



The Wessex Squash Ladder

What is it?

The Wessex Squash Ladder is intended to encourage flexible and friendly competition and aid players in finding partners at their approximate level of skill.

The ladder is separate from the internal club leagues and runs continuously throughout the year.

How does it work?

The ladder lists squash players in rank order and players move up the ladder by challenging and beating opponents above them. If you successfully challenge another opponent, then you move up to your opponent's position on the ladder and your opponent gets demoted by one place. If you are the challenger and you are unsuccessful then both players stay in the same place prior to the challenge.

Who can I challenge?

Players can challenge other opponents who are up to a maximum of 5 places above them, and therefore can be challenged by opponents up to 5 places below them.

What happens then?

After playing a ladder match, simply visit the Wessex Squash Ladder page on SportyHQ and input the result of your match against the relevant opponent. This will automatically adjust the ladder standings according to the result.

You just need to keep challenging your way to the top!

FAQ's

Do ladder results get uploaded to SquashLevels?

Yes, results from ladder matches will be automatically transferred to SquashLevels, as they do with the box league matches.

How many challenges can I accept at once?

Please only accept one challenge at a time on a first come first serve basis. Remember, after each ladder match you play, the rankings can change depending on the result of your game. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you don't organise multiple ladder matches at the same time and you wait until your latest match result has been processed.

When does a ladder match need to be played by?

The ladder is designed to allow flexible friendly competitive play throughout the year. However, once a player has initiated a challenge to another player, please try and play the match within a two week period.

I've been challenged and I can't play my match – what happens now?

If a player has been challenged and cannot play their match within the two week period, e.g. due to a persistent injury or an extended holiday, they can simply award their challenger with a walkover – a default (3-0) victory.

What happens if a walkover is awarded to me?

If you are awarded a walkover (WO) victory by your opponent, you will automatically move up to your opponents' position in the ladder and your opponent will fall below you by one place.

The player who has received the WO victory will need to add their result to the Wessex Squash Ladder page on SportyHQ – enter a 3-0 game score and make sure to tick the 'Match Defaulted' box. This will then ensure that the result does not impact on SquashLevels rankings.

What are the rules of play?

Ladder matches are best-of-5 games and scored to either 11 or 15 points (to be agreed by the players before the match begins).

There are no handicap systems to be used during ladder matches.

I'm not in the ladder – how do I join?

Scan the QR code below to join the WhatsApp group, I will then add you to the ladder. All new players will start at the bottom of the ladder and will need to challenge their way to the top!

