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## 1. DEFINITIONS

### 1.1 Appeals Committee

Shall be the body responsible for all appeals during the Event.

### 1.2 Australian Junior Championships

The showcase Event of the Junior Squash Calendar in Australia.

### 1.3 Brisbane Vipers

The official name of the Brisbane Region Junior Team.

### 1.4 Central Bulls

The official name of the Central Region Junior Team.

### 1.5 Games

Components of a Match.

A game score is Point a Rally (PAR) 11 (unless otherwise stated).

### 1.6 Host Region

The Region appointed by Squash Queensland to deliver the Event.

### 1.7 Individual Competition

Aims to establish the Queensland Junior Champion in each Age Group.

### 1.8 Match Committee

Shall be the body responsible for the administration of the Draws for the various Competitions being conducted during the Event.

### 1.9 Matches

Shall be contested between opposing Players by best of 5 games in individual matches and by best of 3 games between two opposing teams in doubles matches.

### 1.10. Northern Redbacks

The official name of the Northern Region Junior Team.

### 1.11. Officials

The Tournament Officials are deemed to be:

- a. Tournament Director (appointed by Squash Queensland LTD)
- b. Tournament Referee
- c. Centre Operator
- d. All Regional Officials traveling with their respective teams including Managers and Coaches

All Tournament Officials will be listed in the Tournament Program.

Members of the Organising Committee or the Match Committee or the Host Region Management Committee may also be part of this category at some point during the event.

### 1.12 Organising Committee

Shall be the Regional Body responsible for planning and organising the Event.

### 1.13 Pathway Protection Policy (PPP)

This policy is designed to preserve and protect the Performance Pathway and the bodies involved in delivering the Performance Pathway Programs For more details see, Squash Australia website-Regulations/Policies

### 1.14 Players

The players are the boys and girls who compete in either the Individuals Competition and / or the Team Competition.

### 1.15 Positive Notice Blue Card

All QJC Officials are required to have their Positive Notice Blue Card. Refer to 2.1 for more details.

### 1.16 Squash Queensland

Squash Queensland Ltd, a company limited by guarantee, and is the State Sporting Organisation responsible for Squash in Queensland.

### 1.17 Squash Queensland Junior Ranking and Selection Committee

This committee shall comprise of a Squash Queensland Representative (Chairperson) and one (1) team Official from each Region. Shall be the Body responsible for deciding on all appeals regarding seeding's / rankings prior to QJC and selecting the Queensland Sharks Team.

### 1.18 Queensland Sharks Squash Team

The official name of the Queensland Junior Squash Team.

### 1.19 Queensland Junior Selection Series

A series of events held in each Region by each Regional Committee prior to the QJC to establish the strongest Team to represent each Region in the Team component of the QJC.

All results from the Selection Series are forwarded to the Qld Junior Selection Committee to establish rankings. To qualify for a Regional Team, a player will be required to attend a minimum number of qualifying events in the Region they wish to represent. Each Region has the right to choose the number of events which will make up their Series and the number of compulsory events.

### 1.20 Regions

Queensland is divided into four (4) Regions – Brisbane Region, Central Region, Northern Region and Southern Region as per the definition below, which is a copy of Appendix 1 of the Squash Queensland Constitution. In this Appendix, Local Authority Area means the district in which a Local Authority has jurisdiction, as defined by the term Area in the Local Government Act 1993.

Northern Region represents all areas North of a straight line drawn from Notch Point to the Queensland border of Northern Territory at Latitude : -21.733.

Central Region represents all areas North of a straight line drawn from Cooloola Beach to the Queensland border with Northern Territory at Latitude :-26.036, and extends north to the Northern Region Border south of Notch Point.

Southern Region represents all areas North of the NSW border, to the west by the South Australia border and extends north to just south of Central Region border at Cooloola Beach, excluding Brisbane Region.

Brisbane Region represents all of Brisbane City, Redlands, Logan and part of Moreton Bay south of Caboolture River including Redcliffe, Excludes south of Beenleigh at Logan and Albert rivers, and excludes Ipswich at the Brisbane River (West).

Refer to Appendix 3 for a map showing regional boundaries, and to the following website for a more detailed map: <http://www.qld.squash.org.au/w/regions>

#### 1.21 Rules of the International Game of Squash

The rules as approved and adopted by the World Squash Federation (WSF)

#### 1.22 Region Of Residency

The Region where the player is deemed to reside. See Section 2.91.23 Social Media

Any inappropriate comments / photos distributed will lead to action by the Squash Queensland Board. This relates to all players, coaches, parents, officials and guests at the event

#### 1.23 Southern Storm

The official name of the Southern Region Junior Team

#### 1.24 Squash Australia

Squash Australia Ltd, a company limited by guarantee, is the National Sporting Organisation for Squash in Australia.

#### 1.25 Substitutes

When one region does not have enough players and has no younger players that are eligible to play up an age division, in accordance with the rulings, a substitute from another Region may represent this Region in the Teams Competition but not earn any points for the matches they participate in. Refer to 4.9 and 4.10 for more information.

#### 1.26 Team Competition

Aims to establish the best Regional Team in each Age Group (Under 11 & Under 13, Under 15, Under 17 and Under 19). The Team Competition involves Individual and Doubles Events. The combined results determine the winning Team in each Age Group. The Overall Champion Region will be the Region recording the most competition points after combining all five (5) age group results.

#### 1.27 Ties

Shall be contested by Teams in the Teams Competition e.g. Brisbane Region v Northern Region constitutes a tie.

#### 1.28 Tournament Director

The Tournament Director will be responsible for control of all match play, administering the draw, scheduling and recording of results and the creation of scoresheets during the Event. The Tournament Director is appointed by Squash Queensland LTD at least 3 months prior to the start of the QJC. This is the only role in the Management Committee that is not the responsibility of the Host Region.



### 1.29 Tournament Referee

The person who shall carry out the assignment of referees and markers and to who all matters concerning interpretations and rulings by referees and markers and disputes thereon shall be referred.

### 1.30 Tournament Software

The Individual Competition will utilize the SportyHQ System in alignment with Squash Australia and the WSF.

