



# **AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR SQUASH TOUR (AJST) POLICY**

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## 1.0 Australian Junior Squash Tour

### 1.1 Introduction

The Australian Junior Squash Tour (AJST) is the name given to the tiered structure of junior squash events conducted in Australia that are eligible for an Australian Junior Ranking.

There are four tiers: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

The events are sanctioned by Squash Australia and must adhere to this policy, the National Event Policy and any other applicable policies.

### 1.2 Platinum Events

Platinum events are the pinnacle AJST events and are aimed towards intermediate to advanced level players. These aged based competitions are conducted over minimum of three days and bring the best players from around the country for the opportunity to compete on a national and international stage.

- Australian Junior Open (AJO) held annually in Australia.
- Australian Junior Championships (AJC) held annually in Australia.
- Oceania Junior Championships (OJC) held bi-annually in Australia.

Platinum events are conducted by Squash Australia.

### 1.3 Gold Events

Gold events occur once in each state and territory per year and are a performance event. The aged based events occur over two days and cater for Intermediate to advanced players which are observed for state/territory team selection to compete at the Australian Junior Team Championships.

- State/Territory Junior Championships

A minimum of 30 entries is required for event to qualify as a Gold event. If an event does not achieve this minimum it will be downgraded to a silver event.

Gold events are conducted by State/Territory Associations supported by Squash Australia.

### 1.4 Silver Events

Silver events are conducted within each state and territory with a maximum of four per state/territory each year. These events are stepping stones to state level competition for beginner to advanced players. These events are held across two days and commonly aged based. This may be altered to ability based and/or one day of competition with approval from Squash Australia.

- Second tier State/Territory tournaments

Silver events are conducted by State/Territory Associations in partnership with host clubs/facilities.



### 1.5 Bronze Events

Bronze events are held throughout towns and cities across Australia. The structure of these tournaments varies and caters from beginner to advanced players. Bronze tournaments are the foundation level to the AJST and are commonly ability based events held across minimum of one day.

- Participation based tournaments.
- Closed tournaments that restrict entries such as club championships, or regional closed events.

Bronze events are conducted by host clubs/facilities with support of state/territory Associations.

### 1.6 AJST Event Registration

Squash Australia conducts a national calendar process each year in partnership with the State/Territories between September and November.

All AJST events must be registered to the applicable State/Territory association (STA) before being submitted to Squash Australia for approval. All Platinum, Gold and Silver events are required to be registered as part of the annual calendar submission.

Any new events outside of the national calendar process are permitted once approved by STA and SqA at a minimum of 1 month notice before event start date and will be allocated as Bronze level events.

Platinum and Gold events will be scheduled as priority over other events.

AJST event naming convention applies to all events: "Year, Event Name – Level Initial"

Level Indicated by single letter ONLY on ALL events sanctioned by State or SQA.

- B-** Bronze
- S-** Silver
- G-** Gold\*
- P-** Platinum

*E.g. 2022 Central Junior Open- S*

**\*All AJST Gold events-** "Year, State/Territory, Junior Championships – G"

*E.g. 2022 NT Junior Championships - G*

### 1.7 Event Sanctioning

All AJST events must be sanctioned by Squash Australia and follow the correct event policies and procedures.

For a tournament to be part of the AJST and be eligible for ranking points it must comply with the following requirements:

- Use Squash Australia Event Registration System
- Use Dunlop Balls as per section 2.5.
- Register the event as per section 1.6.



- Included AJST event level logo on all promotional materials.
- Tournament organisers must read and follow the correct procedures outlined in this policy.
- Request sanctioning to Squash Australia within 7 days of completion of the event.

## 2.0 AJST Event Procedures

### 2.1 Tournament Timeline

The below table demonstrates the minimum timeline requirements for tournament registration and draw release dates before the start date of the event;

	<b>Platinum</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>
<b>Entries Open</b>	3 months	2 months	2 months	1 month
<b>Entries Close</b>	2 weeks	10 days	7 days	5 days
<b>Draws Released</b>	7 days	7 days	5 days	3 days

### 2.2 Draws

Draws in a tournament can be age or ability based depending on the event level.

