Regulations for Sanctioned Competitions

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All sanctioned competitions must meet the following criteria.

GENERAL

- The Competition Organiser must have completed the competition sanctioning application form and received confirmation of their grade of competition.

- All matches must be played on courts affiliated to Scottish Squash and be organised by an affiliated club.

- Matches shall be played under the Rules of the Game unless approved or directed by Scottish Squash. Rules can be found at www.worldsquash.org

- A Competition Organiser must be appointed to whom all disputes relating to the competition shall be referred to.

- All entries for all levels of competition will be online entry only through SportyHQ, Scottish Squash's competitions management site.

- Junior players (under the age of 19) must wear approved eye protection for all matches.

COMPETITION FORMAT

Bronze Competition (One day competitions)

- Entry fee: £5-£15 (Scottish Squash retain no levy for bronze competition)

- Maximum number of matches in one day: All bronze competitions can play as many matches as needed to complete the draws and make the competition successful and enjoyable for all players.

- Scoring systems can be determined by the Competition Organiser.

- The draw structure used for bronze competitions can be determined by the Competition Organiser as they feel best fits.

- The competition ball used for bronze competitions can be determined by the Competition Organiser.

- Sanctioning request for a bronze competition:

    o Complete the online sanction form which will include:

    o Where/When/Competition Organiser/Cost/Sponsor/Any other competition details

Silver Competitions (One or two-day competitions, dependent on entries)

- Entry fee: £10-£20 (25% levy of each entry fee retained by Scottish Squash)

- Maximum number of matches in one day: This can be determined by the Competition Organiser depending on the structure of their competition.

- The draw structure for Silver sanctioned competitions can be determined by the Competition Organiser depending on the structure of their competition.

- Scoring systems can be determined by the Competition Organiser.

- The competition ball used for silver competitions can be determined by the Competition Organiser.

- Sanctioning request for a silver competition:

  o Complete the online sanction form which will include:

  o Where/When/Competition Organiser/Cost/Sponsor/Any other event details

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

- Entry fee: £15-£25 (25% levy of each entry fee retained by Scottish Squash)

- Maximum number of matches in one day: a maximum of two or three matches is recommended for players competing in gold competitions.

- The monrad draw format is the preferred option for gold competitions.

- Scoring structure: the PAR 11, best of 5 games scoring system should be used in all gold 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 competitions link to Scottish selection criteria for both junior and senior teams.

- Gold Senior competitions are encouraged to organise a Bronze or Silver competition alongside to expose the high level of senior squash to other players.

- Clubs bid to run a Gold sanctioned competitions by following the below process:

  o Complete the online form which will include:

  o Where/Competition Organiser/Cost/Sponsor/Any other event details

  o Number the gold competitions in order of preference of which gold competition to host.

Additional Information:

Seeding: The preferred seeding system for Gold sanctioned competitions is detailed below. This shows when seeded players would meet in each round of a draw:

- Last 16 – 1v16 | 2v15 | 3v14 | 4v13 | 5v12 | 6v11 | 7v10 | 8v9 |
- Quarter-finals – 1v8 | 2v7 | 3v6 | 4v5 |
- Semi-finals – 1v4 | 2v3 |

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

- Entry fee: £20 (25% levy of each entry fee retained by Scottish Squash).

- 6 Masters competitions will be hosted as part of the circuit.

- Minimum of two matches throughout the competition. For players progressing to the later stages it is preferred if they play 2 matches on each day.

- Knock-out and round robin draws are the preferred option for Masters competitions.

- Scoring structure:

    o Men's O35/40/45/50/55 – 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.

    o Men's O60/65/70/75 – 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.

    o Ladies - 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.

- Draw structures: For Scottish masters circuit sanctioned competitions the following draw structures should be used:

    o 5 players or less: 1 round robin

    o 6 players – 2 x round robin > semi-finals > final

    o 7 players or more: knock-out

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    o Semi-finals – 1v4 | 2v3 |

Additional Information

The additional information provided here is in relation to masters sanctioned competitions and is considered good practice for Competition Organisers to take into account. The information is provided to be considered when organising and running a masters sanctioned competition and has been developed based on past experiences from Competition Organisers and players.

