



Squash Australia Memorandum – Post 30th September Board Meeting

1. 2018 WSF World Coaches Conference

The 2018 World Coaches Conference was successfully held at the Gold Coast in September with a great line up of speakers. The event was held on budget.

Please note the National Coaches Conference will be held in June 2019 on the Gold Coast alongside the World Doubles Championships.

2. Carrara Squash Centre – National Squash Centre Opening

The new Carrara Squash Centre which will be the National Squash Centre

3. Accounting Finance and Risk Committee (AFRC)

SQA Board Director Robert Nicholls who is legally qualified has been approved to be a member of the AFRC. Peta Murphy has stepped down from the AFRC.

4. Annual General Meeting

The following documents were approved by the Board for the October 2018 AGM:

- 2018 Squash Australia Annual Accounts
- AGM Agenda
- Proposed Affiliation Fees

5. Squash Australia External Board Assessment

The SQA External Board Assessment is underway and will be completed by December 2018.

6. Squash Australia Board Approvals

The SQA Board approved

7. Mid-Year 2019 Conference

In previous years we have had a Mid-Year conference to brain storm around strategy and other ways to improve the sport. The last Mid-Year Conference was in Melbourne in February 2016 where we set immediate priorities for the Squash Australia Strategy. The proposed date in 2019 would be mid-June around the World Doubles Championships and Annual Awards date on the Gold Coast.

I would appreciate feedback on the suitability of those dates – ceo@squash.org.au.

8. State Investment Agreement (SIA)

SQA are committed to releasing an earlier version of the SIA for the States. The State Investment Agreement was discussed and will remain largely the same subject to some Australian Squash Tour changes.

The hold up is a major change in Sport Australia funding which means there is no view of funding in 2019 with major changes to strategies and structure which will likely mean the removal of standard funding pots from which we have benefited by \$250,000 in the past 3 years to individual project based around:

- Indigenous
- Female activity
- 65+ activity
- Capital works
- General health literacy and basic activity

These are major changes to the structure with very little mention of sport in line with the foresight of our previous Participation Manager Anna Walker. The landscape is totally changing and I understand a number of State departments will follow in a similar manner which means 'Sport' will be competing with business like Next Generation, Goodlife and PCYS for the same funding, not like for like sports.

9. **Ford Disciplinary Update**

In a previous Memorandum we updated the States on the Disciplinary decision against Jacob Ford.

There was an appeal against the decision which has worked through process and the initial decision is confirmed.

10. **Squash Australia Policy Updates**

- Regulation 17 - Risk Management Policy** - A new risk management policy has been approved by the board. This new policy was developed as a result of the wider Governance Project in partnership with the States as it was a requirement of the State Department of Sports. Squash Australia has merged the format with current Squash Australia Risk Register.

Attached is the Risk Management Policy and supporting Risk Management Manual and Compliance System Services.

- Regulation 19 - Integrity Framework Policy** – This is a new document which outlines all the Integrity requirements through the organisation. This is a requirement of Sport Australia through their Mandatory requirements.
- Regulation 14 – Sport Science and Sports Medicine** – has been updated.
- Regulation 5 – Member Protection Policy** – has been updated.
- Regulation 16 – Illicit Drugs Policy** – has been updated.
- Regulation 6 – Match Fixing Policy** – has been updated.
- Regulation 18 – Anti Corruption and Fraud Policy** – this a new policy under the linked Integrity Framework.

Please find Squash Australia policies here - <http://www.squash.org.au/w/about-us/governance-documents/regulations>.