- Platinum – Age Based
- Gold- Age Based
- Silver- Age Based/Ability Based\*
- Bronze- Age Based or Ability Based

\*Silver events may be ability based with approval from Squash Australia.

At Platinum and Gold events players must play in their own age group with the exception of U19 draws whereby any player under 19 years old is eligible to play.

At Silver and Bronze events which are age based, players must enter their own age group and if advertised at the time of entry players may compete in an additional draw. If the event is ability based players must enter one draw. Players at ability based events may be moved between draws at the discretion of the tournament director to meet draw eligibility requirements.

All AJST events should use a Monrad or Round Robin draw formats based on entry numbers.

A minimum of four players is required for a draw to be eligible for AJST ranking points. Tournament Directors may combine draws to reach this minimum. Draws can not be combined if the minimum number is achieved in both draws.

The name of a draw must display either an age group for age based events (U15 or u17/U19) or a division number (Division 1) for Ability based events.

### 2.3 Seeding

All sanctioned tournaments must use the AJST rankings for seeding purposes.



Seeding for a tournament will use the rankings as at the date of entries closing.

AJST Platinum events will be seeded in line with the National Event policy.

For ability events the Overall AJST Ranking lists should be used to determine seeding.

## 2.4 Withdrawals

The following withdrawal process will apply to all Squash Australia national events.

A withdrawal occurs;

- i. **Before Entries Close-** Withdrawals can be made up until the entry confirmation deadline without penalty.
- ii. **7 Days to 24 Hours Before Event Start Date-** If the player was seeded (top 16) the draw will be re-seeded in bands i.e. any vacant seeds in the 1/8 band will be replaced by seeds from the 9/16 band and they in turn will be replaced by seeds from the 17/32 band etc. Replacements shall be in seeded order within bands taking the highest seed designated within that band.

If the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> seed withdraw after the draw has been made then the Tournament Director may choose to re-make the draw if it is deemed unbalanced.

- iii. **Within 24 Hours Event Start Date-** The draw will stand and a walkover shall be given to the opponent of a withdrawn player.

Any player forfeiting through injury/illness will automatically be withdrawn from the remainder of the tournament. A player may be permitted to continue in an event at the tournament directors discretion if there are extenuating circumstances.

If a player does not compete in all scheduled matches they will receive zero points for their participation unless a doctors medical certificate is supplied within 7 days of the events completion to Squash Australia at [events@squash.org.au](mailto:events@squash.org.au).

Upon acceptance of a doctors medical certificate, the player will be eligible for the lowest points in the round of competition they withdrew from. For instance, if a player defaults in the quarterfinals, they would receive points for 8th place finish.

Entry fee refunds are determined by the events terms and conditions on the event registration system.

## 2.5 Tournament Balls

The below table indicates the permitted ball use at the applicable AJST event:

BALL	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze
<b>Dunlop Pro Ball (Double Yellow Dot)</b>	X	X	X	X
<b>Dunlop Competition Ball (Single Yellow Dot)</b>		U11 Only	U11 Only	X
<b>Other WSF approved balls</b>				X

## 2.6 Awards

AJST event organisers should supply awards to the players in the form of trophies, medallions, prizes or certificates.



No monetary rewards can be awarded at a AJST sanctioned event. This includes cash, gift cards and other forms of a financial exchange.

## 3.0 AJST Rankings

### 3.1 Overview

The Australian Junior Squash Tour Ranking System (AJSTRS) will be updated monthly. It is the players responsibility to check that their points and personal information are correct (i.e. date of birth, address). Any issue or query regarding the AJSTRS should be emailed to Squash Australia at [events@squash.org.au](mailto:events@squash.org.au).

### 2.7 Eligibility

For a player to be eligible to receive AJST ranking points they must meet the following criteria;

- Players must be Australian citizens and/or residents.
- Players must be affiliated with their State or Territory Association.
- Players must have participated in AJST sanctioned events within 12 months.
- Players competing in an age based tournament must be the relevant age as of the last day of the tournament (eg. a player in an U17 draw must be 16 or under, if a player turns 17 before or during the tournament they must play U19's).
- For a WSF recognised tournament (AJO, AJC & OJC), players must have a SPIN number. This can be purchased through WSF.

