Regulations for Sanctioned Events

All sanctioned events must meet the following criteria.

GENERAL

- The Tournament Organiser must have completed the event sanctioning form and received confirmation of their grade of competition.
- All matches must be played on courts affiliated to Scottish Squash & Racketball and be organised by an affiliated club.
- Matches shall be played under the Rules of the Game unless approved or directed by Scottish Squash & Racketball. Rules can be found at www.worldsquash.org
- A Tournament Organiser/Director must be appointed to whom all disputes relating to the event shall be referred to.
- All entries for all levels of competition will be online entry only through SportyHQ, Scottish Squash & Racketball's competitions management site.
- Junior players must wear approved eye protection for all matches.

EVENT FORMAT

Bronze Events (One day events)

- Entry fee: £5-£15 (SSRL retain no levy for bronze events)
- Maximum number of matches in one day: All bronze competitions can play as many matches as needed to complete the draws and make the event successful and enjoyable for all players.
- Scoring systems can be determined by the Tournament Organiser/Director.
- The draw structure used for bronze competitions can be determined by the Tournament Organiser/Director as they feel best fits.
- The competition ball used for bronze events can be determined by the Tournament Organiser/Director.
- Sanctioning request for a bronze event:
    - Complete the online sanction form which will include:
    - Where/When/Tournament Organiser/Cost/Sponsor/Any other event details

Silver Events (One or two day events, dependent on entries)

- Entry fee: £10-£20 (25% levy of each entry fee retained by SSRL)
- Maximum number of matches in one day: a maximum of two or three matches is recommended for players competing in silver events.
- The monrad draw format is the preferred option for silver events.
- Scoring structure: the PAR 11, best of 5 games scoring system should be used in all silver competitions. If the score reaches 10 all, a tie break will operate, the winner needing to lead of 2 clear points to win the game.
- The competition ball used for silver events can be determined by the Tournament Organiser/Director.
- Sanctioning request for a silver event:
    - Complete the online sanction form which will include:
    - Where/When/Tournament Organiser/Cost/Sponsor/Any other event details

Gold Events (Two or three day events, dependent on entries)

- Entry fee: £15-£25 (25% levy of each entry fee retained by SSRL)
- Maximum number of matches in one day: a maximum of two or three matches is recommended for players competing in silver events.
- The monrad draw format is the preferred option for gold events.
- Scoring structure: the PAR 11, best of 5 games scoring system should be used in all silver competitions. If the score reaches 10 all, a tie break will operate, the winner needing to lead of 2 clear points to win the game.
- The Dunlop Pro XX should be the official match squash ball.
- Gold events link to Scottish selection criteria for both junior and senior teams.
- Gold senior events are encouraged to organise a junior bronze or silver event alongside to expose the high level of senior squash to junior players.
- Sanctioning request for a gold event:
    - Complete the online sanction form which will include:
    - Where/Tournament Organiser/Cost/Sponsor/Any other event details
    - Number the gold events in order of preference of which gold event to host.

Masters Events (Two or three day events, dependent on entries)

- Entry fee: £20 (25% levy of each entry fee retained by SSRL).
- 6 Masters competitions will be hosted as part of the circuit.
- Minimum of two matches throughout the competition.
- Knock-out and round robin draws are the preferred option for Masters competitions.
- Scoring structure:
    - Men's O35/40/45/50 – Best of 5 games, PAR 11, if the score reaches 10 all, a tie break will operate, the winner needing to lead of 2 clear points to win the game.
    - Men's O55/60/65/70 – Best of 5 games, PAR 15, if the score reaches 14 all, a tie break will operate, the winner needing to lead of 2 clear points to win the game.
    - Ladies events - Best of 5 games, PAR 15, if the score reaches 14 all, a tie break will operate, the winner needing to lead of 2 clear points to win the game.
- The Dunlop Pro XX should be the official match squash ball.

Platinum Events

- Platinum events are organised by SSRL.
- Clubs are able to bid to become the host venues for Platinum events. The events up for bid will be the following:
    - Scottish Junior Nationals
    - Scottish Senior Nationals
    - Scottish Master Nationals
    - Scottish Junior Inter-Regional Team Championships
    - Scottish Senior Inter-Regional Team Championships
    - Scottish Racketball Nationals

SANCTIONING PROCESS

- There will be a sanctioning application window open from 14/06/2017 – 12/07/2017 for Bronze, Silver and Gold events. During this time all applicants must complete the online sanction request form.
- There will be an application window open from 14/06/2017 – 12/07/2017 to allow clubs to bid for the Platinum events to become host venue for season 2017/18.
- The calendar will then be confirmed for the 2017/18 season.
- If any space is available to take any additional events we will re-open the sanction application window. The calendar will then be confirmed and closed for the remainder of the 2017/18 season.

RANKING POINTS

SportyHQ ranking points will become the official ranking system for junior and senior competitions. In order to run the junior and senior ranking system effectively ranking points will link to each level of competition based on the below multiplier.

Masters ranking points will remain the same as previous seasons.

Level	Multiplier
Bronze	0.25
Silver	0.5
Gold	1.0
Platinum	2.0

HOST VENUE APPLICATION

Scottish Squash & Racketball will endeavour to rotate events around the country and to spread competitions to the widest number of clubs. By doing so SSRL hopes to:

- Promote the sport regionally and nationally.
- To distribute all benefits of events around the country and to encourage investment in clubs.
- Provide variety of competitions on offer to our member clubs.
- Diminish the effect of distance for some participants attending competitions.

Wherever possible, SSRL will place events in member clubs in preference to public or commercial venues.

Please note that decisions will not be rotated based on the SSRL regional boundaries. It is the aim to rotate major events around the country to clubs which satisfy the criteria listed for each particular event, although SSRL reserves to alter this as it may be necessary on an individual tournament basis.

Consideration will be given to joint hosting of events, if distances between clubs are deemed to be acceptable to the players and SSRL.

In the case of certain major events the proximity of available accommodation will be taken into account.

In all cases the quality of the available courts and other club facilities such as viewing will be a determining factor.

The decision on the awarding of events will be taken by the Tournament Sub Committee, or in its absence the Board, and will be based on the merits of each application in relation to the criteria above and the cost of hosting the event. An appeals process for clubs will also be available following the decisions from the Tournament Sub Committee. A separate appeals panel will review all appeals in regard to host venue applications.

The following criteria detail the minimum requirements for clubs to host specific platinum events. Applications are welcomed from all clubs if they feel they have a case to run events using their facilities even if these differ from the minimum requirements, however, the Tournament Sub Committee will normally reach their decision taking in to account the required criteria.

Joint applications from 2 or more clubs are fully welcomed.

Scottish Junior Nationals	
Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 4 courts • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Show court

Scottish Senior Nationals	
Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 4 courts • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Show court

Scottish Masters Nationals	
Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 4 courts • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Show court

Scottish Junior Inter-Regional Team Championships	
Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 6 courts • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Show court

Scottish Senior Inter-Regional Team Championships	
Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 6 courts • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Show court

Masters Home Internationals	
Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 6 courts • Access to wifi/internet • Function suite with the ability to host an evening meal/awards ceremony. (option to host this part in a hotel if club cannot support)	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Show court

Scottish Racketball Nationals	
Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 2 courts • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Show court