

COMPETITION BY-LAWS

These By-Laws apply to the Sydney Pennant competitions and other competitions or tournaments run or sanctioned by Squash NSW. They ensure a consistent, equal and fair playing field, and enjoyment for all. By-laws are not able to cover all circumstances and therefore the Competitions Divisions Committee (CDC) has the authority to make decisions in the spirit of the game.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1.1 NSW Squash Ltd is the State governing body for squash and is referred to in these by-laws by its business name 'Squash NSW'.
- 1.1.2 The Board of Directors of Squash NSW is referred to as 'the Board'.
- 1.1.3 The Competitions Division Committee is referred to as 'the CDC' and comprises the Chair, the District Delegates, the Pennant Administrator, and the Referees Delegate.
- 1.1.4 The person who administers the pennant competition and is referred to as 'the Pennant Administrator'. The Pennant Administrator reports to the CEO of Squash NSW and can be contacted by email: pennant@nswsquash.com.au
- 1.1.5 The Disciplinary Tribunal is referred to as 'the Tribunal' and comprises the Tribunal Chairman.
- 1.1.6 Districts comprise North, South, East and West, which may be changed at the discretion of the Board.
- 1.1.7 The Grading Committee is the body for grading teams and players in a competition. Nominations from the districts are approved by the CDC.
- 1.1.8 The current World Squash Federation Rules of the International Singles and Doubles Game of Squash are referred to as 'the WSF rules', see <u>https://www.worldsquash.org/rules-of-</u> <u>squash-2/</u>
- 1.1.9 The Squash NSW Policies and Guidelines apply, including the National Integrity Framework and Squash Australia policies. See

https://nsw.squash.org.au/w/about/poli cies-forms

- 1.1.10 Two <u>teams</u> playing against each other is referred to as a 'rubber'.
- 1.1.11 Two <u>players</u> playing against each other is referred to as a 'match'.
- 1.1.12 Any pennant competition and tournament sanctioned by Squash NSW is referred to as a 'Competition'.
- 1.1.13 Round consists of rubbers played each week in a Competition and starts at noon the Monday of the week of the round and finishes at noon the following Monday.

1.2 POWERS OF THE BOARD

- 1.2.1 The Board approves any changes to the by-laws.
- 1.2.2 The Board shall appoint the Chairperson of all committees.

1.3 POWERS OF THE CDC

- 1.3.1 The CDC may at any time appoint or remove any delegates to its committee, based on a majority vote.
- 1.3.2 The CDC shall recommend to the Board any changes to these by-laws.
- 1.3.3 The CDC may at any time reject or remove any registered player or club/s or centre/s from the Pennant Competition.
- 1.3.4 The CDC shall decide the response to any questions regarding these by-laws.
- 1.3.5 Any Squash NSW sanctioned competition shall be under the control of the CDC.
- 1.3.6 The CDC may reject any courts as unsuitable for competition play and such courts shall not be used for competition play until the CDC considers them suitable.
- 1.3.7 The Pennant Administrator and a District Delegate are responsible for the administration of the District Divisions within the respective districts.
- 1.3.8 The CDC, with the approval of the Board may at any time delegate or remove any responsibility as they choose, to or from the District Delegate/s and the district/s grading committee/s.
- 1.3.9 All players registered in the pennant competition shall be under the jurisdiction of the CDC from the commencement time of the first match in a rubber or from the scheduled starting time – whichever is the earlier – until 20 minutes after the completion of the final rubber.
- 1.3.10 The CDC has the power to demand from any club or individual any information regarding the circumstances under which any match has been played. Any club or individual not supplying such information, within the time specified by the CDC, may be barred from taking any further part in the competition until such information is supplied, or for such other period as the CDC decides.
- 1.3.11 The CDC has the power to give or take away competition points for any reason.
- 1.3.12 The CDC has the power to order any match to be replayed, either wholly or in part, and to alter or extend the time for playing any match.