### 3.2 Age Groups

Ranking lists will be displayed by gender in each age group - U11, U13, U15, U17 & U19 and one age combined list that shows all players per gender. Players are ranked once in their current age group.

A players best 5 results from the 12 months immediately prior to the date will be included in their ranking.

The AJSTRS works on a 12-month rollover period meaning all acquired points will cease to contribute to a player's AJST ranking if they are over 12 months old.

An AJST event can only occur once in a 12-month rolling period regardless of when the event is held i.e. the same event cannot occur twice within 12 months.

This expiry period may be temporarily changed at the discretion of Squash Australia when required (e.g. when events cannot be held for a long period of time).

### 3.3 Aging Up

Players will carry over their points from their previous age group into their new age group provided the 12-month period for the event has not expired.



### 3.4 Point Allocation Process

A player's ranking will be calculated by taking their best five (5) results and adding them together.

A player will be allocated ranking points for their final placing in an eligible draw.

If a draw does not clearly state final placings, all players will be allocated points for the lowest placing in the relevant round where the draw has not been completed. *Eg. if there is no 3 / 4 playoff in a draw then both players will be allocated 4<sup>th</sup> place points.*

Players are eligible to receive a maximum point allocation of one age group above their own for the placing that they finish in a draw. *Eg. An U13 player plays an U17's draw and finishes 5<sup>th</sup> they would be allocated points for 5<sup>th</sup> place in U15's. This has no impact on the player who finished 5<sup>th</sup> in U15's.*

Tournament Directors may combine draws to reach this minimum. If two draws are combined, the players will receive points for the highest draw (eg. an U17/19 combined draw will be worth U19 points).

Where players are permitted to compete in two separate draws in a tournament, they will only be allocated the points for whichever draw earns them the highest points.

The following table demonstrates the equivalent point allocation between age group and divisions;

Age Group	Divisions
Under 19	Division 1
Under 17	Division 2
Under 15	Division 3
Under 13	Division 4
Under 11	Division 5
Novice	Division 6

If a tournament has more than 6 divisions then division six and over will all receive division six points accordingly.



