

Nathan Turnbull

I am Squash plain and simple. I have played for over 20 years and during that time I have represented my region, QLD and Australia in different areas of our sport. For me, Squash is more than a sport, it is my business and my hobby. I not only enjoy playing the game, but coaching it and refereeing it as well. I have been extremely interested in the strategic focus of our governing bodies in squash and what can be done better. I believe over the past few years I have helped not only my club but Brisbane City Squash and QSquash become better organisations that are far better off now than they were 10 years ago.

I am standing for election as a Director because I believe that with my knowledge and passion for Squash I can make a significant contribution to the strategic focus and direction of the sport in Australia. I believe some massive steps have been taken in recent years to help get Squash back on track in Australia, however more can be done and I believe I can aid this process. My area of expertise is in facilities and participation, having owned and managed a Squash centre for the last 8 years with no plans to stop. I know the difficulties of not only getting players onto a squash court but keeping them for another 50 years.

1. Governance

- 1.1. *Leadership* – I have had the privilege to lead Brisbane City Squash and assist QSquash through major changes to our affiliation structure, the biggest change to Squash in QLD in over 18 years.
- 1.2. *The ability to focus on strategic rather than operational issues, and the corresponding ability to distinguish between matters for the Board and matters for management* – I will enjoy working on a board that has the capability to discern between strategic and operational issues. I look forward to focusing my time on strategic issues.
- 1.3. *The ability to work cooperatively and as part of a team on a Board* – I have been involved in junior and senior squash teams for the last 20 years and have thoroughly enjoyed spending time on my local committees and QSquash board for the past 5 years.
- 1.4. *The requirements to meet the obligations of being a Board member including preparations for meetings, contributions out of meeting time and the attendance at Squash Australia events* - I have a very flexible work timetable and spend a lot of my spare time volunteering for Brisbane City Squash, QSquash and Referee work. I have regularly attended most major Squash Australia events over the last decade and my desire to do that will not change.

2. Sport

I am familiar with many sports structures in Australia and what they do differently to us in Squash and have seen the major changes undertaken at the high performance level surrounding the AIS. Having been involved in Squash for over 20 years I am very familiar with the participation problems that occur in the sport right now. I have also been heavily involved in high performance first as a player and now as a coach.

3. Skills and Experience

I am always thinking of new strategies to get players into squash in my roles at my club, in Brisbane City Squash and QSquash. I understand the importance of good communication and what stakeholders expect of boards in squash. Whilst I am new to dealings with government, in recent years I have been involved in meetings with school sport, council, state government about opportunities for Squash participation.

5.4. Working Groups

I believe my areas of expertise lie in participation, facilities and high performance and am more than happy to work in any of these areas to ask some questions on what we can do better for squash.

I look forward to answering any questions regarding my suitability for election to the Squash Australia board. I may be contacted directly on 0418 764 326 or by email at nathan@turnbullsquash.com.au

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Brisbane City Squash:	President Secretary Judiciary member Competition manager Player Junior team coach Junior team manager
QSquash:	Director Referees Director Player QLD team coach
Squash Australia:	National referee assessor Referee of the year Australian University team assistant coach National junior squad assistant coach
Oceania Squash Federation:	Convenor Refereeing
WSF:	WSF Referee Youngest referee appointed to WSF WSF Squash Ambassadors program to PNG (referee) World men's championship final 2016 referee
Presenter:	National coaching conference National referee workshops
Professional:	Bachelor of Arts (majors in sports studies and psychology)