### 1.31 World Squash Federation (WSF)

The World Squash Federation is the World Sporting Organisation responsible for Squash.

## 2. GENERAL

### 2.1 Event Ownership, Rights and Obligations

The QJC is owned by Squash Queensland and managed by Squash Queensland and the Squash Queensland Region of Queensland in which the Competition is held.

- Squash Queensland reserves the right to present the Event.
- Squash Queensland reserves the right to change these Guidelines from time to time.
- Squash Queensland reserves the right to consult with the Regions and other Parties on ways to improve the Presentation and Scheduling of the Event.
- Squash Queensland shall appoint one of its Regions to act as the Host Region each year to deliver the QJC, referred to in these Guidelines as the Event, in accordance with these Guidelines.
- Squash Queensland and the Host Region are obligated to follow these Guidelines.
- Squash Queensland and the Host Region will support each other as and when required.
- Squash Queensland and each Regional Body must ensure that all Officials, Coaches, House Parents and any Person with the responsibility of daily direction and discipline of minors must have a current Positive Notice Blue Card.
  - o Blue Card is issued by the Queensland Government Public Safety Business Agency The Agency conducts the Working with Children Check to determine whether a person is eligible for a Blue Card.
- Squash Queensland together with Brisbane Region, Central Region, Northern Region and Southern conducts, on an annual basis, the Queensland Junior Championships (QJC)

### 2.2 Location

The QJC shall be held annually on a rotational basis in the four (4) Regional areas of Queensland.

The location of the QJC is to be in accordance with the order prescribed below, unless otherwise varied by resolution at a Squash Queensland Board Meeting.

· 2021 - Northern	2025 - Northern
· 2022 - Southern	2026 - Southern
· 2023 - Central	2027 - Central
· 2024 - Brisbane	2028 - Brisbane

Any variation to the above order should be made at least two (2) years prior to the scheduled date of the event being held.

### 2.3 Venue

The QJC will only be held at a Squash Centre or Facility that is fully affiliated to its Region and Squash Queensland.

- The Host Region is to provide details of the venue to be approved by the Squash Queensland Board.
- Facility standards, court numbers etc. must be included in these details.

#### 2.4 Dates and Times

The QJC is to be held over a period of seven (7) consecutive days, during the school holidays that fall between the second and third term of the school year. The dates will be announced 12 months in advance, during the Team Presentation Ceremony at the end of the current Event

The announcement must be made and finalised at least eight (8) months prior to the next Event.

The QJC Individual Tournament is to be conducted in the first four (4) days of the Championships.

The QJC Teams Event is to be played for 3 days following the conclusion of the Individual Championship.

Matches are to be scheduled between the hours of 8.30am and 6.30pm each day.

The QJC is to be concluded on a Saturday to enable travels home on the Sunday.

#### 2.5 Host Region Duties

Squash Queensland together with the Host Region will undertake a process to establish the overall best facility to conduct the QJC in the Host Region.

Where a Host Centre operates a business specialising in the sale of food every effort will be made to negotiate an arrangement, which will allow the Host Region to sell some products to fundraise.

The Host Region must provide the following information to Squash Queensland and all other Regional Bodies at the time of the final announcement,

- court facilities to be utilised,
- local accommodation booking agents and/or facilities available for other Regional Teams, Individual Competitors, Families and Officials,
- local Rental Vehicle agencies.

Three (3) months prior to the commencement date of the QJC together Squash Queensland and the Host Region must put in place the following:

- Program and organisational details for the event.
- Entry forms including entry fees and other charges applicable.
- Tournament Meeting times.
- Function times and locations.
- Practice times and facilities.
- Appointed Tournament Referee.
- Appointed Tournament Director (appointed by Squash Queensland).
- Appointed Tournament Coordinator.
- Appointed Match Committee.
- Trophy supplier.

- Photographer.
- Souvenir tournament shirt supplier.
- Any and all other relevant information seen to be required at the time.

Squash Queensland and the Host Region must ensure that the QJC Logo, Squash Queensland Logo, the host Region Logo and any Event Sponsors Logos are present on all promotional or official material produced in association with the Event. This includes and is not limited to entry forms, posters, souvenir shirts, programs, draws, score sheets, etc.

The Host Region will prepare Posters and Entry Forms.

Practice courts and balls should be available to all players (on the day preceding the first day of play). Courts should only be booked in one hour time slots and Regions cannot book additional slots until all Regions have had at least their initial quota. The cost of the practice courts is included in the Host Region's total monies received for the entire event.

The Host Region shall be responsible for all financial transactions including the banking of Entry Fees and paying all expenses including trophies, court hire, printing, etc.

The Host Region will collect all Individual and Team Nominations and Entry Forms and all Nomination and Entry Fees due for the Event.

The QJC is not to be subcontracted to a third party unless approved by the Squash Queensland Board. The Host Region must verify age eligibility and affiliation status of all Players, this can be done with the help of Squash Queensland.

Squash Queensland, together with the Qld Junior Ranking and Selection Committee, will produce interim seedings for each Individual Competition.

### 2.6 Host Region Duties During the QJC

The Host Region is to ensure:

- The venue is open and available for play each day for the Championships.
- The courts are cleaned daily during the competition.
- Amenities such as change areas, bathrooms are open, clean and equipped.
- The canteen is stocked and operating while matches are being played.
- Volunteers are in place to assist in the conduct of the Championships.
- Contract a photographer as per section 2.27.

The Host Region is to provide a report on the QJC within fourteen (14) days of their completion. The report should include, but not be limited to, a budget, highlights, matters of behaviour or appeal, recommendations etc.

Any matters concerning the QJC are to be referred to the Organising Committee. The rulings given by the Organising Committee are to be accepted as final.

The Host Region is to arrange the attendance of local media and distribute results to local media outlets if desired. All results will be published on Squash Queensland required sites.

### 2.7 Duties of Visiting Regions

Visiting Regions are to be responsible for the transportation of their players and officials to and from the venue of the Championships and meet any costs that may occur in this regard.

Visiting Regions are to be responsible for all expenses incurred by their players and officials during the course of the Championships.