## Appendix 1- Australian Junior Squash Tour Points Allocation Table

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>U/19 Platinum</b>	120	72.289	62.7213	53.1535	47.8702	42.5869	37.3036	32.0203	30.4289	28.8375	27.2461	25.6548	24.0634	22.472	20.8806	19.2893
<b>U/19 Gold</b>	60	36.1445	31.3608	26.577	23.9353	21.2935	18.6518	16.01	15.1523	14.2946	13.4369	12.5793	11.7216	10.8639	10.0062	9.1485
<b>U/19 Silver</b>	30	18.0725	15.6806	13.2886	11.9677	10.6469	9.326	8.0052	7.5763	7.1475	6.7186	6.2898	5.8609	5.4321	5.0032	4.5744
<b>U/19 Bronze</b>	15	9.0362	7.8402	6.6443	5.9838	5.3234	4.663	4.0026	3.7881	3.5737	3.3593	3.1449	2.9304	2.716	2.5016	2.2872
<b>U/17 Platinum</b>	60	36.1445	31.3608	26.577	23.9353	21.2935	18.6518	16.01	15.1523	14.2946	13.4369	12.5793	11.7216	10.8639	10.0062	9.1485
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<b>U/17 Bronze</b>	7.5	4.5181	3.9201	3.3221	2.9919	2.6617	2.3315	2.0013	1.8941	1.7868	1.6796	1.5724	1.4652	1.358	1.2508	1.1436
<b>U/15 Platinum</b>	30	18.0725	15.6806	13.2886	11.9677	10.6469	9.326	8.0052	7.5763	7.1475	6.7186	6.2898	5.8609	5.4321	5.0032	4.5744
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<b>U/15 Bronze</b>	3.75	2.2591	1.9601	1.6611	1.496	1.3309	1.1658	1.0006	0.947	0.8934	0.8398	0.7862	0.7326	0.679	0.6254	0.5718
<b>U/13 Platinum</b>	15	9.0362	7.8402	6.6443	5.9838	5.3234	4.663	4.0026	3.7881	3.5737	3.3593	3.1449	2.9304	2.716	2.5016	2.2872
<b>U/13 Gold</b>	7.5	4.5181	3.9201	3.3221	2.9919	2.6617	2.3315	2.0013	1.8941	1.7868	1.6796	1.5724	1.4652	1.358	1.2508	1.1436
<b>U/13 Silver</b>	3.75	2.2591	1.9601	1.6611	1.4959	1.3308	1.1657	1.0006	0.947	0.8934	0.8398	0.7862	0.7326	0.679	0.6254	0.5718
<b>U/13 Bronze</b>	1.875	1.1295	0.98	0.8305	0.748	0.6654	0.5829	0.5003	0.4735	0.4467	0.4199	0.3931	0.3663	0.3395	0.3127	0.2859
<b>U/11 Platinum</b>	7.5	4.5181	3.9201	3.3221	2.9919	2.6617	2.3315	2.0013	1.8941	1.7868	1.6796	1.5724	1.4652	1.358	1.2508	1.1436
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<b>U/11 Bronze</b>	0.9375	0.5648	0.49	0.4153	0.374	0.3327	0.2914	0.2502	0.2368	0.2234	0.21	0.1965	0.1831	0.1697	0.1563	0.1429
<b>Division 6 Platinum</b>	0.4688	0.2824	0.245	0.2076	0.187	0.1664	0.1457	0.1251	0.1184	0.1117	0.105	0.0983	0.0916	0.0849	0.0782	0.0715
<b>Division 6 Gold</b>	0.2344	0.1412	0.1225	0.1038	0.0935	0.0832	0.0729	0.0625	0.0592	0.0558	0.0525	0.0491	0.0458	0.0424	0.0391	0.0357
<b>Division 6 Silver</b>	0.1172	0.0706	0.0613	0.0519	0.0468	0.0416	0.0364	0.0313	0.0296	0.0279	0.0262	0.0246	0.0229	0.0212	0.0195	0.0179
<b>Division 6 Bronze</b>	0.0586	0.0353	0.0306	0.026	0.0234	0.0208	0.0182	0.0156	0.0148	0.014	0.0131	0.0123	0.0114	0.0106	0.0098	0.0089



