and use a seeding panel at its discretion. The seeding panel will base the seedings for a tournament off the national rankings lists as per the closing day of entries unless it is clear and obvious.

Under circumstances where international players participate in tournaments, Squash NSW and/or the seeding panel will use international rankings to assist with seeding players accordingly.

Events operating under PSA regulations will use PSA rankings accordingly.

2.5 Withdrawals

The following withdrawal process will apply to all Squash NSW events.

A withdrawal occurs.

- Before Entries Close- Withdrawals can be made up until the entry confirmation deadline without penalty.
- 7 Days to 24 Hours Before Event Start Date- If the player was seeded (top 16) the draw will be re-seeded in bands i.e., any vacant seeds in the 1/8 band will be replaced by seeds from the 9/16 band and they in turn will be replaced by seeds from the 17/32 band etc. Replacements shall be in seeded order within bands taking the highest seed designated within that band.
- If the 1st or 2nd seed withdraw after the draw has been made, then the Tournament Director may choose to re-make the draw if it is deemed unbalanced.
- Within 24 Hours Event Start Date- The draw will stand, and a walkover shall be given to the opponent of a withdrawn player.
Any player forfeiting through injury/illness will automatically be withdrawn from the remainder of the individual event.
- Entry fee refunds are determined by the events terms and conditions on the event registration system.

Appendix 1 Squash NSW Junior Championships

	SQUASH NSW JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
Eligibility	This is an Open event; - All Players must meet Squash NSW affiliation and/or WSF registration -Players are deemed eligible for an age group, if that player has not turned that age on or before the last day of the event -Any player competing may be required to submit a birth certificate or extract, for age verification. -All entrants must enter the tournament before closing date
Events	Male and Female Age Groups- U11, U13, U15, U17, U19 A player may only play in one age group. Players must play in their correct age group
Event Days	3 Days
Draw	Monrad, Triple Plate, Round Robin Squash NSW will oversee draws
Trophies/Prizes	All age group winners, runner up and third place will receive an award

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Appendix 2 Squash NSW Junior Silver

	SQUASH NSW JUNIOR - Silver
Eligibility	This is an Open event; - All Players must meet Squash NSW affiliation and/or WSF registration -Players are deemed eligible for an age group, if that player has not turned that age on or before the last day of the event - tournament organiser may use divisions -Any player competing may be required to submit a birth certificate or extract, for age verification. -All entrants must enter the tournament before closing date
Events	Male and Female Age Groups- U11, U13, U15, U17, U19 A player may only play in one age group. Players must play in their correct age group
Event Days	2 Days
Draw	Monrad, Triple Plate, Round Robin Club/Centre to use AJST and player knowledge to seed and create draws Squash NSW can assist
Trophies/Prizes	All age group winners and runner up at minimum to receive an award

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Appendix 3 Squash NSW Open

	SQUASH NSW OPEN
Eligibility	This is an Open event; - Can be a PSA Registered event - Open PSA registered Players Grades open to all players state, interstate and international All Players must meet Squash NSW affiliation and/or WSF registration -All entrants must enter the tournament before closing date
Events	Male and Female Open (PSA EVENTS) Male and Female Graded Divisions (Premier/State, A, B, C, D)
Event Days	3+ Days
Draw	Monrad, Triple Plate, Round Robin, PSA Draws will be provided by PSA and must be followed alongside PSA requirements, Policy, and Procedures Club/Centre to use Ranking System and player knowledge to seed and create draws Squash NSW can assist
Trophies/Prizes	All age group winners and runner up at minimum to receive an award

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