## 2.8 Eligibility - Players, Coaches, Team Officials, Referees, Administrators

### 2.8.1 Individual Championship

The QJC individuals are open to all players under the age of 21 as at the last day of the Individual Championships. For a player to be eligible to compete in the individual championship he/she must;

- be a registered / affiliated player with the Region and State / Territory Association they reside in,
- be fully financial with Squash Queensland Ltd,
- not be under any suspension by their Association or National body at the commencement of the QJC,
- meet the age group eligibility,
- for Queensland players only - meet the eligibility requirement of the Squash Queensland Pathway Protection Policy.

There are to be six (6) age groups of individual competition for boys and girls. These will be Under 11, Under 13, Under 15, Under 17, Under 19 and Under 21. The host region can also choose to run a novice event if they wish. Squash Queensland Board approved the addition of the Under 9 age groups for the 2021 QJC.

A player may play in 2 Age Groups in the Individual Events (one must be their actual age group).

The Player must be in the top three (3) ranking of their Age Group to apply to go up more than one (1) Age Group. The application must be forwarded before the closing date for entries and the Junior Selection Committee will consider the application.

Any player competing in the QJC may be requested to submit a birth certificate or extract for age verification purposes.

### 2.8.2 Team Championship

The QJC is open to Queensland residential players under the age of 19 on the last day of the Team Championship.

For a player to be eligible to compete in the Team Championship they must;

- be affiliated and fully financial with Squash Queensland Ltd,
- not be under any suspension by their Region, Squash Queensland Ltd or the National body at the commencement of the QJC,
- be eligible to represent Queensland at the AJC,
- not be receiving any funding from another State or Territory,
- meet the eligibility requirements of the Squash Queensland Pathway Protection Policy (PPP),

- meet the Age Group (2.8.3) and Residency Eligibility (2.8.4) requirements as outlined below.

There will be four (4) team age groups contested for both boys and girls: Combined Age Under 11 and Under 13; Under 15; Under 17; and Under 19.

The Under 11 and Under 13 combined age groups will consist of 5 playing positions for the boys and 5 playing positions for the girls. Each region must have at least one girl and one boy who are Under 11 who occupy one playing position in the girls' team and one playing position in the boys' team each tie. A region can choose to play a full team of Under 11 players, if they wish. Should the region have no players who are Under 11 they must forfeit one position. Players must play in order of strength, regardless of age.

Players will generally represent their region in their correct age group. Where a player represents their Region in another age group or another Region, they will be classified as a substitute (see Clause 4.9) unless where a player is from another region and prior approval is sort and given by both the Region of Residency (ROR) and Squash Queensland Board (see Clause 8.4).

### 2.8.3 Age Group Eligibility

A player is deemed eligible for an age group, if that player is under the age on the last day of the specific event. For example: if the individual championships are run 10-13 June and a player turns 13 on 14 June, they can play in the Under 13 event. If they turn 13 years on 13 June, they must play the Under 15 event.

If the team championships are run from 15-17 June and a player turns 13 years on 18 June, they can play in the Under 13 Teams event. If they turn 13 years on 17 June, they must play in the Under 15 team event.

### 2.8.4 Residency Eligibility

To be eligible to compete in the Team Championships, a player must reside permanently in the Region they wish to represent for a minimum of three (3) months prior to the date of the 1st day of the team championship.

Where a player relocates to another Region within this period, they will need to apply for a release from the ROR. The decision will be at the sole discretion of their ROR. In all cases, the method of communication will be in writing and sent by email. Any decision to deny this application must be emailed back to the athlete within 7 days of receiving the application. Failure to observe this requirement will automatically release the player to another Region.

Where the player is denied, they remain eligible to represent the ROR, if they are selected and accept their offer to represent the ROR.

In all cases, the ROR is determined by where the "main family unit" resides. If a player is financially dependent on their parents / guardians, then they will be classified as residing where their parents / guardians reside. In other words, if a player relocates to another Region to attend an educational facility or to further develop their squash skills, they will remain eligible to represent their ROR as defined above.

If a player wishes to represent a region other than their region of residency, they will need to first qualify for their ROR, then apply for a release from the ROR. The decision to release the player will be at the sole discretion of their ROR. In all cases, the method of communication will be in writing and sent by email. If the player is released then they must apply to the region they wish to play for.

The decision to accept the player will be at the sole discretion of the region. In all cases, the method of communication will be in writing and sent by email. If the region accepts the player, the player must then email Squash Queensland LTD on info@qsquash.com and provide all communication with ROR and accepting region. Squash Queensland will then accept or deny the application to play for the approving region. This process must be completed at least 30 days before the start of the QJC Teams event. If accepted, and the process is followed then the player's points will count. If the process is not followed or the player is denied at any point then the points will not count.

Where the player is denied at any point, they remain eligible to represent the ROR, if they qualify, are selected and accept their offer to represent the ROR. This is as long as they are still in time to make their ROR regional selection deadline.

## 2.9 Competition Program

Matches are to be scheduled between the hours of 8.30am and 6.30pm each day, a later start on Day 5 is requested where possible. There will no longer be a rest day.

- Day 1 Individual Competition - Round 1 and Round 2
- Day 2 Individual Competition - Quarter Finals.
- Day 3 Individual Competition - Semi Finals.
- Day 4 Individual Competition - Finals and Presentations.
- Day 5 Teams Competition - Individual and then Doubles.
- Day 6 Teams Competition - Individual and then Doubles.
- Day 7 Teams Competition - Individual and then Doubles and Presentations.

## 2.10 Competition Playing Rules

The QJC Individual Competition is to be played under the "Rules of the International Game of Squash Rackets" as prescribed by the WSF.

All Individual Matches contested, shall be the best of five (5) games PAR 11 (point a rally) scoring.

If a Player is playing in more than one (1) Competition, if the Tournament Schedule allows, those Players should be given a minimum of two (2) hours break when necessary and possible.

If a Player is not available to play within fifteen (15) minutes of the advertised or rescheduled start time for the Match that Player's result will be a forfeit.

The Doubles Competition shall be played under Modified Rules. See Section 6 Appendix 2.

All Doubles Matches contested, shall be the best of three (3) games PAR 11 (point a rally) scoring sudden death.

