

Squash SA Junior Tournament Guidelines

Squash SA supports our Clubs and our Squash SA contracted Club Development Officers to organise junior tournaments as we believe such tournaments are an important part of the junior squash pathway in South Australia. In providing this support we acknowledge the many hours Tournament Organisers and volunteers dedicate to the junior events calendar each year.

Junior tournaments that are organised within Squash SA “best practice” guidelines may be eligible for:

- Australian Junior Squash Tour ranking points which provide junior players with points to improve their state and national ranking.
- Assistance from Squash SA in promoting the tournament via social media, posters sent to clubs and setting up the tournament on Sporty HQ to manage the event and collect entry fees.
- Rebates depending on the event and whether a Club Development Officer has a service delivery agreement with Squash SA that identifies such rebates.

It is important that all Squash SA endorsed junior events are organised and managed to an acceptable delivery standard so junior players, their families and their coaches know what product to expect when participating in these events. It is important to note that at a national level, Squash Australia endorsed junior tournaments, are governed by detailed policies. This document will provide guidelines as to acceptable formats and standards for junior tournaments that require Squash SA endorsement.

For a junior tournament to receive Squash SA endorsement:

- The tournament must be managed through Sporty HQ including sign up, payment and all draws. There is flexibility around offering alternative payment options for people that don't wish to pay online. Flexibility is also possible when it comes to how the tournament is managed on the day, however all matches must be entered into Sporty HQ within 7 days of the event concluding.
- Draws can be in any format available on Sporty HQ but should include a minimum of three (3) matches per entrant.
- Players should ideally have at least one (1) hour between matches; however, this is sometimes not possible when an event is a timed format event or being run over a short time period.
- The club or tournament organiser can set the entry fee of the tournament.
- Divisions can be decided by age, gender or skill ability.
- Gold, Silver and Bronze AJST events must adhere to the Squash Australia “Australian Junior Squash Tour Policy (event policy 9).
- Squash SA recommends including a “Big Ball” division for all junior tournaments to encourage the newest and youngest players to start learning squash through playing tournaments in a fun supportive setting. Rules for the Big Ball division can be found on the Squash SA website under Participation/Tournaments/Big Ball.

- Prizes for winners and runner ups could include trophies, gifts or vouchers. Cash is not advised but is acceptable as long as the winner of any division does not receive more than \$100.
- Venues with club rooms and bars should be encouraged to not sell alcohol during junior tournaments.

Tournaments that are not organised and managed in line with the above guidelines will not be eligible to receive Squash SA endorsement or support.

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