- 1.3.13 The CDC has the power to impose penalties for any breach of these by-laws.
- 1.3.14 The CDC may cite any centre/club or registered player or individual regarding any breach of these by-laws.
- 1.3.15 In exceptional circumstances and in the interests of fair play and acting in the spirit of the game and not bringing the game into disrepute, the CDC, with the approval of the Board may decide on matters falling outside the scope of these by-laws.

2.0 COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

2.1 COMPLAINTS OF MISCONDUCT

- 2.1.1 The Board has adopted the Squash Australia Sport Integrity policies, which include policies under the National Integrity Framework (NIF) and other sport integrity policies complementing the NIF. These, and other Squash NSW policies, are available at https://nsw.squash.org.au/w/about/poli cies-forms
- 2.1.2 Complaints of misconduct of a player, referee or spectator that fall under the National Integrity Framework (member protection policy, Bullying and Harassment Policy, Child Protection Policy, Working with Children Policy) must be lodged with Sport Integrity Australia, and made in accordance with the guidelines on the website. There is no time limit for lodging a complaint.
- 2.1.3 Complaints regarding other integrity matters, selections, governance, personal grievances, whistleblower concerns, code of conduct or social media behaviour, must be made to Squash NSW using the prescribed forms, which are available at <u>https://nsw.squash.org.au/w/events/pen</u> <u>nant-sydney-metro</u>. The forms contain notes to assist in their completion.
- 2.1.4 A complaint may be made by any person who was a witness to an alleged integrity matter listed in 2.1.3. The complainant may stipulate that the complaint is made on behalf of or with the support of a particular team and/or club.
- 2.1.5 A complaint that does not fall under the National Integrity Framework must be received by the Squash NSW Tribunal Chair within seven (7) days of the date upon which the misconduct is alleged to have occurred or within such reasonable period as may be agreed to by the Tribunal Chair. Complaints shall be emailed "for the attention of the Tribunal Chair".

- 2.1.6 The Disciplinary Code of Practice sets out the procedure whereby the player who is the subject of a complaint of misconduct can reply to the allegations made against them. The Disciplinary Code includes that it may be decided to refer the complaint to the National Sports Tribunal for resolution.
- 2.1.7 The Tribunal Chair shall determine whether to charge a player with misconduct and refer such charge to the Tribunal for hearing.
- 2.1.8 The Tribunal Chair has the power to require any player or official of a club to attend a hearing by the Tribunal of a complaint of misconduct.
- 2.1.9 The Tribunal may recommend to the CDC that a rubber or match should be replayed, either wholly or in part, or to reallocate points for a rubber or match.
- 2.1.10 A player under suspension is not permitted, subject to By-Law 2.2.4, to play in any competition conducted by or under the auspices of Squash NSW or by any association affiliated with Squash NSW or in any competition whereby the holder of the competition has agreed to recognize the suspensions imposed by Squash NSW.

2.2 APPEALS AGAINST TRIBUNAL DECISIONS

- 2.2.1 Any appeal against a decision of the Tribunal must be lodged within a reasonable time of the decision of the Tribunal announcement.
- 2.2.2 The Chair of the Tribunal shall advise a player of their rights and the procedure that must be followed if the player wishes to lodge an appeal.
- 2.2.3 An appeal must be accompanied by a fee of \$100. If the appeal is upheld, the fee shall be refunded.
- 2.2.4 If an appeal is lodged, a player who has been suspended by the Tribunal may take part in matches until the appeal is heard. Should the appeal not be upheld, the decision of the Tribunal shall be enforced as from the date of the decision of the Appeals Committee.
- 2.2.5 No appeal shall be made against the leniency of the decision of a Tribunal, without the leave of the Board.

2.3 APPEALS AGAINST CDC AND PENNANT ADMINISTRATOR DECISIONS

2.3.1 Unless an appeal is lodged with Squash NSW in writing on the prescribed form within a reasonable time frame, following notification of the decision of the CDC/Pennant Administrator, the decision shall be enforced.