If a Player forfeits due to illness or injury during a Tie in the Teams Competition, the Player shall lose that Match, but shall retain all games and competition points won previously.

If a Player is sick for a Finals Match and cannot play at the scheduled time, the Match will not be rescheduled to another day, but if the schedule of matches for that day allows, the Match will be rescheduled to a later time on the same day only. The Tournament Director's decision is final.

## 2.11 Player Code of Conduct

Players are bound by the Code of Conduct as per Squash Queensland Policy No. 20 and Squash Australia Regulation 18, Member Protection Policy – Jan 2010, Player, Code of Conduct Part B, Item 6.

Any Player who has a Conduct Game or Match awarded and subsequently upheld against them are automatically disqualified from selection for any Merit Awards.

## 2.12 Player, Coaches, Team Officials, Referees, Administrators Risk

All participant players, coaches, team officials, referees and event organisers enter or engage with the Queensland Junior Squash Championships at their own risk. Neither Squash Queensland, nor the Host Region, nor the venue owner will accept any responsibility for injury arising from participation in the QJC.

All coaches, team officials and event organisers must hold a current Blue Card.

The QJC is an alcohol and drug free event. Any player or official found under the influence of a substance will be in breach of these conditions and subject to disciplinary action. Squash Queensland is in compliance with the Drug Policy as outlined by Squash Australia. For details see [www.squash.org.au](http://www.squash.org.au) Regulations/Policies - Reg.003

Protective Eyewear that complies with the Squash Australia Eyewear Policy is compulsory for all players competing at the Championships (individual and teams), and is to be worn, in the correct manner, for the total duration of all practice times, matches and competition matches.

Tournament and Team Officials, Referees and Markers should not permit play to commence or continue without both Players wearing their Eyewear correctly.

If a Player is required to wear prescription glasses instead of protective eyewear, they must obtain a Certificate from a relevant Medical Authority stating that the glasses are safe for use on a Squash Court and that will offer suitable protection to the eye in case of accident e.g. being hit directly by a Squash Racquet.

## 2.13 Function and Presentation Protocol

### 2.13.1 Welcome Function

Conducted by the Host Region, for all Teams and Team Officials on the evening prior to the commencement of the event, and should consist of the following:

- Welcome to Teams, Team Managers, Coaches and Officials.
- Distributes Programs prepared for Teams and Officials.
- Presentation by the Host Region on any and all matters relevant to the Event.
- Catering for the function shall be coffee and tea, no food required.

### 2.13.2 Individual Competition Presentation and Awards Ceremony

- All Players and Officials to be present where possible
- To be conducted on the fourth (4) day of the QJC immediately following the last match of the Individual Competition, and organised and hosted by the Host Region.



- Presentation of the Individual Trophies commencing with youngest Age Group and presented 3rd place followed by 2nd and lastly 1st place.
- Presentation of all Individual Special Awards as decided by the votes from the Officials of each Region.
- Photos to be taken of all winners while being presented their prizes for that Age Group.
- Presentation Host of the Host Region is to involve Sponsors and or Special Guests and give them the opportunity to present the trophies and then speak at this time.

### 2.13.3 Team Competition Presentations and Awards Ceremony

- All Players and Officials to be present where possible
- to be conducted on the last day immediately following the last match of the Team Competition, and organised and hosted by the Host Region.
- Presentation of any and all Special Presentations.
- Presentation of the Teams Trophies commencing with the youngest age group and presented 4th followed by 3rd then 2nd and lastly 1st place.
- Presentation of the overall winning Team.
- Announcement of the next QJC event Region and Venue.
- Announcement of the Queensland Sharks Team.

### 2.14 Organising Committee

The Organising Committee has the vested responsibility of planning, organising and delivery of the Championships.

The Chairperson of this Committee shall be appointed by the Host Region and to advise Squash Queensland. The Host Region shall ensure that Squash Queensland is fully informed of all arrangements for the Event.

All minutes of meetings from the Organising Committee are to be forwarded to Squash Queensland within seven (7) days following a meeting.

### 2.15 Match Committee

The Host Region and Squash Queensland shall form a Match Committee which will include the Tournament Director and Tournament Coordinator. The Host Region is responsible for appointing and fulfilling the roles of all positions other than the Tournament Director role. The Tournament Director will be appointed by Squash Queensland LTD and will be the Chairperson of the Match Committee.

The Match Committee shall be required to liaise with Squash Queensland when preparing the Program and Draws for the Event.

The Match Committee has the power to make whatever decisions necessary to achieve the scheduling of matches and a successful event.

### 2.16 Tournament Director

The appointed Tournament Director (TD) will enforce all Condition of Entry clauses and also ensure the general behaviour of all competitors at the Championships is suitable. It is the duty of the

TD to follow up any matters that may arise concerning poor behaviour, sportsmanship etc. and to enforce the appropriate action. The TD must keep a well-documented account of all matters that may arise during the Championships. The TD must also be knowledgeable about the Regulations concerning the event.

The Tournament Director, assisted by the Match Committee, will be responsible for preparing and administering the initial and daily draws, match times, court allocations, and scoresheets for the various events being conducted at the Championships. Results during and after the event will also be issued by the TD. The Rankings will be given to the Tournament Director from the QLD Junior Ranking and Selection Committee.

#### 2.17 Duties of the Qld Sharks Selectors

Throughout the QJC, the Qld Sharks Selection Committee will meet to discuss results and advise of the QLD Sharks Team to compete at the Australian Junior Championships at the trophy presentation following the Teams Event. Results from both the Individual and Teams Events are taken into consideration as well as the criteria for selection.

#### 2.18 Individual Draw

The Tournament Director or designated person from Squash Queensland will complete the draw for each event to be conducted at the QJC as soon as the rankings have been received from the Qld Junior Ranking and Selection Committee. The draw is to be considered as draft whilst the Regions review it. The Draws will then be published on the Squash Queensland required site.

#### 2.19 Official Ball

The QJC Ball will be the Dunlop Double Yellow as supplied by Dunlop Australia for the duration of the event.

#### 2.20 Finance

The Host Region is responsible for the financial operations of the QJCs, collecting entry fees, merchandise sales, paying for court hire, promotion, etc. The entry fee(s) of the Championships should not exceed a 5% increase on the previous year's entry fee(s).