- Draws:
    o 32 player knock-out draws should have matches scheduled first on the Saturday where possible (or Friday evening where possible and suitable to the Competition Organiser).
    o 16 player & 32 player knock-out draws - It is preferred if semi-finals and finals are played on the Sunday if the court schedule allows.
    o 8 player knock-out draws - Where court time allows, semi-finals should be scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Where court time does not allow, it is preferred if the first

round is then scheduled on the Saturday afternoon with the semi-finals and final scheduled on the Sunday.

- o 6 player draws (2x round robins of 3 players) - The cross-tie semi-finals and final is preferred to be played on the Sunday.
- o 5 player draws (round robin) - It is preferred that players play 2 matches on each day if the court schedule allows.
- o 4 player draws (round robin) - It is preferred if players play 2 matches on the Saturday and 1 match on the Sunday if the court schedule allows. The match between the top 2 seeds is considered as the final and is recommended to be played last.

- Schedule:
  - o SportyHQ will automatically enter second round losers from the main competition in a knock-out draw. Please note that second round losers should not be entered into the plate and Competition Organisers should put through a walk-over to the opponent when this shows.
  - o Please note that SportyHQ will schedule plate matches for all first-round losers taking in to account seeded players who have a BYE in round 1 losing in round 2. Competition Organisers may wish to consider their own structure to taking into account a percentage or all of these matches when creating their schedule.
  - o When using a round robin draw type with play-offs SportyHQ will automatically schedule all play-off matches, for example, 3rd/4th place, 5th/6th place etc. These are not required in masters sanctioned competitions and can be deleted to support with additional court time if required.
  - o Larger draws (eg. 16 or 32 player knock-out draws) should aim to be scheduled first to aim to have quarter-final matches to be completed by the end of play on the Saturday.

Platinum Competitions

- Platinum competitions are organised by Scottish Squash.

- Clubs are able to bid to become the host venues for Platinum competitions. The competitions up for bid will be the following:

  - o Scottish Junior National Championships

  - o Scottish Under 23 National Championships

  - o Scottish National Championships (seniors)

  - o Scottish Master National Championships

  - o Scottish Junior Inter-Regional Team Championships

  - o Scottish Senior Inter-Regional Team Championships

  - o Scottish Racketball National Championships

  - o Scottish Masters Home Internationals

SANCTIONING PROCESS

- There will be a sanctioning application window each year for Bronze, Silver and Gold competition applications. During this time all applicants must complete the online sanction request form. Clubs and Regions will have the possibility to request sanctioning for Bronze & Silver competitions throughout the season by following specified guidelines but those who request sanctioning during the specified window will receive first options of dates.

- The sanctioning application window dates will be confirmed each year.

- The calendar will then be confirmed for the upcoming season.

- If any space is available to take any additional competitions Scottish Squash may re-open the sanctioning application window for a second round of applications.

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 a separate ranking points structure. The Masters ranking points structure can be seen in Appendix 4.

Level	Multiplier
Bronze	0.25
Silver	0.5
Gold	1.0
Platinum	2.0

HOST VENUE APPLICATION

Scottish Squash will endeavour to rotate competitions around the country. By doing so Scottish Squash hopes to:

- Promote the sport regionally and nationally.

- To distribute all benefits of competitions 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.

Please note that decisions will not be rotated based on the Scottish Squash regional boundaries. It is the aim to rotate Platinum competitions around the country to clubs which satisfy the criteria listed for each particular competition, although Scottish Squash reserves the right to alter this as it may be necessary on an individual competition basis.

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

In the case of certain Platinum competitions 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 competitions will be taken by an appointed panel, led by the Head of Coaching & Competitions or another appointed member of the Scottish Squash staff team, and will be based on the merits of each application in relation to the criteria and the cost of hosting the competition. An appeals process for clubs will also be available following the decisions from the appointed panel. 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 competitions. Applications are welcomed from all clubs if they feel they have a case to run competitions using their facilities even if these differ from the minimum requirements, however, the appointed panel will normally reach their decision taking in to account the required criteria.

Joint applications from 2 or more clubs are fully welcomed.

Host Club Requirements

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

Scottish Under 23 National Championships	
Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 4 courts • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Show court

Scottish National Championships (senior)	

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

Scottish Masters National Championships	
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

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