



Squash Australia Memorandum – Post April Board Meeting

1. National State Workshop June 21/22nd - Royal Pines - Gold Coast

I am writing to confirm the timings and outline for the National State conference in June. All sessions for conference are at the Royal Pines hotel. Everyone is staying in the same hotel.

Friday June 21st

0900 – 1200 Sport Australia Presentation Governance, Participation and Squash Australia Strategy Review

1200 – 1300 Lunch

1300 – 1600 Strategy Review Session

1600 – 1900 Finals World Doubles Championships (Carrara)

1930 – 2300 Annual Awards (Royal Pines)

Saturday June 22nd

0900 – 1200 Strategy Review session

1200 – 1300 Lunch

1300 – 1600 Sport Australia Presentation Integrity, Next Steps and Summary

We have gathered a considerable amount of feedback on the strategy through the online development framework survey. We will send out further information in the next days.

Unfortunately we do not have enough bandwidth with the Worlds Championships on to provide pickups from the airport.

If there are any special dietary requirements then please inform us by 10th June.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate contacting me.

2. SQA Team Contact points and Communication

SQA are delighted to welcome Lachlan Johnston on board from this May as the High Performance Manager. Lachlan a squash player was previously a member of the Performance Working Group for three years and moves to SQA from the Queensland Academy of Sport. With this Tom Calvert will move across to the Education area as

Education Coordinator and will oversee this area.

Tom will contact all States in the next week to arrange meetings to get across the current requirements.

Strategic Area	eMail	Contact
Events	events@squash.org.au	Jordan Till
Membership	membership@squash.org.au	Russell Weatherburn
Education (Coach and Referee)	education@squash.org.au	Tom Calvert
High Performance	hp@squash.org.au	Lachlan Johnston (Manager) or Paul Price (National Coach)
Participation	participation@squash.org.au	Vacant – will be filled July – Richard Vaughan in interim
Facilities	facilities@squash.org.au	George Clinton
Profile	media@squash.org.au	Scott Rollinson
Sporty HQ	sportyhq@squash.org.au	Leanna Davey
Sporting Schools	mhodson@squash.org.au	Meredith Hodson
Integrity	integrity@squash.org.au	Reena Raja

3. Event Calendars

The five year Squash Australia events calendars are saved on the Executive Council folder on dropbox. They are updated each month.

Please feedback any and all comments back to Jordan Till on events@squash.org.au.

4. University Project – Squash Girls Can

As previously advised Squash Australia was successful in a new grant to roll out a female focused participation programme at Universities. This will shortly be added to the funding agreement. The following Universities have been selected to be involved in the pilot over the next six months:

1. Hobart University (TAS)
2. Bond University (QLD)
3. Griffiths University (QLD)
4. Melbourne University (VIC)
5. Canberra University (ACT)
6. UQ Gatton (QLD)

5. Regulation Updates

The April Board Meeting saw a number of minor updates to the following regulations:

- Clothing Policy
- Social Media Policy

6. Squash in Schools

The latest statistics show a further decline in school numbers for the sport which is a real concern.

The feedback generally received is that this is not a focus for the States due to resource issues. A decline here is not good for the longevity of the sport and lines up with both the decline in junior numbers and the size of the talent pool.

It is for that reason SQA has cofounded a position with Victoria to add some dedicated time to the Schools (University) sector. Meredith Hodson has moved in to that role and she will help drive that area forward and any resources we have available will be focused there also in the State Investment Agreement.

We welcome your thoughts in this area and feedback can be sent to mhodson@squash.org.au or please just give Meredith a call.