- 2.3.2 Any appeal against a decision of the Pennant Administrator shall be directed to the Chairperson with a fee of \$100. If the appeal is upheld the fee will be refunded. All appeals must be supported by reasons why the decision of the Pennant Administrator was thought to be incorrect. If the Chair considers the appeal to have merit, a sub-committee comprising of the Chair and two (2) District Delegates will hear the appeal. The Delegate of the district in which the misconduct occurred shall be excluded from the Sub- Committee. Their decision shall be final
- 2.3.3 Any appeal against a decision of the CDC shall be directed to the Board on the prescribed form with a fee of \$100. If the appeal is upheld the fee will be refunded. All appeals must be supported by reasons the decision of the CDC is considered to be incorrect. If the Board decides that the appeal has merit, a sub-committee consisting of two (2) Board members will hear the appeal, provided none is the subject of the appeal. Their decision shall be final.

3.0 PENNANT COMPETITION

All matches shall be played under the WSF Rules.

3.1 CLUB/TEAM ENTRIES

- 3.1.1 A club must be a financial affiliated member of Squash NSW to be eligible to enter a Pennant team.
- 3.1.2 Squash NSW will determine a fee to be charged for each team which shall be paid to Squash NSW at the time of entry.
- 3.1.2 Late payment of club or team fees may result in match points being deducted. Points will only be restored if payment is made before commencement of round six.
- 3.1.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the CDC.
- 3.1.4 Clubs are to contact the Pennant Administrator for the team registration fees.
- 3.1.5 No refund of registration fees will be made, except for overpayment.
- 3.1.6 No club will be accepted for any competition unless it has paid all outstanding fees, fines, (e.g., forfeits, late results) from any previous competition, or any other monies owed to Squash NSW.
- 3.1.7 False information submitted by any club or player could result in the disqualification of the player and or club concerned.

- 3.1.8 All clubs shall notify the Pennant Administrator of the night and time of commencement of play for home matches for each of their teams when entries are submitted. The nights and times will be published. The published commencing time shall not be before 6.00 pm or later than 8.00 pm. Teams may agree, as an exception, the time and day of matches if agreed by the two teams and players concerned.
- 3.1.9 Each team must have a captain, whose name, contact numbers and email address shall be shown on the entry form. If a team captain withdraws from a team, another captain must be appointed and their name, contact numbers and email address must be forwarded to the Pennant Administrator within seven (7) days of the appointment.
- 3.1.10 The CDC reserves the right to accept or reject any entry from an individual, team, club, or centre.
- 3.1.11 Team entries must ensure that every player is registered on SportyHQ, including the player's name, DOB, contact numbers and email address.
- 3.1.12 The CDC reserves the right to accept or reject any entry from a team or club.

3.2 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

- 3.2.1 Only registered players who are financial members of Squash NSW Ltd are eligible to be registered in a team in the pennant competition. A registered player means a player who is correctly registered on SportyHQ and has paid the Squash NSW individual membership fee for the current financial year. This ensures that players have insurance cover should they have an injury at any time the player is playing.
- 3.2.2 If a player is not a financial member of Squash NSW by the end of Round 2 of the pennant competition then the points awarded to the player's team in the rounds played, and subsequent round, will be suspended. Once the player is a financial member then the team's points will be restored.
- 3.2.2 The CDC reserves the right to accept or reject any entry from a player.
- 3.2.3 No player will be accepted for any competition unless all outstanding fees, fines, (e.g., forfeits, late results) from any previous competition/s, or any other monies owed to Squash NSW have been paid.
- 3.2.4 A reserve must be registered on SportyHQ. A reserve can play three Pennant matches in a financial year before paying the annual membership

fee. For the first three matches played as a reserve, the player will be accepted as an eligible pennant player despite not being a member of Squash NSW. The player will not be covered by insurance until the membership fee has been paid.

- 3.2.5 Only players registered on SportyHQ shall play in any match. If the team plays an unregistered player, the team will receive no points for that match, and will receive no points for any match played in a lower position for that rubber. The points will be awarded to the opposing team. Further penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the CDC.
- 3.2.6 No player shall be eligible to play before the Pennant Administrator, in consultation with the District Delegate, has accepted their nomination.