The Host Region can generate financial benefit from Government Grants (Local and State) and Canteen. Any contractual obligations entered into with Government or commercial providers need to be visible to Squash Queensland and should be acquitted according to the contractual agreement.

#### 2.21 Referees and Markers

The Tournament Referee must be a suitably qualified and experienced person to whom any matters concerning interpretation of rules, rulings by referees and markers and disputes thereon shall be referred.

A Tournament Referee shall be present at all times during match play, at the venue throughout the Event.

The rulings given by the Tournament Referee shall be accepted as final.

The Tournament Referee must be an independent person from all Regional Team's Officials and Participants.

When Referees and Markers are not appointed by the Tournament Referee, Players must Referee and Mark the match immediately following their own match or as directed by the Tournament Referee.

Whenever a Team or Team Official feels this is not appropriate i.e. Under 11 refereeing an Under 19 match, the Team shall appoint an appropriate replacement from their Region in conjunction with the Tournament Referee.

The Tournament Referee may appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Referee and Marker to any match at the Event.

At all times In the Teams Event, the duties of Referee and Marker must be with alternate teams, i.e. Referee from one Region and the Marker from the other Region.

Where the Referee awards a conduct game or match, the Referee and Marker must advise the Tournament Referee.

If the Tournament Referee is advised, he/she must advise the Tournament Director in order that the Player or other participant concerned is aware that the matter is in the hands of the Tournament Director. It is then the Tournament Director's responsibility to conclude the matter with the Match Committee.

#### 2.22 Program

The Host Region is responsible for the program. Squash Queensland must approve the program prior to printing and distribution. All nominated Team Officials shall be given a copy of the program for the Event, on arrival at the meeting for Team Managers, Coaches and Officials. These copies will include a full set of Draws.

The Host Region will organise for three (3) copies of the Draws to be supplied to each Region.

All Players shall receive a copy of the official program on their arrival at the Squash Centre where the Event is being conducted.

#### 2.23 Appeals Committee

The Tournament Director shall be responsible for establishing an Appeals Committee to hear and make decisions concerning all Appeals.

This Committee shall comprise the Tournament Director, the Tournament Referee and one (1) Team Official from each Region not involved in the Appeal.

#### 2.24 Appeals

All appeals are to be in writing and dealt with immediately, however, the closing time for appeals will be 6pm on the day prior to affected play commencing.

There is to be no appeals against any decision of the Appeals Committee.

Any Appeal against the order of merit of another Team shall be lodged in writing to the Tournament Director.

The Appeals Committee must rule on the appeal prior to the commencement of play.

#### 2.25 Results of Matches at the QJC

Results will be displayed at the venue as soon as practicable after the completion of each match. Results will be displayed on Squash Queensland required site following the conclusion of each day's play. The Host Region is responsible for providing results daily to:

- Nominated Team Officials.
- Media (radio, TV, press) within own Region.
- Squash Queensland (including Facebook and Website).
- Sponsors.

#### 2.26 Merchandise

The Host Region shall be permitted to sell any of its merchandise and resources at the Event.

The Host Region shall not produce any merchandise, which uses the name and year of the QJC without the express permission of Squash Queensland.

Where the Host Region acts as the agent for selling Squash Queensland merchandise and resources, the Host Region shall be entitled to receive a commission, which shall be negotiated between the two parties.

The Host Region may produce a souvenir shirt to sell at the Event. The shirt must display the Squash Queensland logo, the QJC logo and the Host Region Logo.

#### 2.27 Photography

The Host Region manages the photography for the Event.

Photos will include and not be limited to Age Champions, each Regional Team and Captains of Regional Teams.

Photos are to be available for pick up during the event.

Each Region and / or Player shall be responsible for the payment, order and purchase of the photographs they order.

The Host Region shall provide Squash Queensland with a group photograph of all Individual winners of all Age Groups, all Regional Teams and the Captains of all Regional Teams at no cost to Squash Queensland.

#### 2.28 Sponsors

In the case of Sponsors obtained by Squash Queensland and or any other Region, the Host Region shall provide recognition, exposure and other benefits as discussed for the Sponsors.

#### 2.29 Competition Player Dress Code

All Players will observe a standard of dress, which is appropriate for a sports person and deemed acceptable by the Tournament Director.

Should a Player wear unsuitable clothing as deemed by the Tournament Director, the Player will be asked to change the clothing immediately.

If the match has commenced and the Player fails to observe the request by the Tournament Director, the match will be awarded to the Player's opponent.

The matter will then be referred to the Match Committee for further review and penalty as the Match Committee see fit.

### 2.30 Final QJC Report

The Host Region shall provide Squash Queensland with the detailed results of the QJC within one (1) week of their completion of the event.

The Host Region shall provide Squash Queensland within one (1) month after the completion of the championships a full report including a financial report on the championships.

Any matters concerning the QJC not provided for in these Guidelines shall be referred to Squash Queensland for further discussion and rectification.

### 3. QJC - INDIVIDUAL EVENT

#### 3.1 Competition Program

These events for boys and girls are to be conducted in accordance with section 2.8 of this Regulation.

Six (6) age groups of Individual Competition for boys and girls will be conducted. They shall be, Under 11, Under 13, Under 15, Under 17, Under 19 and Under 21. The host region has the option of also hosting a novice event. The Squash Queensland Board has approved Under 9 event to go ahead in 2021.

#### 3.2 Nominations to Compete

Entry forms to compete for the Individual Championships will be available from the Squash Queensland website, Facebook Page and will be emailed to all Regional Bodies by the Host Region. This will occur not less than three (3) months prior to the commencement of the QJC.

All completed entry forms are to be submitted to the contact person listed on the entry form on or before the closing date of entries which shall be twenty one (21) days prior to the commencement date of the Event. No late entries will be accepted after 5pm on the closing date. Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by the entry fee.

The Entry Form must be accompanied by the Entry Fee to the nominated Tournament Bank Account. Entry Forms must be completed in full and can be returned by email, fax or mail.

No player will be able to compete in the QJC if not affiliated and in accordance with section 2.8 of this Regulation.