7. Key dates for 2019 Events and Coach Education

- A. **Tutor Training Day** – Friday 21st June – Southport Squash Centre , Gold Coast
- B. **Talent Development Course** – Saturday 22nd June – 24th June , Southport Squash Centre, Gold Coast
- C. **Performance Development Course (FIRST EVER)**– First week of December 2019, Gold Coast
- D. **World Doubles Championships** – Monday 17th – Friday 21st June – Carrara Squash Centre, Gold Coast
- E. **Australian Doubles** – Friday 14th – Sunday 16th June – Carrara Squash Centre, Gold Coast
- F. **Australian National Championships** – Saturday 22nd – Sunday 23rd June, Carrara Squash Centre, Gold Coast

8. Squash Australia Events Location File

As advised in April we have received interest for the following events and would welcome interest from anyone else for these events. The event location file for the next 5 years is attached:

- AJO 2021 - Carrara Squash Centre, Gold Coast
- Australian Open 2020 and 2021 – Bega, NSW (subject to successful hosting of the 2019 event – which is on track)
- Australian Club Championships 2020
 - o Carrara Squash Centre, Gold Coast, or;
 - o Devonport Squash Centre, Tasmania
- Australian National Championships 2020 – Carrara Squash Centre, Gold Coast

We have received no additional interests for these events and they will be confirmed if we do not get any other tender applications in the next 14 days. The file is attached.

9. AST 2020

Following extensive feedback the past twelve months we are looking to make some changes to the Australian Squash Tour for 2020. We will be in contact separately around this but the goals of any changes will be focused on;

- Improving the brand of squash
- Focusing on making a better streamed/televised event – a focus on making an event to get on mainstream digital platforms
- Providing opportunities for Australian players to gain world ranking points

Any and all feedback will be well received in the next month – please email events@squash.org.au.

Please note event funding for events in Australia is only secured through to June 30th 2019. If your event is after this date then no SQA funding is guaranteed.

10. Marsh rebate

Marsh Advantage Insurance will pay the Referring State/Territory fee of 20% of commission on the Brokerage Earned per policy on Insurance Policies finalised or renewed by Marsh Advantage Insurance on behalf of Referrer Members during the currency of this Agreement. The fee shall be calculated and paid monthly in arrears to the Referrer within sixty (60) days after the end of the month in which the premium is paid.

What this means is for the new business policy and subsequent renewals we will pay an on-going payment

In other words

Premium	\$ 1,000
Commission (say 20%)	\$ 200
Rebate @ 20%	\$ 40

11. Sporty HQ

As communicated at various points the past weeks we have been looking at the Sporty HQ system based on the feedback received.

We believe we have agreed some excellent developments to move things forward:

- a. SQA will cover the subscription costs for 'affiliated' clubs. This is a huge saving for your clubs.
- b. There will continue to be no additional payment gateway charges passed the 1.8% stripe charge
- c. There will be a more user friendly membership dashboard for the states to use
- d. Admin status for State and Matrix will be improved
- e. The CRM will be prioritised so you can collate the data you need eg school, rural/urban etc

- f. Processes and support are to be tightened up and Russell will over see this. All contact is through Russell or Leanne. We need to ensure Henry is maximising his time fixing the issues we need fixed.
- g. Future developments are to be locked down to ensure we get any bugs fixed as a priority and then we will work on a road map for future developments with releases every 6 months.

Finally for the 2019 AGM and National Forum we were again going to host a Sporty HQ weekend for stakeholders to gain 1-2-1 time with Henry. We will cover the costs again of getting Henry to the Forum, please can you ensure the right people can make it to the Forum to maximise both his time and the Sporty HQ system for the States benefit. Hopefully this will be early enough warning to lock in cheap air fares and we would be happy to once again look at cost equalisation if that helps. Please just let me know.

12. Rankings

As previously communicated from the 1st January 2019 all competitions that require ranking points (AST or AJST events) need to use the Sporty HQ software. This has now been made free by SQ covering the cost. All events needs to set up their event correctly on sporty HQ and have it sanctioned by Squash Australia in order for the points for the event to be updated to the national ranking. Please can you ensure this is communicated to all participants and centre/clubs. Any issues please contact events@squash.org.au. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the event not being added to the rankings.

13. Executive Folder

Each State has access to the Executive Folder on dropbox which includes all key documentation from affiliation overviews, affiliations registrations form by State, State Investment Agreements etc.

If you need anything else please do not hesitate contacting me so I can make sure I have the right documents there for you.