3.3 LATE PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

- 3.3.1 New players may be registered at any time. All late registrations must be affiliated members of Squash NSW before playing.
- 3.3.2 A late player registration will not be accepted if it makes the team stronger than at the initial grading.
- 3.3.3 Registrations must be confirmed to the Pennant Administrator and must contain the player's full name (and former name if any), details of past performances, and must state their correct order within the team. Failure to do so will result in the new player being deregistered immediately and any points earned by that player will be awarded to the opposing team.
- 3.3.4 The CDC may subsequently decide to rescind a late registration if the rating of the player is not compliant with the above.

3.4 GRADING

- 3.4.1 The CDC has the right to decide the number of grades/divisions, the sections into which the competition shall be divided, and declare the number of matches and rubbers for each grade/division. The CDC has the right to decide the grading of each team.
- 3.4.2 If two (or more) teams are graded in the same section of a grade/division contrary to the club's requested grading, changes in team personnel may be allowed at the discretion of the Pennant Administrator prior to the commencement of competition.

4.0 MATCHES

4.1 COMPETITION PLAY

- 4.1.1 The home club shall be responsible for all court hire.
- 4.1.2 At the beginning of each rubber, the home team shall provide one new ball approved by WSF, unless agreed by both teams prior to the beginning of the rubber. Should the ball break or otherwise be replaced, the home team will supply a similar new ball.
- 4.1.3 Unless By-Law 4.5 applies, all rubbers shall be played on the same day/night unless as mutually agreed by both teams.
- 4.1.4 Players will play in the order of their SportyHQ rating.
- 4.1.5 A rubber shall consist of the number of matches declared by the CDC for that division. In each rubber the No. 1 player from each team will play each other, the No. 2 players will play each other, and so on.
- 4.1.6 A player shall only play in a match provided that immediately prior to the commencement of the match the player reasonably believes they are physically capable of completing the match.
- 4.1.7 In all rubbers other than finals and grand finals, the visiting team shall decide which players shall play the first and third matches unless mutually agreed between the teams. The home team shall decide which players shall play the second and fourth matches, unless mutually agreed between teams. Requests for changes to this order shall not be refused unreasonably.
- 4.1.8 The team that chooses the match provides the Marker, the other team provides the Referee. The marker or referee provided by each team shall be a registered member of the team (or a reserve player as provided in By-Law 4.3) unless both captains agree otherwise. The referee assumes control of the match when both players commence the warmup.
- 4.1.9 Confirmation of the order of the match shall be made in time that there are no more than 5 minutes between matches, while also allowing players sufficient time to warm up. Preferably this would be no later than the end of the second game of the preceding match being in progress and with one player leading by two games (i.e., 2-1 or 2-0). The teams agree who plays in the next match. The nominated

players must be ready to start their match as soon as the court is vacant, and if not ready within 10 minutes, then By-Law 4.4.7 shall apply.

- 4.1.10 If a chosen match is unable to commence on time due to player unavailability, then all reasonable attempts to resolve shall be attempted, including changing the chosen match's order, but if no agreement can be made then By-Law 4.4.7 forfeits shall apply.
- 4.1.11 **PLAYER SPORTYHQ ADJUSTMENT REQUEST**: Consideration may be given to a player's SportyHQ rating if any of the following conditions apply:
 - (i) coming back after a long break, or
 - (ii) after an injury, which causes their current rating to no longer be reflective of their playing ability, or
 - (iii) a junior player commencing Senior Pennant, or
 - (iv) depending on results that would qualify the player's adjustment.

Requests to adjust the SportyHQ rating are to be emailed to the Pennant Administrator, with supporting information for consideration and processing.