#### 3.3 Individual Competition Draw

The Tournament Director shall be responsible for preparing and administering the draw for each Individual Competition. The tournament will be scheduled utilising Squash Queensland required site and draws will either be a Monrad or Round Robin Draw.

An event shall not be conducted where less than four (4) entries are received unless approved by Squash Queensland.

A Round Robin format will be used for events involving between four (4) and seven (7) players with no Final to be played.

If there are eight (8) or more Players in an event, a Monrad Draw will be used.

If there are nine (9) or ten (10) players in an event, there is an option (at the discretion of the Tournament Director) to split these players into 2 pools to create 2 round robins with a Championship play-off.

Playoffs between each group for 1-4 positions should be:

- 1 from Division A v 2 from Division B and vice versa - winners goes to the Grand Final.
- 3 from Division A v 4 from Division B and vice versa - winners to play losers of 1v2 matches.
- Winners play off for 3 and 4 position.
- Losers form a round robin and playoff for the remaining positions i.e. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

In preparing the draws, the Tournament Director will utilise the rankings as determined by the Qld Junior Ranking and Selection Committee

Squash Queensland / Tournament Director shall take all reasonable steps to avoid drawing first round matches between Players from the same Region, and the bunching of Players from the same Region into one- quarter of the Draw.

Should a seeded Player withdraw from an event forty-eight (48) hours or more prior to the first match of the competition is scheduled for play, the Tournament Director shall redraw the event and fill the vacancy by moving the Players in accordance with the method originally used to establish the Draw.

The Draw for all events shall stand as at 6.00 pm on the day immediately before the first match of the competition.

Any match time changes due to religion, study or any other reason is solely at the discretion of the Tournament Organising Group and the affected opponent.

Any player forfeiting through injury/illness will automatically be withdrawn from the current match. The Tournament Director or doctor may clear the player for re-entry into the Tournament.

All Draws are available from the Squash Queensland Website and a final copy with all results is available from Day 6 of Competition.

### 3.4 Individual Competition Seedings

Squash Queensland together with the Qld Ranking and Selection Committee will prepare the Seeding's List for each Individual Competition to be conducted at the event, in line with Current Player Ranking List in conjunction with recent results and distribute that list to each Region by email within fourteen (14) days of the close of entries.

Regional Bodies will have seven (7) days to review the seedings and bring any concerns or requests for changes to the attention of Squash Queensland for alteration if required.

The Seeding's List will then be finalised sent to all Regional Bodies and published on the Squash Queensland Website.

### 3.5 Trophies and Awards

The winner, runner up and third place in each Individual Age Group will receive a trophy, medallion or prize. No prize money is to be paid to any competitor

#### 3.5.1 Eagle Awards

The winners of the following Eagle Awards shall each receive a trophy.

- Peter Nance Achievement Award – Most Outstanding Male Player.
- Rachael Grinham Achievement Award – Most Outstanding Female Player.
- Chris Robertson Encouragement Award – Boys (up to and including 13YAG).
- Rachael Grinham\* Encouragement Award – Girls (up to and including 13YAG).

\*To be replaced with the name of the next female World Junior Champion from Queensland.

#### 3.5.2 Encouragement Award

This award is based on a Player's attitude, determination and heart in a losing situation. Generally, close games where an Under 13 and below aged player loses in five (5) should be considered.

### 3.5.3 Achievement Award

This award will recognise a Player's consistent achievements and sportsmanship throughout the entire Individual Competition. Only those Players who finish in the top four (4) of each Age Group will be eligible to be considered for any Achievement Awards.

### 3.5.4 Award Voting Procedure

Team Managers from each Region will be independently responsible for voting or organising a responsible and experienced person within their Team Officials to carry out the task of voting.

Each Region will vote at the conclusion of the Individual Competition for the Player of the Championship as detailed below:

- High Achiever (male and female) from any other Region – 5 points.
- High Achiever (male and female) from their own Region – 4 points.

Votes will be awarded to players for "Most Outstanding Performances" on court based on match results, improvement, courage and sportsmanship.

Players will be disqualified from receiving an Award if they are penalised by a Referee with Conduct Game or Conduct Match decision during the event.

Voting sheets will be distributed to Team Managers at the conclusion of the Individual Championship.

One of the Squash Queensland Board Directors who is in attendance at the Event will collate the votes and prepare a list of Winners.

In the case of a tie, the nominated Squash Queensland Board Director will firstly determine the winner by count back. If a tie still remains, the Squash Queensland Board Director will organise a vote between the Players on equal points. In the event of a tied vote, the winner will be the player receiving the most five (5) point votes.

All voting slips and the final summary of points must be provided to Squash Queensland with the Final Championship Report.

See Section 6 Appendix 1 for Voting Slip



## 4. QJC – TEAMS EVENT

### 4.1 Competition Program

The following Team Competitions shall be contested at the Event:

- Queensland Under 11 and 13 Team Championship
- Queensland Under 15 Team Championship
- Queensland Under 17 Team Championship
- Queensland Under 19 Team Championship

### 4.2 Ties

Under 15, Under 17 and U19 ties shall be contested by teams of a minimum of six (6) players, three (3) boys and three (3) girls in each age group. Each Player playing one (1) match in the Individual event of the Teams Competition.

Two boys and two girls will play Doubles and the remaining boy and girl will play Mixed Doubles in the Under 15, Under 17 and Under 19 age divisions. Players will play one (1) match in the Doubles event of the Teams Competition. A Player cannot play both the Mixed Doubles and the same sex Doubles.

In the Under 11 and Under 13 combined age division, ties shall be contested by teams of a minimum of ten (10) players, five (5) boys and five (5) girls. Each player playing one (1) match in the Individual event of the Teams Competition. At least one Under 11 girl player and one Under 11 boy player must be a playing member of the Under 11 and Under 13 combined age team in each tie. Regions can choose to play more than the minimum of one Under 11 girl and one Under 11 boy in their team, if they wish.

Two boys and two girls will play Doubles and one boy and girl will play Mixed Doubles in the Under 11 and Under 13 combined age division. At least one Under 11 boy and one Under 11 girl must play doubles each tie. Regions can opt to pair Under 11s with other Under 11s or Under 13 players as they wish for the doubles matches.