	17	18	19		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
<b>U/19 Platinum</b>	18.4383	17.5873	16.7363		15.8853	15.0343	14.1833	13.3323	12.4813	11.6303	10.7793	9.9283	9.0773	8.2263	7.3753	6.5243	5.6733
<b>U/19 Gold</b>	8.7449	8.3413	7.9377		7.5341	7.1304	6.7268	6.3232	5.9196	5.516	5.1124	4.7088	4.3052	3.9016	3.498	3.0943	2.6907
<b>U/19 Silver</b>	4.3726	4.1708	3.969		3.7671	3.5653	3.3635	3.1617	2.9599	2.7581	2.5563	2.3545	2.1527	1.9508	1.749	1.5472	1.3454
<b>U/19 Bronze</b>	2.1863	2.0854	1.9845		1.8836	1.7827	1.6817	1.5808	1.4799	1.379	1.2781	1.1772	1.0763	0.9754	0.8745	0.7736	0.6727
<b>U/17 Platinum</b>	8.7449	8.3413	7.9377		7.5341	7.1304	6.7268	6.3232	5.9196	5.516	5.1124	4.7088	4.3052	3.9016	3.498	3.0943	2.6907
<b>U/17 Gold</b>	4.3726	4.1708	3.969		3.7671	3.5653	3.3635	3.1617	2.9599	2.7581	2.5563	2.3545	2.1527	1.9508	1.749	1.5472	1.3454
<b>U/17 Silver</b>	2.1863	2.0854	1.9845		1.8836	1.7827	1.6817	1.5808	1.4799	1.379	1.2781	1.1772	1.0763	0.9754	0.8745	0.7736	0.6727
<b>U/17 Bronze</b>	1.0931	1.0427	0.9922		0.9418	0.8913	0.8409	0.7904	0.74	0.6895	0.6391	0.5886	0.5382	0.4877	0.4373	0.3868	0.3364
<b>U/15 Platinum</b>	4.3726	4.1708	3.969		3.7671	3.5653	3.3635	3.1617	2.9599	2.7581	2.5563	2.3545	2.1527	1.9508	1.749	1.5472	1.3454
<b>U/15 Gold</b>	2.1863	2.0854	1.9845		1.8836	1.7827	1.6817	1.5808	1.4799	1.379	1.2781	1.1772	1.0763	0.9754	0.8745	0.7736	0.6727
<b>U/15 Silver</b>	1.0931	1.0427	0.9922		0.9418	0.8913	0.8409	0.7904	0.74	0.6895	0.6391	0.5886	0.5382	0.4877	0.4373	0.3868	0.3364
<b>U/15 Bronze</b>	0.5466	0.5213	0.4961		0.4709	0.4457	0.4204	0.3952	0.37	0.3448	0.3195	0.2943	0.2691	0.2439	0.2186	0.1934	0.1682
<b>U/13 Platinum</b>	2.1863	2.0854	1.9845		1.8836	1.7827	1.6817	1.5808	1.4799	1.379	1.2781	1.1772	1.0763	0.9754	0.8745	0.7736	0.6727
<b>U/13 Gold</b>	1.0931	1.0427	0.9922		0.9418	0.8913	0.8409	0.7904	0.74	0.6895	0.6391	0.5886	0.5382	0.4877	0.4373	0.3868	0.3364
<b>U/13 Silver</b>	0.5466	0.5213	0.4961		0.4709	0.4457	0.4204	0.3952	0.37	0.3448	0.3195	0.2943	0.2691	0.2439	0.2186	0.1934	0.1682
<b>U/13 Bronze</b>	0.2733	0.2607	0.2481		0.2354	0.2228	0.2102	0.1976	0.185	0.1724	0.1598	0.1472	0.1345	0.1219	0.1093	0.0967	0.0841
<b>U/11 Platinum</b>	1.0931	1.0427	0.9922		0.9418	0.8913	0.8409	0.7904	0.74	0.6895	0.6391	0.5886	0.5382	0.4877	0.4373	0.3868	0.3364
<b>U/11 Gold</b>	0.5466	0.5213	0.4961		0.4709	0.4457	0.4204	0.3952	0.37	0.3448	0.3195	0.2943	0.2691	0.2439	0.2186	0.1934	0.1682
<b>U/11 Silver</b>	0.2733	0.2607	0.2481		0.2354	0.2228	0.2102	0.1976	0.185	0.1724	0.1598	0.1472	0.1345	0.1219	0.1093	0.0967	0.0841
<b>U/11 Bronze</b>	0.1366	0.1303	0.124		0.1177	0.1114	0.1051	0.0988	0.0925	0.0862	0.0799	0.0736	0.0673	0.061	0.0546	0.0483	0.042
<b>Division 6 Platinum</b>	0.0683	0.0652	0.062		0.0589	0.0557	0.0526	0.0494	0.0463	0.0431	0.0399	0.0368	0.0336	0.0305	0.0273	0.0242	0.021
<b>Division 6 Gold</b>	0.0342	0.0326	0.031		0.0294	0.0279	0.0263	0.0247	0.0231	0.0215	0.02	0.0184	0.0168	0.0152	0.0137	0.0121	0.0105
<b>Division 6 Silver</b>	0.0171	0.0163	0.0155		0.0147	0.0139	0.0131	0.0124	0.0116	0.0108	0.01	0.0092	0.0084	0.0076	0.0068	0.0061	0.0053
<b>Division 6 Bronze</b>	0.0085	0.0081	0.0078		0.0074	0.007	0.0066	0.0062	0.0058	0.0054	0.005	0.0046	0.0042	0.0038	0.0034	0.003	0.0026