4.2 SCORING

- 4.2.1 Each pennant competition match is the best of five games, using the Point-A-Rally (PAR) 15-point scoring system.
- 4.2.2 For other tournaments conducted by Squash NSW the PAR 11-point scoring system will apply.
- 4.2.3 For all 4-person team rubbers played during the pennant competition the following point system will apply:
 - 6 pts for 3-0-win2 pts for 2-3 loss5 pts for 3-1 win1 pt for 1-3 loss4 pts for 3-2-win0 pts for 0-3 lossPlus an additional4 points to thewinning team.1
- 4.2.4 For 4-person teams a rubber is won by:
 - (i) the most matches.
 - (ii) If matches are equal, the most games
 - (iii) If games are equal, the most points
 - (iv) If points are equal, the rubber will be deemed to be drawn.
- 4.2.5 For all 3-person team rubbers played during the pennant competition the following point system will apply:
 1 point for each game won,

Plus an additional 3 points for the winning team.

- 4.2.6 For 3-person teams a rubber is won by:
 - (i) the most games.
 - (ii) If games are equal, the most points.
 - (iii) If points are equal, the most matches.

4.3 RESERVES

- 4.3.1 A player may play a position higher as well as their own position e.g. No. 4 can play at No. 3, No. 3 can play at No. 2 and No. 2 can play at No. 1. A higher player cannot play lower (e.g., No. 2 cannot play No. 3 etc). A player shall only be permitted to play a total of two matches in a rubber. Applies to rounds only and not finals series.
- 4.3.2 Teams may select a reserve who has the same SportyHQ rating or less, from any team and any club, to replace your unavailable player. Reserves must play in SportyHQ rating order within the team (e.g., If your No. 1 with a rating of 1320 is out on the night you may find a reserve to replace him with 1320 or LESS to play at No. 1. If your No. 3 has a rating higher than your reserve, then this player moves up and the reserve plays at No 3. This allows teams to use SportyHQ to find the reserve player. This rule applies to round matches only. (Refer to By-Law 4.8.5 for semi-final, final and grand final reserve requests.)
- 4.3.3 If a registered player has not played two matches before round 6 then no reserve can replace this player until such time as the player has played the required number of matches. All players must move up a position and if a reserve is needed for this registered player, then this is permitted provided their SportyHQ rating is lower than the rest of the players in the team.

4.4 FORFEITS

- 4.4.1 Each of the declared number of matches in a rubber must either be played or forfeited. A player may not concede a match except through injury sustained during a match or a personal emergency necessitating leaving the venue.
- 4.4.2 After a match has commenced, a player must not stop playing in that match and play a match in any other position. This will be treated as a forfeit for all the matches concerned.
- 4.4.3 For all forfeits, the points are awarded to the opposing team and a penalty as decided by the CDC will be determined

for each match forfeited. If any team gives a full team forfeit, all matches, games, and points shall be awarded to the opposing team.

- 4.4.4 All forfeits must be communicated to the Pennant Administrator by the deadline for completing the registration of the results.
- 4.4.5 Any team with excessive forfeits may be asked by the CDC to justify why that team should not be withdrawn from the competition. Any team withdrawn may be fined by the CDC (in addition to any fines already incurred).
- 4.4.6 Any team withdrawing or being withdrawn from the competition shall create a BYE within that grade. The Committee may readjust points already scored against this team.
- 4.4.7 If play in a match has not commenced within 10 minutes of the specified starting time as stated in the Competition Draw, the team at fault may lose the nominated match, except as agreed by both teams, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 4.4.8 Ten (10) minutes shall be allowed after each match for the next match to commence. If play does not commence at the end of this time, the defaulting team may lose a further match or matches as nominated by the opposing team captain. It is the opposing team captain who decides whether to claim a forfeit, applying reasonableness.
- 4.4.9 Forfeit(s) before the commencement of a rubber:
 - (i) if before a rubber commences, a team forfeits a match. The team must forfeit the lowest position and the remaining players must move up and play their matches in the correct order.
 - (ii) if more than one match is forfeited, the team must forfeit at the lowest position first, the immediately higher position next, and so on (refer to By-Law 4.3.1 to avoid forfeits).
- 4.4.10 Forfeit(s) after the commencement of a match:
 - (i) if after a rubber has commenced, a team forfeits at the lowest position then the team will score no points for that match.
 - (ii) if after a rubber has commenced, a team forfeits a match or matches at higher positions then the team will score no points for the match or matches forfeited and in addition will

score no points for the match played at the lowest position. The penalty forfeit at the lowest position does not apply if the player or players who have been forfeited subsequently arrive at the courts prepared and capable of playing (refer By-Law 4.1.6) before play in the last match has ceased. The forfeit fine will not be imposed. However, the forfeited player is not permitted to then play the match.