Squash Queensland is able to adjust this format depending on participation numbers and a case by case situation to be determined prior to the commencement of the entire Teams Event.

### 4.3 Team Composition

Each Region is entitled to submit a Team in the Team Competition in each Age Group. Refer to 2.8 for eligibility to participate in Teams Event.

It is each Region's responsibility to determine who wishes to play for their Region.

The team must be submitted as per the date on the Tournament Entry Form, with final composition and publication occurring no later than 6pm prior to the first day of play.

The QJC teams Competition allows for the combined team from each Region to comprise a minimum of 20 Players and a maximum of 40 Players.

For a Region to be eligible to nominate a Team in an Age Group, a Region must contribute a minimum of 50% of that Age Group's team members (e.g. 3 of the minimum 6 required).

A minimum of 30 "Players" is required to contest a "Tie". If a Regional Team only submits 20 players prior to commencement of the event, the Region will require substitutes for the duration of the Teams event (see 4.9 for definition of substitute).

If a Region cannot field a complete Team prior to the commencement of the Individual Competition that Region must organise a Fill-in Player or Players from another Region prior to the commencement of the Team Competition. Please refer to 4.9 and 4.10 for more details.

#### 4.4 Team Entry Forms

Squash Queensland will email all Regional Bodies and inform them when Entry Forms will be available on the Squash Queensland Website and Facebook Page. This should be no less than three (3) months prior to the commencement of the Event.

Completed Team Entry Forms, including the State Ranking of each Player, are required to be returned to the contact person listed on or before the closing date of Entries, which shall be thirty (30) days prior to the commencement date of the Event.

The Entry Form must be accompanied by the Entry Fee to the nominated Tournament Bank Account. Entry Forms must be completed in full and can be returned by email, fax or mail.

#### 4.5 Teams Draw

The Match Committee shall be responsible for the Draw for each event and in doing so shall follow team seeding's provided by the Squash Queensland Selection Committee for all events and arrange the draw in order as follows;

Round 1    Team 1 v Team 4    Team 2 v Team 3  
Round 2    Team 1 v Team 3    Team 2 v Team 4  
Round 3    Team 1 v Team 2    Team 3 v Team 4

#### 4.6 Teams Competition Seedings

Squash Queensland will prepare the Seeding's List for the Teams Competition to be conducted at the Event, and distribute that list to each Regional Body by email within seven (7) days of the close of Entries.

Regional Bodies will have five (5) days to review the Lists and bring any concerns or requests for changes to the attention of Squash Queensland for alteration if required.

The Finishing Position of all Teams from the previous year's Competition will be used to Seed the Teams in the current year.

The Players within each Team must be placed in Order of Merit at the discretion of the respective Regional Team Management and will be presented at the Manager's meeting prior to competition commencement.

#### 4.7 Team Order and Changes

Teams shall play in the order of merit as submitted for their first Tie, and this order may not be changed except in special circumstances by the Tournament Coordinator.

Team order for each days play must be submitted to the Tournament Coordinator, at least a half hour prior to each day's play, on Forms supplied by the Tournament Coordinator - enabling if required Appeals to be submitted to the Appeals Committee.

Team Officials have the right to use any Member of their Team in order of merit. i.e. the No.1, No.2 and No.3 can play one Tie followed by the No.2, No.3 and No.4 playing the second Tie and the No.1, No.3 and No.4 playing the third Tie.

If a full team of 3 boys and 3 girls cannot be filled, the players in the team must play in the highest positions possible, and all lower positions forfeited. For instance, if there is only one Under 15 girl in a regional team, she must play in the No.1 position and the No.2 and No.3 positions forfeited. Fill-in players whose points do not count must always play below players in the team.

A Player cannot play both the Mixed Doubles and the same sex Doubles.

#### 4.8 Order of Play

Matches in the Team Competition shall see each Age Group allocated a Court [at least a total of 8 courts for 4 Regions] and be played as follows;

The Individual Matches will be played in the morning followed by the Doubles Matches in the afternoon.

A break between the Individual and Doubles competition is not compulsory.

The playing order for Individual Matches shall be the No.3 girl Player followed by the No.3 boy Player followed by the No.2 girl Player etc.

The playing order for the Doubles Matches shall be Mixed followed by Girls Doubles followed by Boys Doubles.

Players will be required to contest all Matches in a Tie even if the result of the Tie has been decided, including matches against Substitute Player

#### 4.9 Substitutes and Playing Twice

From time to time Regions experience difficulties filling a complete team in certain age groups. Currently, they have the option to utilise;

- a player from the Host Region (also known as a local) who was not selected to represent their Region or,
- include a surplus player from another Region who again was not selected to represent their Region or,
- use a team member from a lower age group who isn't scheduled to play in a specific tie or,
- use a team member from a lower age group who is also scheduled to play in the specific tie - this is referred to as playing twice.

In the use of a substitute, no points are awarded to the team. The other Region shall be awarded the winning result (3/0) in all cases. The individual's results will be recorded separately for State and / or National rankings.

If a suitable player cannot be found, the Tournament Director must refer the matter to a meeting of all Regional Team Managers.

##### 4.9.1 Fill-In – Permanent

Regions are permitted to name a player from a lower age group in a higher age group for the entire duration of the Team Championships.

Such a player must be named in the Order of Merit in the higher age group. Their results will count in the age group they are nominated in. However, if they play a second time in a higher age group their second results will not count.

Such a player will not be permitted to return to their correct age group under any circumstances.

If a player from another Region fills in on a permanent basis in another Regional team in their correct or higher age group their points will not count.

#### 4.9.2 Non Team Member

If a player from another Region fills in for a Regional Team in their correct or higher age group, their result will not count. Where the match doesn't count, the actual team member from the other region will be awarded the winning result 3/0 in all cases.

The result will be recorded separately for State and / or National rankings. Teams / players competing against a substitute player must play the match.

#### 4.10 Rotation of Players

Regions are permitted to draw on the registered No.1 and No.2 Players from lower Teams only to compete in at least 2 age groups above. These points will not count.

All other Players may be rotated.

