



SQUASH STARTERS PROGRAM: SPRING 2022

WHAT ARE SQUASH BC JUNIOR PATHWAY PROGRAMS?

This season, Squash BC is excited to relaunch our Junior Pathway Program funding model. Interested facilities can apply for funding and equipment from Squash BC to put forth high-quality junior programs. To qualify, programs must follow the quality standards set by Squash BC. These include: the use of progressive equipment, a Safe Sport compliant Program Leader, and more. Most importantly, programs must be focused on FUN while they reinforce the FUNdamentals of Squash! Read on for more information about program quality standards and what funding, equipment and resources are available.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF RUNNING A SQUASH STARTERS PROGRAM?

Squash BC is encouraging facilities across the province to align their junior programming under our Squash Starters brand. This reinforces the quality standards of our Junior Pathway and shows participants and their parents that your program has Squash BC's stamp of approval. Plus, running a Squash Starters Program comes with program funding, equipment, and tools/resources from Squash BC. **New:** This spring, thanks to new grant funding from the BC Sport Participation Program (from viaSport) we are expanding our Squash Starters Program to include the following benefits.



- UP TO \$750 PER 6-WEEK SESSION
- FREE PROGRESSIVE SQUASH EQUIPMENT
- COACH EDUCATION SUBSIDY
- LOCALIZED MARKETING & POSTER

APPLY NOW

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PROGRAM DELIVERY PARTNER BENEFITS

Facilities that meet the Squash Starters Program Requirements are eligible to apply for funding, equipment, program leader coach education, and localized marketing from Squash BC. The Program Requirements Chart (next page) outlines the requirements and associated benefits. Participating programs must also complete all reporting requirements to receive the entirety of their Squash BC Junior Pathway Grant.

Direct Program Funding

Program delivery partners can receive funding for each 6-week class included in their Squash Starters Spring 2022 Session. Classes led by Squash Canada Trained or Certified Squash Coaches (at any level) receive \$150/group, while those led by others receive \$100/group. Delivery partners can receive a maximum of \$1500 for 12 weeks of programming. Class/group options include: Up to 3 All-Gender Class Levels, Up to 3 Girls-Only Class Levels, 1 Weekly Junior Play Opportunity (i.e. Junior Drop-In Night, Weekly Mini-Tournament, Junior League). Delivery partners can apply for funding for two 6-week sessions.

Equipment Credits

Spring 2022 Squash Starters Programs that run 1-2 groups/classes in a six-week session will receive six equipment credits. Programs that run 3 or more groups/classes in a six-week session will receive twelve equipment credits. Our Squash Starters Program Racquet and Eye Guard Partner is Black Knight. One equipment credit is redeemable for either one racquet or one eye guard. Available product options are shown below.



**Black Knight
3256 JR
Junior Squash Racquet**



**Black Knight
Reaction AF
Full-Size Squash
Racquet**



**Black Knight
Turbo Black
Eye Guard (Available in
Small or Regular)**

Spring 2022 Squash Starters Programs will also receive three progressive squash balls per group/class scheduled in a six-week session. Balls are supplied by the Official Ball of Squash BC, Dunlop. Ball orders may include Dunlop Red/Orange/Green Mini-Squash Balls, Dunlop Blue Dot Intro Balls, Dunlop Red Dot Progress Balls, or Dunlop Single Dot Competition Balls.

Coach Education Subsidy

Program leaders can apply for a Squash BC Coach Education Subsidy, which can include all of the following items: Full Course Fees for a Coaching Foundations Course led by Squash BC, All Safe Sport course fees covered, up to \$100 in travel expenses reimbursed.

Localized Marketing

Program delivery partners will be listed on Squash BC's soon-to-launch Squash Starters Landing Page. As well, Squash BC will run local social media ads to recruit new participants in your area. Delivery partners will also be provided with a Program Poster to hang up at your facility.

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Minimum 6-Weeks of Squash Programming for at least 4 students per session

Must include at least one level that caters to kids aged 6-12 (this age group can be split into multiple levels)

Delivery partners are encouraged to offer at least one Girls-Only Program

Program uses Progressive Squash Balls (must be Single Dot and below) and requires Eye Guards

Program Leader Has Completed All Safe Sport Requirements (CAC Safe Sport, Making Ethical Decisions*, Commit to Kids, Respect in Sport For Activity Leaders, Making Headway in Sport). Participating Facilities also agree to have screened Program Leader through a criminal record and vulnerable sector check

Facility/Program Leader completes all pre- and post-program reporting requirements

***Program Leader must have at least registered for an upcoming Making Ethical Decisions Course*

FUNDING DISBURSEMENT

1

**FACILITY COMPLETES
ONLINE APPLICATION
FORM & SQUASH BC
REVIEWS IT**

2

**SQUASH BC APPROVES
PROGRAM & PROVIDES
50% FUNDING +
EQUIPMENT* & TOOLKIT**

3

**FACILITY COMPLETES
POST-PROGRAM REPORT &
RECEIVES REMAINDER OF
GRANT**

TO APPLY:

Complete Squash BC's Online Application Form: squashbc.com/springstartersform & a member of our team will be in touch when we have reviewed your application. Any questions about this program can be directed to sportdevelopment@squashbc.com

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JUNIOR PATHWAY PROGRAM TERMS AND CONDITIONS

SQUASH STARTERS PROGRAMS

1. **Spring 2022 Requirement:** Programs must have their first class on or before June 3, 2022.
2. Applications must be submitted at least 30 days in advance of first program day to guarantee funding, tools & resources are received prior to program start date.
3. Squash BC will make the best attempt to have equipment arrive prior to program start, but delivery could be subject to production and shipping delays.
4. Participating facilities must be active Squash BC Facility Members for the 2021/22 Season (in good standing)
5. Participating Facilities may apply for multiple Squash Starters Program sessions, but funding may be prioritized for first-time applicants.
6. Hosts that do not complete all grant requirements may be restricted from selection for future event or program funding.
7. If a facility is granted a Squash Starters Plus-Level Grant but upon reporting only qualifies for Base-Level, then they may be subject to a reduced second disbursement.
8. Facilities that wish to purchase additional equipment beyond their applicable Equipment Credits may reach out to executivedirector@squashbc.com to inquire about available stock.
9. Program participants must sign a photo/video waiver that allows Squash BC to use images from the program in our marketing materials.
10. First Disbursement (pre-session):
 - o Participating facilities must complete application form in full to receive funding.
 - o Program levels/groups should be divided by age, ball, or skill level
 - o Priority funding may be given to programs that cater to girls aged 6-12
11. Second Disbursement (post-session):
 - o Participating facilities must complete the post-session report in full to receive funding
 - o Post-program reports must be completed within 30 days of session end date
 - o Participating facilities must provide Squash BC with a participant list (including the name, email, age, and gender of all participants) using the participant list template to receive funding
 - o Participating facilities must either provide Squash BC with one or more program photos or post them on social media (Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram) and tag @SquashBC in the post to receive funding

Squash BC reserves the right to revise these terms and conditions as needed throughout the season. An up-to-date version will always be posted on our website.

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