4.4.11 Forfeits shall result in penalties as decided by the CDC. Refer to Squash NSW Competition Fines Schedule (see Addendum). (Refer to By-Law 4.3.1 to avoid forfeits).

4.5 DELAYED MATCHES

- 4.5.1 Completed matches shall not be replayed and results shall stand (unless By-Law 1.3.12 applies).
- 4.5.2 If after a match has commenced it is necessary to transfer that match to a different court on the same day or on a different day, the score shall stand.
- 4.5.3 In case of a power failure, every effort should be made to complete the match on the night.

4.6 MARKING AND REFEREEING

- 4.6.1 All matches must be marked and refereed in accordance with the WSF Rules of Squash.
- 4.6.2 Players are not permitted to request a change of referee or marker.
- 4.6.3 The Referee Chairperson may arrange for a referee to be assessed on any match. Both team captains must be advised beforehand. Club administrators/court operators must be advised if a captain cannot be contacted.
- 4.6.4 <u>Attendance at Rules Presentations, when</u> <u>held</u>:
 - For 4-person teams each player attending receives 7 bonus points for their team, up to four players per team, i.e., a maximum of 28 points.
 - For 3-person teams the points are 4 points per player up to a maximum of 12 points.
 - A player registered in a team in two districts will receive bonus points for each team. (Qualified referees playing in a team are welcome to attend, but are not required to attend, as the bonus points apply for their team).
- 4.6.5 If the behaviour of any spectator, official, manager or coach is disruptive to the

continuity of play, the Referee shall suspend play until the disruption has ceased. If necessary, play should be suspended until the offending person has left the court area.

4.7 FINALS

- 4.7.1 Any Club which has teams participating in the competition shall make its courts available for any play-off or grand finals at no cost.
- 4.7.2 Venues, days, and times will be decided by the Pennant Administrator. No changes shall be permitted. A fine of \$100 per team shall be imposed, and the match may be declared void.
- 4.7.3 Referees shall be appointed by the Pennant Administrator. Failure to fulfil refereeing duties shall result in penalties as decided by the CDC.
- 4.7.4 The three teams in each division with the greatest number of points at the end of the home and away matches, shall play the finals series. The team finishing first goes directly to the grand final and plays the winner of the final (the teams that finished second and third). If two or more teams are equal on points for third position (or any other position), and it is necessary to decide which of those teams shall play in any final match, the positions of those teams shall be determined by means of a count back by comparing the record of each team in terms of the criteria listed below (the criteria to be applied successively until a decision is reached) so the team with the highest position in the competition shall be the team which, in descending order:
 - has won the most rubbers (a tied rubber being counted as a half a win)
 - (ii) has won the most matches
 - (iii) has won the most games
 - (iv) has won the most points
 - (v) has lost the fewest matches
 - (vi) has lost the fewest games
 - (vii) has lost the fewest points.
- 4.7.5 In finals the team captains shall toss a coin or spin a racket and the team losing the toss shall be deemed to be the home club, and the provisions of By-Law 4.1.7 shall apply regarding the order in which rubbers are played.
- 4.7.6 Any drawn finals match must be replayed. The Pennant Administrator will decide the venue. A drawn grand final may be replayed, or joint winners

may be declared if both team captains agree.

- 4.7.7 All matches that have commenced must be completed. The player refusing to complete the match will forfeit SportyHQ points.
- 4.7.8 Both teams are to provide one new ball, to be used alternatively unless both captains agree to share the cost of a single ball.

4.8 ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS

- 4.8.1 Any player wishing to play in the finals must:
 - Be a registered player for the team
 - Have played five (5) rounds for the team OR four (4) rounds if there was a bye in that division

Note that playing multiple matches for a team in the same round does NOT count towards eligibility for the finals, nor does playing as a reserve for a different team.

