

Squash Queensland Ltd

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. This policy provides for matters that must be applied for ranking junior players in under 11, under 13, under 15, under 17 and under 19 age groups for the State of Queensland.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE RANKING

- 2.1. Any full Squash Queensland Affiliated Member that has played in a ranking event in the past 12 months will be ranked according to this policy.
- 2.2. A player will be ineligible and removed from State Rankings if:
 - 2.2.1. A player has not played in a ranking event in the past 12 months, and does not have approved exceptional circumstances; or
 - 2.2.2. A player notifies the board in writing that s/he no longer wishes to be ranked, and this is accepted by the board.

3. RANKING PROCEDURE

- 3.1. The Ranking Committee (comprising of one representative from each region then serving on the Squash Queensland Selection Committee) will be responsible for rankings.
- 3.2. **Rankings** will comprise of **male combined rankings, female combined rankings, and age group State rankings.**
- 3.3. The rankings will be decided in time for Squash Queensland to publish them on the Squash Queensland website:
 - 3.3.1. Within **7 days** after the QJC Individual Event;
 - 3.3.2. On the first day of **October, December, February, April and June.**
- 3.4. Regional Bodies must:
 - 3.4.1. Seed players for Regional Junior Selection Series Events in accordance with combined rankings.
 - a. The exception to this rule is if there is evidence (a result in the last 8 weeks) that a player's combined ranking position is inaccurate. The Region must present this evidence to the Squash Queensland Executive Officer to determine how to fairly seed the player concerned.
 - b. In the occurrence that a Regional Junior Selection Series Event combines female and male players into the same age group or division, combined rankings for males and combined rankings for females must be used as the primary seeding tools. The Tournament Director can elect to refer to SportyHQ ratings as a secondary tool to help the seeding of mixed gender divisions, as long as combined rankings take precedent.
 - 3.4.2. Apply this policy (except the "**Rankings at QJC**" sections) to decide and update regional rankings, and inform Squash Queensland about updates to combined rankings and State Rankings.

Within **14 days** of completion of each Regional Junior Selection Series Event, the Regional Bodies (through their representative on the Ranking Committee) must:

- a. First, ensure all event results are accurately recorded in SportyHQ; and
- b. Second, update Regional Rankings, and identify any new players, birth dates and affiliation expiry date; and
- c. Finally, provide any updates to be made to combined rankings to the Squash Queensland Rankings Officer
- d. Have their representative on the Ranking Committee review the updated rankings for decision and publication.

4. RESOLUTION OF A DISAGREEMENT

- 4.1. If Rankers disagree about the merit of an individual ranking outcome, then that ranking disagreement should be resolved by majority vote. If the committee is split, then the dispute must be referred to the Squash Queensland President for resolution.
- 4.2. Where appropriate, reasons should be recorded in the minutes of the Ranking Committee to facilitate any inquiry, review or appeal process.
- 4.3. If Rankers disagree about the proper interpretation of this policy (about how to properly apply the policy), then any such dispute must be referred to the Squash Queensland Board to make a ruling on the proper legal interpretation of this policy. The Rankers must apply that ruling to reach their ranking decision. Rankers must not reach a compromise (or even a majority vote) about an interpretation dispute.

5. RANKINGS FROM QJC

- 5.1. The following rules must be applied by the Ranking Committee to decide and publish Rankings next after QJC.
- 5.2. Start with the existing combined rankings of each player immediately before QJC and make all necessary adjustments in accordance with this policy to update the combined rankings, and then extract players into the relevant age group State rankings.
- 5.3. Remove any player who was ineligible for rankings immediately before QJC.
- 5.4. Players will be ranked in accordance with their finishing positions in their age group in the QJC Individual Event, **except** where players match up in a higher age group - their ranking must accord with their finishing positions in the higher age group. However, the QJC Individual Champion for each age group must be ranked No. 1 in the relevant **age group State rankings** first published after the QJC Individual Event (irrespective of the his/her ranking in the combined rankings).
- 5.5. Make any necessary adjustments to include or re-order players whose participation in QJC was affected by exceptional circumstances, after assessing the player's relative strengths and likely contest with other ranked players.

