



## Competition & Events Pathway

Feedback to the survey carried out at the end of the 2017/18 season can be found below along with details on how areas highlighted have been/are being taken on board.

### Junior/Senior Competition Survey Feedback.

1. Feedback received said.

“Further education around the competition structure would be useful especially for new players looking to get involved in the system.”

1. How Scottish Squash have taken this on board.

We have added further details to the '[Competition Structure](#)' page of the Scottish Squash website and this will continue to be developed over the course of the new season.

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2. Feedback received said.

“It would be good to see more Bronze and Silver sanctioned events on the tournament calendar.”

2. How Scottish Squash have taken this on board.

We realise that clubs/regions looking to deliver Bronze and Silver sanctioned events require more flexibility to set dates, so we have made some changes to this process. This will hopefully make it easier for clubs/regions to deliver competitions at this level. Taking this forward, we have amended the 'Regulations for Sanctioned Events' document. Clubs/regions should now request sanctioning for a Bronze competition a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the event and 8 weeks prior to the event for a Silver sanctioned competition. Further information and for the sanction application form click [here](#).

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3. Feedback received said.

“Some Gold sanctioned events were positioned to close to Platinum events or other Gold sanctioned events.”

3. How Scottish Squash have taken this on board.

In order to ensure an appropriate spread of events we have reviewed the position of the Junior Gold sanctioned competitions and Platinum competitions in the calendar. Gold sanctioned competitions will not be run within the same month as a Platinum event. We realise that the position of the Junior Gold in January last season, between the Scottish Junior Open and Scottish Junior National Championships, was too close to each other.

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4. You said:

“Platinum and Gold sanctioned competitions should be set in the calendar and released prior to sanctioning been awarded for Silver and Bronze level competitions.”

4. How Scottish Squash have taken this on board.

Scottish Squash took onboard the suggestions and ran this year’s bidding process in series with Platinum events being awarded prior to opening the bidding for Gold events. Gold and Platinum event details have now been published and the process for Silver and Bronze is now open.

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5. Feedback received said.

“It would be great to run adult Bronze sanctioned competitions.”

5. How Scottish Squash have taken this on board.

We agree that adult Bronze sanctioned competitions would be a good addition. We have now added this to the competition pathway. Clubs/regions now have the opportunity to apply for sanctioning at all levels on the pathway. This includes:

- Junior Bronze
- Adult Bronze
- Junior Silver
- Adult Silver
- Combined Silver (junior/adult)
- Junior Gold
- Adult Gold

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6. Feedback received said.

“A formal ranking system would be useful and would also support seeds been determined for competitions.”

6. How Scottish Squash have taken this on board.

Discussions have been taking place over the course of the last season regarding junior rankings and how such a system could positively effect junior squash in Scotland. It has been identified that processes could be more clear to determine seeds in competitions. Further details around this area are going to be released shortly.



**Masters Competition Survey Feedback.**

- 1. Feedback received said.

“The majority of respondents were satisfied by the number of competitions on the Masters circuit in Scotland. Were competition entry numbers up during season 2017/18 with the reduced number of competitions?”

- 1. How Scottish Squash have taken this on board.

Scottish Squash have kept the number of sanctioned Masters competitions for season 2018/19 the same based on the feedback received.

Competition entry comparisons from season 2016/17 to 2017/18 can be seen below.

Competition	2017/18	2016/17
Tayside & Fife Regional Masters	69	69
Grampian Regional Masters	65	53
West of Scotland Regional Masters	60	60
East of Scotland Regional Masters	93	76
Central Scotland Regional Masters	73	74
Highlands & Islands Regional Masters	*	37
Scottish Masters National Championships	95	82

\* Not run based on new structure. Highlands & Islands were awarded the Scottish Masters National Championships following Inverness Tennis & Squash Club’s successful bid.

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- 2. Feedback received said.

“You are satisfied with the information regarding draws/schedules relating to competitions organised and run by Scottish Squash (Platinum competitions) are released in enough time.”

- 2. How Scottish Squash have taken this on board.

Scottish Squash will continue to follow their process on competition closing dates and releasing details. Please be aware it is the responsibility of the tournament organisers of regional sanctioned Masters competitions to set their own timelines.

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3. Feedback received said.

“A similar ranking system used in the men’s masters circuit should be introduced to the women.”

3. How Scottish Squash have taken this on board.

Scottish Squash are aiming to introduce a similar ranking structure for season 2018/19. This will be coordinated by a volunteer who already carries out the process for the men’s rankings.

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4. Feedback received said.

“Competition dates/calendar information should be released earlier. Information should also be displayed in clubs.”

4. How Scottish Squash have taken this on board.

Scottish Squash started the process of developing the calendar for the coming season earlier and will endeavor to continue to carry out this process as early as possible going forward. All dates were released by the start of July 2018. Not all venues of regional Masters competitions have been set but this is the responsibility of the Regional Associations to confirm their events location.

Scottish Squash will provide a poster advising all Scottish Masters Circuit events, dates and locations for season 2017/18.

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5. Feedback received said.

“Selection criteria that selects masters players to compete in the Masters Home Internationals at the end of each season should be reviewed.”

5. How Scottish Squash have taken this on board.

Scottish Squash have reviewed the Masters selection criteria and added a couple of points. In order to determine how teams should be selected we are carrying out a further survey specifically on this topic to gain feedback. Further details are available [here](#).