



Squash Australia Education Working Group Memorandum – General Update – August 2019

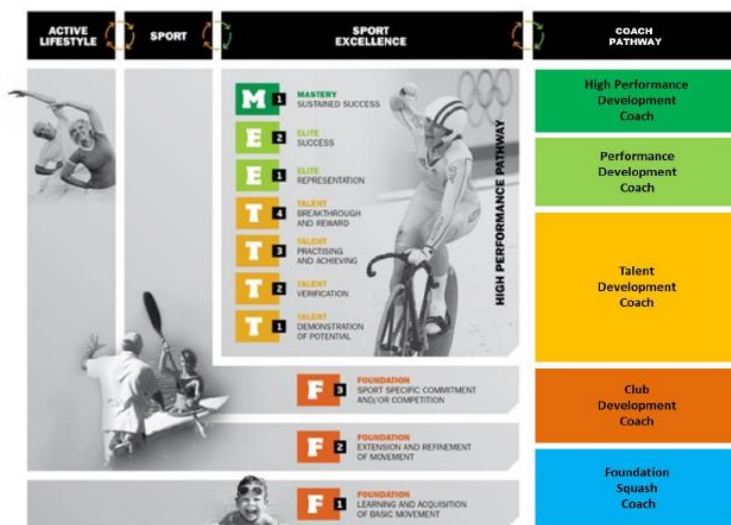
1. Referees

The referees have had a busy period in the last few months, officiating at the Australian Doubles, World Doubles, Australian National Championships, Victorian Open, Australian Open, Tasmanian Open, Bendigo International, South Australian Open and Shepparton International. The North Coast Open and Squash Melbourne Open coming up in the next three weeks.

These events have been officiated in a fantastic and professional manner by all the referees involved. The referees were also provided with many successful opportunities for assessments during these events to maintain and upgrade their accreditations.

Moving forward, Squash Australia will ensure that there are assessors available for referees to complete their assessment requirements at the Australian Junior Championships, Australian Junior Open, Australian Open and Australian National Championships.

2. Coach Education System Framework



We all participate in squash for many different reasons. Some are interested in maintaining an active and healthy lifestyle, others love the thrill of competing with their friends and a rare few set their sights on winning medals for their country. Whatever the motivation, we mostly choose our own pathways, although sometimes the pathway

chooses us.

Squash Australia, in conjunction with the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), has developed a new framework to capture these different pathways and address the current shortfalls in applied research and practice specific to athlete development. It is called FTEM.

FTEM (representing Foundations, Talent, Elite and Mastery) is a user-friendly framework of sporting development that is representative of the ‘whole of sport’ pathway continuum.

It integrates three key outcomes of sport participation: active lifestyle, sport participation and sport excellence. It provides a practical method to assist all squash stakeholders to construct a more functional athlete and sport development system.

Full details of the Coach education framework can be found on the website here - <http://www.squash.org.au/w/coach-education>

3. Coaching Requirements

COACH LEVEL	COURSE REQUIREMENTS	ACCREDITED TO COACH	FIRST COURSE RUN
FOUNDATION	Community Coach General Principles Working With Children Check Foundation Exam	Oz Squash Beginner programs	2016
CLUB	Foundation Coach Accreditation ASADA Level 1 Referee Rules Exam WSF Level 1 Course	Junior Academy Junior Coaching	February 2018
TALENT	Club Coach Accreditation Intermediate Coach General Principles Keep Sport Honest Course ASADA Levels 1 and 2 WSF Level 2 Course	National Juniors State Junior Teams	September 2018
PERFORMANCE	Talent Coach Accreditation WSF Level 3 Course	National Seniors	December 2018
HIGH PERFORMANCE	TBD	TBD	2021

4. Performance Development Coaching Course

A Performance Development coach is competent to plan, conduct and evaluate advanced training programs suitable for players competing at Australian Open Championships (or higher) level competitions. The Performance Development Coach should have the experience and knowledge to

provide coaching leadership and serve in a mentoring or educational role to assist Foundation, Club and Talent Development coaches.

Squash Australia will be holding a Performance Development Coaching Course from 9-14 December 2019 at Carrara Indoor Sporting Complex.

Please contact education@squash.org.au for further information

5. National Junior Coaches

Squash Australia is appointing four National Junior Coaches (NJC) to cover any National Junior Coaching positions from January to December 2020. NJC will form a key part of the Squash Australia High Performance Management Team.

The main events for the year are the Trans-Tasman Team match, National Camps and the World Junior Championships.

Interested coaches should send a letter outlining how they meet the above selection criteria and their CV, along with a preferred category (e.g. age range) to work with to High Performance Management Team at hp@squash.org.au by the 1st September 2019.

To view full job description see - <http://www.squash.org.au/w/high-performance/hp-selection-criteria>

6. World Junior Championships Volunteers

Squash Australia is hosting the World Junior Championships on the Gold Coast 19 – 29th July 2020 and we are looking at finalising the team that delivers the event. We had some great volunteers for the 2019 World Doubles Championships, but we need twice as many for 2020 with over 500 people coming in for the event.

More details on the event can be found here - <http://www.squash.org.au/w/events/world-junior-championships>

For more volunteer details please contact info@squash.org.au

Thanks in advance for your support.