6. RANKINGS AT OTHER TIMES

- 6.1. The following rules must be applied to decide and publish rankings at other times.
- 6.2. Start with the existing **combined rankings** of each player immediately before this review and make all necessary adjustments in accordance with this policy to update the combined rankings, and then extract players into the relevant age group State rankings.
- 6.3. Remove any player who became ineligible for rankings since the last ranking review.
- 6.4. Add new players to the relevant combined ranking as the lowest ranked for his or her current age group.
- 6.5. If since the last ranking review, a player wins a National Junior Aged Title s/he must be ranked No. 1 for the age group **State rankings, except** where another same aged player wins a National Junior Aged Title in a higher age group, then that other player must be Ranked No. 1 in the lower age group rankings, irrespective of whether a direct match up occurred or exceptional circumstances existed.
- 6.6. Adjust the rankings of other players (including new players) by applying the following ranking rules to results of matched ups in **order of play** in relevant events since the last ranking review:

Rule	Lower player defeats higher player	Winner moves up to but not more than the next rank above the defeated player
1.	3:0	Maximum of 3 ranking positions Incidental
2.	3:1	Maximum of 2 ranking positions
3.	3:2	Maximum of 1 ranking position

- 6.7. Make any necessary adjustments to include or re-order players whose participation was affected by exceptional circumstances, after assessing the player's relative strengths and likely contest with other ranked players.

7. APPEALS

- 7.1. A player aggrieved by a State ranking decision may appeal within **7 days** after the date the rankings are published on the Squash Queensland website.
- 7.2. An appeal may be lodged by a player or a player's parent or guardian (if the player is less than 18 years of age) or by a representative of the player's Regional Body authorised by the player or his/ her parent or guardian.
- 7.3. The appeal must be **in writing in the approved form** and submitted by email to Squash Queensland (info@squashqueensland.com.au).
- 7.4. Upon receipt of the appeal, Squash Queensland will refer the appeal to the Ranking Committee to review its decision and either affirm or change the ranking decision. The Ranking Committee must within 14 days of the referral advise Squash Queensland:

- a. Whether the ranking decision is affirmed, or changed; and
 - b. Provide written reasons for the review decision.
- 7.5. Squash Queensland will notify the appellant of the review decision **within 3 days** of receipt from the Ranking Committee.
- 7.6. The appellant will be deemed to accept the review decision, unless s/he (or representative) gives written notice to continue the appeal **within 7 days** after the date the notice of the review decision.
- 7.7. Squash Queensland will appoint an independent person to decide the appeal **within 14 days** of the notice of dispute, and will notify the appellant in writing of the appeal decision. The independent appeal decision is final and binding on all parties.

8. DEFINITIONS

For this policy:

“State rankings” means ranking lists of junior players within their current age groups (consistent with the relevant combined rankings).

“exceptional circumstances” includes senior school and university exams; international and national squash representation; death or critical illness or critical injury of an immediate relative; and incapacity from playing due to serious illness or injury (evidenced by a medical report identifying the condition, severity and period of incapacity). Work is not considered an exceptional circumstance.

“female combined rankings” means a combined rankings list of all eligible female junior players for Queensland.

“order of play” means that the Rankers must apply the ranking rules in the following way:

- a. Start with the tournament first in time in the ranking period;
- b. Rank each age group from youngest to oldest in the tournament;
- c. For round robin draws – rank in order of the lowest ranked player to the highest ranked player in the relevant pool, then finals matches (including official play-offs).
- d. For Monrad draws – rank in order of the rounds in the main draw from left to right, and from top to bottom in each round, then finals matches (including official play-offs).

“ranking events” means Regional Junior Selection Series Events, Queensland Junior Championships (QJC); Australian Junior Championships, Australian Junior Open and Oceania Junior Championships; and other approved events.

“Regional Bodies” are the affiliated Q Squash Northern Region Inc., Q Squash Central Region Inc., Q Squash Southern Region Inc., and Q Squash Brisbane Region Inc.

“Regional Junior Selection Series Events” means the qualifying events determined by the relevant regional body for players to qualify for the Queensland Junior Championships.

“Regional Rankings” means the rankings decided by the relevant regional body.

“male combined rankings” means a combined ranking list of all eligible male junior players for Queensland.

QUEENSLAND JUNIOR RANKING APPEAL FORM

Player Name: _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age _____

Female / Male Age Group: _____ Region _____

Parent/Guardian/Representative (if any): _____

Grounds for appeal: (Concisely explain why you disagree with ranking. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

Send decision to:

Contact name: _____ (Phone _____)

Email address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____