



## Squash Australia High Performance Memorandum – General Update – April

### 1. WJC selections

The closing date for Expressions of Interests for the WJC Individual (Male and Female) and Teams (Female only) championships close on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2019. The selection criteria for the event can be found here - <http://www.squash.org.au/w/high-performance/hp-selection-criteria>.

**\*As a priority, please ensure all female players who may be in-line for selection for the 2019 WJC team are aware of this**

### 2. Trans-Tasman Results

The Australian Junior Team travelled to Auckland, New Zealand to compete in the Trans-Tasman test match. The event was held prior to the Oceania Junior Championships at Remuera Rackets Club.

The Australian Team was led by coaches Melody Francis and Brad Hindle.

The Australian team eventually went down to the host nation 25-11.

### 3. OJC Results

Australian junior players had a fantastic result overall at the Oceania Junior Championships. Australia had 9 players reach the final of their age group, with 4 players taking out their age group title.

Oceania Junior Championship winners

Eric Marsh (WA) U13 Boys

Oscar Curtis (WA) U15 Boys

Sze Yu Lee (NSW) U17 Girls

Alex Haydon (SA) U19 Girls

Oceania Junior Championships Runners Up

Nickolai Wolpers (QLD) U11 Boys

Maja Maziuk (NSW) U13 Girls

Aryan Madan (SA) U13 Boys

Ella Burge (QLD) U17 Girls

Ethan Eyles (QLD) U17 Boys

### 4. AJO Results

During the Easter long weekend Australia's best juniors along with representatives from New Zealand, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea battled it out in the Australian Junior Open held at Thornleigh Squash Centre in Sydney, Australia. Congratulations to all participants who played hard and fair all week.

Special mention to the players below for reaching the final of their respective age groups

Winners

Nickolai Wolpers (QLD) U11 Boys

Maja Maziuk (NSW) U13 Girls

Oscar Curtis (WA) U15 Boys

Sze Yu Lee (NSW) U17 Girls

Alex Haydon (SA) U19 Girls

Runners Up

Orla Clarke (QLD) U11 Girls

Michael Lawrence (QLD) U11 Boys

Isla Harris (WA) U13 Girls

Maggie Goodman (NSW) U15 Girls

Dylan Classen (WA) U15 Boys

Kurstyn Mather (QLD) U17 Girls

Josh Penfold (QLD) U17 Boys

Katie Davies (QLD) U19 Girls

## **5. Junior Research Survey**

Squash Australia is conducting research into the development framework for squash in Australia and we want everyone's point of view – players, clubs, coaches, officials, centre operators and state associations.

Most importantly we want to hear why kids play squash, what keeps them playing and why kids leave the sport as the junior pathway is at the centre of this development framework. We will look at successful squash clubs and programs both in Australia and around the world. We will look at junior programs and our event structure.

The plan will then be to bring together and trial the best and most successful initiatives currently being used by Australian squash community through 2020.

We would love to hear from you about the experiences you have had playing squash in Australia and what you would most like to see implemented.

The survey should only take 10 minutes of your time, and your responses are completely anonymous.

<https://squashozsurvey.paperform.co/>

## **6. AIS Athlete Wellbeing and Engagement**

The AIS has recently announced their Athlete Wellbeing and Engagement Program. The program covers

**Mental Health** – Access to best practice mental health information and education and individualised psychology services. Through the Mental health referral network Athletes who are categorised as Podium, Podium Ready and Podium Potential through the AIS categorisation framework have access to the Mental Health referral network for free if they are experiencing any kind of mental health problems.

**Career and education** – Access to information, advice and face to face or online learning related to education, career mapping, professional development and work experience

**Personal development** – Face to face or online learning related to wellbeing and personal growth

**Conduct and professionalism** – Advice on managing integrity issues; guidance and support to navigate ethical decision making within the high-performance environment; and provision of policies and procedures

**Engagement** – opportunities for athletes to engage with their local communities, grass roots sports and national charities.

For more information on the AIS Health and Wellbeing program visit - [https://www.sportaus.gov.au/ais#athlete\\_wellbeing\\_amp\\_engagement](https://www.sportaus.gov.au/ais#athlete_wellbeing_amp_engagement)