#### 4.11 Trophies

The Overall Team Champions will win the Perpetual Trophy.

Squash Queensland will retain the Perpetual Trophy for the Team's Competition. The updating of Perpetual Trophies will be the responsibility of Squash Queensland.

Squash Queensland will also be responsible to ensure the Perpetual Trophy is present at the following year's Event.

All Team Members of the winning Team in each Age Group shall each receive a Trophy. All Team Members of the winning Team Overall shall each receive a Trophy.

No prize money will be paid to any Player.

#### 4.12 Team Results

At the end of each Tie, the Manager of each Team shall deliver the score sheets to the Tournament Director.

A progressive result board will be displayed at the centre and it will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director to record all scores including wins and losses as well as all points gained.

#### 4.13 Team Uniform

All Regions are to produce a Regional Team Uniform which will consist of a Team Shirt as a minimum.

It is compulsory that the Squash Queensland Logo be placed on the right hand sleeve of all new Regional Team Clothing.

Players can use their Team Shirts in the Individual Competition.

During the Team Competition, Team Managers, Officials and all Players must make every effort to wear their Team Shirts and Team Colours as often and long as possible in every Match.

Team Photographs will occur prior to the commencement of Day 1 of the Teams Event. All players must be in full uniform.

#### 4.14 Winning Teams

The winning Team in each age category shall be determined by the following method:

- One point is awarded for each game won and each rubber won.
- A bonus 4 points is awarded to the winning team.
- A drawn tie is counted as a win for both teams.
- An undefeated Team will be declared the winner of an Age Groups regardless of the points achieved.
- In the event of Teams being equal on competition points the winning team shall be determined by the following criteria applied successively until a decision is reached;
  - a. the most ties won,
  - b. the most matches won,
  - c. the most games won,
  - d. the most points won,
  - e. the least ties lost,
  - f. the least matches lost,
  - g. the least games lost,
  - h. the least points lost.
- The Region gaining the most competition points combining all four, Age Groups shall be declared the Champion Region.

## 5. QUEENSLAND SHARKS TEAM

### 5.1 Queensland Junior Ranking and Selection Committee

Each Region will nominate one (1) person to represent them on the Squash Queensland Junior Ranking and Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee will decide on any challenges to Squash Queensland seedings and select the Queensland Sharks Team.

The Chairman of Selectors will be a Squash Queensland Board Director. See also 2.17 for Qld Shark Selector Duties.

### 5.2 Queensland Sharks Team

When selecting the Queensland Sharks Team, the Selection Committee will focus on the results achieved in the Under 13, Under 15, Under 17 and Under 19 Individual Event but Teams Event results will also be considered when there is a close decision.

Note: Unless prior approval is granted by Squash Queensland, no player is to be considered for the Queensland Sharks Team if they have not represented their Region in the designated team event at the QJC or at prescribed selection trials.

A Player may be selected to represent Queensland in a higher Age Group. The Queensland Sharks Team will be announced in alphabetical order.

Six (6) Players will be selected to represent each Age Group, three (3) boys and three (3) girls.

Two additional Players will be selected in each Age Group. These Players will be advised but not announced. They will be asked to be on standby in case of injury or some other unforeseen circumstance that may happen to a selected Player. They will be invited to take part in any Training Camps scheduled.

A Player may be selected to represent Queensland without competing in the QJC. This applies where extenuating circumstances exist, ie, a Player may be away representing Australia, a Player may be ruled out due to a Medical Condition.

If a Medical Condition does exist, a Doctor's Certificate must be provided to the Selection Committee before the selection of the Team.

A selected player may be removed from the Sharks Team for inappropriate social media postings prior and during the AJCs.

See also the Pathway Protection Policy.

## 6. APPENDICES

### 6.1 APPENDIX 1 - HIGH ACHIEVER VOTING SHEET

Squash Queensland - \_\_\_\_\_ REGION

#### ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

This award is based on a Player's attitude, determination and heart in a losing situation. Generally, close games where a Player loses in five (5) should be considered. 13YAG and below - Courage in a losing situation.

#### YOUNG PLAYER OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP FROM ANOTHER REGION

BOYS 5 (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

GIRLS 5 (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

#### YOUNG PLAYER OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP FROM YOUR REGION

BOYS 4 (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

GIRLS 4 (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

#### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

This award will recognise a Player's consistent achievements and sportsmanship throughout the entire Individual Competition.

High Achiever (male and female) from any other Region – 5 points

High Achiever (male and female) from their own Region – 4 points

#### HIGH ACHIEVER FROM ANOTHER REGION

BOYS 5 (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

GIRLS 5 (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

#### HIGH ACHIEVER FROM YOUR REGION

BOYS 4 (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

GIRLS 4 (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Manager/Coach (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## 6.2 APPENDIX 2 - MODIFIED DOUBLES RULES

Best of 3 games to 11 points, sudden death.

If both teams reach 10 all then a team requires to win 1 more point to win the game. PAR (point a rally) scoring.

Before the match begins, each side must announce the order in which the partners will serve, which must remain the same throughout the match.

From the start of the match the serving side has two hands (previously the first side to serve in a game had only one hand).

When the first serve is lost it is called – HAND OUT – and when the second serve is lost it is called – SIDE OUT – and on this call (side out) the service passes to the opposing side.

No strokes will be awarded – only lets.

A player cannot call a let on his/her own player.

When receiving serve players must stay on their designated side for the duration of the game.

This means that you cannot receive serve from the right hand side and then also from the left hand side – you take one side and your partner takes the other. This is only for return of serve – you do not have to stay in these positions during a rally.

The "two idle or loose players" are to be on the opposite quarter court away from the receiver until the receiver has struck the ball.

That is - on the server's side of the half court line - understanding also that "on the line is out" in squash. This also means that if the server's partner was touching the half court line then it is a FAULT.

This is to keep the servers partner from intimidating the receiver and therefore causing dangerous play.

**SAFETY:** Competitors under the age of 13 years are required to wear protective eyewear plus mouth guards or I-MAX units for maximum protection.



### 6.3 APPENDIX 3 - REGIONAL BOUNDARIES (MAP)

Detailed interactive map found on: <http://www.qld.squash.org.au/w/regions>