- 4.8.2 To be considered as reserve for a team in the finals a player must:
 - Be lower than the lowest registered qualified player who is playing the finals match for which the reserve is required.
 - Be lower than the rating of the player who would be playing the lowest match if all qualified players in the team were available.
 - Be a registered player in the current pennant season OR be a registered player in Junior Pennant.

The Pennant Administrator may apply their discretion if a player does not meet these requirements and the club is unable to find a reserve that meets all the criteria, such as the lowest division in each district.

The guiding principle shall be that the team must not be strengthened by the inclusion of the reserve.

- 4.8.3 A player may not play twice in a finals rubber, including eligible reserves.
- 4.8.4 If a team cannot field enough players who meet the criteria set out in By-Law 4.8.1, they may ask the Pennant Administrator for an eligible reserve under By-Law 4.8.2 or forfeit such rubbers as cannot be played.
- 4.8.5 All clubs/centres and players must be financial Members of Squash NSW.
- 4.8.6 All fees owing to Squash NSW must be received no later than the last day of the final round of the competition before that player and team can play in semi-finals, finals, or grand finals.

4.8.7 Only one (1) forfeit will be counted towards a player's eligibility for finals.

4.9 RESULTS

- 4.9.1 Penalties apply for results not received correctly. Refer to Squash NSW Competition Fines Schedule.
- 4.9.2 Club Administrators must enter the current week's results on www.sportyhq.com by Saturday 12 noon AND NOT print the next round result sheets before Monday 12 noon.
- 4.9.3 Team captains must notify their Club Administrator if results have not been recorded correctly for the SportyHQ system to be effective.

5.0 GENERAL

5.1 INJURIES AND BLOOD

- 5.1.1 The WSF rules stipulate what happens in the case of a player being injured or suffering a blood injury during their match.
- 5.1.2 If the injured player is unable to resume within 3 minutes and is allowed a longer recovery time in the WSF rules then the match may be put on hold so that another match may be played and completed, if both teams agree. The injured player must return to complete their match later that night, during the venue allowed time, or else the referee must adjudicate the result of the match as per the WSF rules.

5.2 CLOTHING

5.2.1 Clothing shall be neat and appropriate to the game of squash. The soles of footwear must not mark the court.

5.3 LICENSED CLUBS

5.3.1 Visiting teams playing at licensed clubs must be advised by the home team captain 72 hours in advance of any player requirements in order to conform to their licensed club regulations. If this notice has been given and a visiting player is refused admittance on the grounds of clothing and/or age, then that player shall lose the match, and points will be awarded to the home team. If 72 hours' notice is not given regarding player requirements and the visiting player is refused admittance, then the home team loses the match and the points will be awarded to the away team.

5.4 PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR

- 5.4.1 Squash NSW recommends that all players wear approved protective eyewear.
- 5.4.2 It is compulsory for all players eligible to play in junior events (under 19 years) to wear approved protective eyewear in all Squash NSW sanctioned competitions. Failure to do so will result in the player/s being disqualified.
- 5.4.3 It is compulsory for all players to wear approved protective eyewear in all Squash NSW sanctioned doubles competitions, in accordance with WSF rules. Failure to do so will result in the player/s being disqualified.

5.5 PREGNANCY

5.5.1 A pregnant player may participate in the pennant competition at their own risk. However, Squash NSW recommends the pregnant player seek medical advice before participating in any match. No responsibility shall be accepted by Squash NSW, the venue operator and/or venue owner, the match officials, or the opponent, for any pregnancy-related injury, which occurs in a match or as a direct result of participation in a match.

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Addendum to the Competition By-Laws

Competition Fines Schedule

- 1. Failure to provide at least one referee and one marker during finals \$80
- 2. Club withdrawing a Team after nominations have closed \$150
- Deliberately falsifying a result \$190 (person responsible for 'knowingly' submitting the incorrect result may also be liable for suspension)
- 4. For breaches of by-laws not covered above the Pennant Administrator may impose a fine and/or suspension as deemed fit, with the fines not exceeding \$190.