



SQUASH AUCKLAND: DISTRICT RULES 2013

These Rules shall apply for both the MEN'S AND WOMEN'S Events for Clubs competing in the District Graded Teams Event.

ALLOCATION OF EVENTS

1. Squash Auckland shall allocate the venues for the District Graded Teams Event once entries have been received.

ENTRY / GRADED DIVISIONS

2. Clubs may enter teams in the following grades B, **B2**, C, **C2**, D, E, F and **J** 2013.
3. Additional divisions B2, C2 and J grade division
 - (i) Squash Auckland will run men's and women's B2, C2 and J Grade (numbers permitting) which will be competed at **District Level only**.
 - (ii) The winners will be acknowledged as the District B2, C2 and J Grade Champions but will not go onto National Super champs.
4. **Entering second teams** – depending on the playing strength a second team may be entered – however as with last year the highest player in the second team must be below that of the lowest (#7) player in the top side. Squash Auckland reserve the right to accept or decline second team nominations.
5. **F grade team eligibility - J1 graded players** may play for an F grade teams if adequate F grade club players are not available for the F grade team. (J2-J5 may not play in F grade)
6. **J grade division** – all J grade players are eligible.

Entries Open Monday 29th April - Entries close Wednesday 15th May.

7. Clubs must enter the team online in **TRUE MERIT ORDER** and include full contact details of the team's manager/captain (email address, day/evening phone numbers).
8. The winning team in each grade of the District Graded Teams Event will participate in the respective National Final, but should the winner default, the District Runner Up, if time permits, shall be given the opportunity of participating. There is also the possibility that the runner up team of the Host District for the National Finals may be invited to compete should the finals entries be insufficient for even pools.
9. After the conclusion of Super Champs, Squash Auckland will notify the National Final Host Club of the names of the winning team in team playing order using the 26th April Grading list. This notification must be in the hands of the Host club and Association's Secretaries within seven days of the conclusion of the elimination events, and must be accompanied by the current entry fees this will be taken care of by Squash Auckland.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

10. Club

Any club affiliated to Squash Auckland can compete in the competition, providing all its team members are eligible to play for the Club in accordance with the player eligibility rules that follow.

11. Player

- (i) To play in the competition, a player can only play for the club he/she appears for on the **26th April Grading List** and must play in a grade no lower than for which he/she appears on that list..
- (ii) Squash Auckland reserve the right to apply points to players for any games played prior to 26th April and not entered onto the grading list prior to the 26th April.

COMPETITION FORMAT

12. Teams

Teams consist of four (5) players of the appropriate grading. Teams must be entered in order of merit. A club may name 5 to 7 players in the team.

The teams will be seeded by Squash Auckland who will seed the teams according to the sum of the top 5 players grading points taken from the **26th April grading list**.

PLAYING FORMAT

- 10. The District Graded Teams Event are to be played as a pool system or due to numbers a round robin format.
- 11. The number of pools shall be at the discretion of Squash Auckland.

PLAYING RULES

12. **Team Playing Order**

- (i) The playing order of all teams must be submitted at the time of the official entry to the competition.
- (ii) The order shall be such that a player cannot play above another player graded higher (eg. A B2 cannot play above a B1). In determining the order for the original entry, all gradings shall be as published on the 26th April National Grading List.
- (iii) Players of a similar grade (eg. 2 B2 players) shall be submitted in order of **playing strength** by the entrant club (eg. Within a half grade a B2 with 2750 points may play above a B2 with 2900 if they are playing to a higher standard) Should this occur then the club needs to be able to provide results based data to this effect.
- (ii) Team entry Lists received by Squash Auckland **Wednesday 15th May** will be sent to all team managers on **Friday 24th May**.
- (iii) Any protest against team order must be lodged in writing by the team manager no later than **5pm Thursday 30th May**. The protest must be followed by a written explanation including relevant results as to why the protest is being lodged. The protest must be forwarded to the Squash Auckland office. No protest can be lodged beyond that time.
- (iv) Any protest will be considered by Squash Auckland and ruled on accordingly but only after allowing the protested team a chance to defend their order. Squash Auckland

may seek wider council on protests and other issues that arise to enable a decision to be reached.

- (v) Rulings will be made by **Wednesday 5th June**

NO appeal can be lodged against the Squash Auckland's decision.

- (vi) Any team wishing to seek an amendment to its playing order shall make application to the Squash Auckland *no later than 4pm 10 days before the start of the tournament. The amendment must be in writing.*
- (vii) No replacements will be permitted within 3 days before the start of the competition unless the team through injury or urgent business commitments has less than 5 players. In this event the replacement must be lower on the grading list than any player on the original nominated team.
- (viii) Squash Auckland retains the right to amend a teams playing order should a team member move to a new higher grade prior to the event commencing.

14. **Order of Play** The order of play shall be provided by Squash Auckland, however the match between Teams number 1's shall be the third match of each contest. The playing order shall accompany the draw when circulated to all entrant clubs on.

15. **Submission of Teams**

The teams for the first round must be placed in a sealed envelope in playing order and handed to the Host Club Tournament Director half an hour prior to commencement of play. Each evening, teams for the first round to be played the following day must be placed in a sealed envelope and handed to the Tournament Director within half an hour of the finish of play in the previous round. **This also applies to any team that has a bye in any round of the competition.**

16. **Replacements and Defaults**

- (i) At any time after the submission of teams and prior to commencement of play in any one tie of the competition, a player may be replaced by another nominated team member at the discretion of the disputes committee.
- (ii) Once the first match of any tie has commenced, replacements for **that tie** are not permitted.
- (iii) Where a team for any reason defaults a match in any tie, and a replacement is not available, the default must apply at No. 5 position in the team, with all the players moving up one position.
- (iv) Prior to the commencement of the tournament or a fixed date as provided by Squash Auckland a team member may be replaced. The replacement player must have a current grading below the current lowest graded player in the team and be entered at 7 on the team list.
- a) Any replacement must be authorised by Squash Auckland and be accompanied by a request and explanation from the Captain of the team.

17. **Default of Teams**

Where members of a team, collectively default (i.e. do not attend a contest), then a fine of \$100 will become payable by the club of the defaulting teams within 7 (seven) days of written notification to the club by Squash Auckland.

18. **Scoring**

a. **B Grade PAR 11 (WIN BY 2)**

b. **C - J Grade PAR 15 (WIN BY 2)**

When the score is 10 or 14 all, the player who gains a two point advantage wins

Each individual match shall be the best of five games.

During the pools competition, the team which wins 3 matches in any one contest shall be the winner of that tie.

The winner of each contest shall be given one point.

At the end of the pools competition, the pool order will be determined by points gained. In the event of two teams in the pool having the same number of points, the team that won the tie between those two teams shall be placed higher.

In the event of three teams finishing on the same number of points, the pool order shall be determined by:

- a) the highest positive differential on *matches* won or lost;
- b) the highest positive differential on *games* won or lost;
- c) the highest positive differential on *points* won or lost.

The above calculation is based on all results from that particular pool. If two or more teams still remain inseparable, the higher team shall be determined by the spin of a racket.

REFEREEING AND MARKING

19. Members of all teams must mark or referee matches, as instructed by the Host Club at all times. This shall not include matches where their own team is involved unless the situation warrants otherwise, and decided by the Host Club.

Supporters of teams may not referee games on behalf of team members.

Members of the two teams involved in the District Graded Teams Event Finals may be relieved of the obligation to mark and referee while their final is in progress. It is strongly recommended that the Host Club should provide independent, competent referees for the finals where practicable.

BALL

20. The official designated ball of Squash New Zealand shall be used for all matches in the competition.

DISPUTES AND RULES

21. Host Clubs must appoint a Disputes Committee to include the Tournament Director and two others to adjudge on all matters once the competition starts.

The Squash Auckland Disputes Committee shall consist of Karen Hadfield, Kaye Jackson and Philip Vodanovich. This committee determine a decision should the club disputes committee be unable to. Philip Vodanovich should be contacted in the first instance. **021 994112**

GENERAL

22. Host Clubs must keep full scores of every match on an appropriate result sheet and shall send a copy of these results to the District immediately on conclusion of the event

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Following a remit passed at the 1997 Annual General meeting it was passed that: All team entries to be accompanied by the following declaration signed by the President and Statisticians of the Club

"We the undersigned verify that all participants have played at least three competition games over the last two previous months and have paid particular attention to the standard of the players who have been added to the June Grading list.

We further understand that should misrepresentation of the grade by any of the named players occur, then this club will not be permitted to participate in the Teams Event Competition for a period of years to be determined by the Executive of Squash Auckland Inc."

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Club: _____

Email: _____

Ph: _____
