

'Squash in Scotland' Membership Structure

1.0 Introduction

Following a comprehensive consultation process with all member clubs in 2021, Scottish Squash and its six Regional Associations (Central, East, Grampian, Highlands & Islands, Tayside & Fife and West) are pleased to be able to confirm details of the 'Squash in Scotland' membership structure.

The 'Squash in Scotland' structure combines the benefits of regional and national membership into a unified membership structure for all clubs and individuals across Scotland. This new membership structure will be introduced for the 2022-23 membership year, commencing 1st October 2022.

2.0 Membership Categories and Benefits

The 'Squash in Scotland' membership structure has both club membership packages (see 2.1.1 for full details & associated annual costs) and individual membership packages (see 2.1.2 for full details & associated annual costs).

2.1.1 Club Membership Categories

Clubs will have the opportunity to join the 'Squash in Scotland' structure on the following basis:

- a registration and payment process will be managed annually by Scottish Squash, with a pre-season renewal window open in September and October of each year;
- the process will invite the club to select one of the national club membership categories as listed in table 1 (with the associated benefits outlined in table 2);
- where a club's respective region has opted in (full details tbc), the process will amalgamate any regional club membership fee (as outlined in table 1) with any national club membership fee; and
- on completion of the process, and if relevant, an invoice will be issued to the club.
- For club's who miss the renewal window, or newly formed clubs looking to join outside of the annual renewal window, please contact info@scottishsquash.org in the first instance.

Table 1 gives an overview of the costs for regional club membership and the national club membership categories and associated costs:

Table 1. Club Membership Costs

Regional Club Membership				+	National Club Membership	
Regional Association	Annual Regional Fee	Multi-Club League*1	Annual Multi-Club League Fee*2		Club Membership Category	Annual Fee
Central	-	Crieff & District League	tbc		Basic	£0
East of Scotland	-	East of Scotland League	£40 (per team)			
Grampian	-	Grampian League	£70 (per team)			
Highlands & Islands	£70 (includes first team fee)	Highlands & Islands League	£15 (per additional team)		Squash	£100
Tayside & Fife	-	Dundee & District League	tbc		Squash+	£195
West of Scotland	-	West of Scotland League	£50*3 (per team)			

*1 SportyHQ administered multi-club leagues only | *2 2022-23 annual fees tbc | *3 £40 early payment rate

As a result of the new club membership categories and fees, clubs can expect to pay a reduced annual rate. It will be at the discretion of each individual club as to whether they opt to pass on any saving to their members, possibly in the form of a reduced annual club membership fee. This allows the opportunity for increased funds at a club level, should a club opt not to pass on this saving.

The ‘Squash in Scotland’ membership structure also provides clubs with the opportunity to bulk register and/or pay for their individual members’ fees (see 2.1.2 for full details & associated annual costs) – effectively in a similar way to how fees were collected under the previous structure. Clubs should contact info@scottishsquash.org in the first instance and ahead of a new membership year commencing.

2.1.2 Club Membership Benefits

Table 2 outlines the national club membership categories and associated benefits:

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Membership Benefit	Basic £0	Squash £100pa	Squash+ £195pa
Club Development			
➤ <u>SportyHQ online club membership and competition platform:</u>			
○ Basic Module*: create your facility profile, manage members including payment and affiliations	√	√	√
○ Facility Management Module*: manage your members including bulk emails, event registration, calendar, membership statistics and reports, membership billing and import/export functionality			√
○ Booking Module*: manage unlimited courts and online bookings, court booking app, unlimited booking types, advanced booking policy management, booking statistics, accept payments and ‘looking for a player’ helper			√
○ Performance Module*: box leagues, unlimited competitions, team leagues, solo leagues, ladders, ranking lists and recording club match results			√
➤ <u>Communication and collaboration support:</u>			
○ Club mailing list: recipient of all national club communications and e-newsletters	√	√	√
○ Club support forum: invite to join the online national club support forum, a collaboration tool to support national, regional and local communication	√	√	√
➤ <u>Development programmes and support:</u>			
○ <u>schoolsquash</u> : comprehensive school programme to develop consistent, sustainable and robust pathways between club and local schools	√	√	√
○ <u>G/RLS DO SQUASH</u> : programme and toolkit to help the club create opportunities for women and girls participation and growth	√	√	√
○ <u>H//T SQUASH</u> : programme aimed at encouraging inactive women and girls to come and get fit through squash in a fun and social environment	√	√	√
○ Fostering relationships between club and local sport structure (Active Schools network, Local Authority structure, club accreditation schemes)	√	√	√
○ Advice to accessing funding and grant assistance and support and National Governing Body endorsement with applications	√	√	√
○ Bespoke and on-site support from Scottish Squash’s Club Development Team, to assist in establishing any of the programmes and support outlined above			√

➤ Child protection support:			
○ Safeguarding training and updates	✓	✓	✓
○ PVG scheme guidance and support	✓	✓	✓
○ Access to online storage for the secure retention of child protection incidents (in accordance with the Limitation (Child Abuse Scotland) Act 2017)	✓	✓	✓
➤ Insurance cover:			
○ Public Liability insurance: cover for the club's legal liability of up to £10,000,000		✓	✓
○ Professional Indemnity insurance: cover for the club's legal liability of up to £10,000,000		✓	✓
○ Employers' Liability (including volunteers): cover for the club's legal liability of up to £10,000,000		✓	✓
➤ Other:			
○ 20% of RRP at Total Teamwear on all club orders for teamwear clothing and kit		✓	✓
○ Voting rights at Scottish Squash Annual General Meeting	✓	✓	✓

*Please note, additional SportyHQ charges may apply for clubs with more than 300 members linked to their SportyHQ club profile.

Membership Benefit	Basic	Squash	Squash+
Competition Development			
➤ Regional competition pathway:			
○ Eligibility to enter a team(s) in any multi-club league (i.e. regional squash leagues) administered through SportyHQ**		✓	✓
○ Eligibility to bid to host regional competitions, courses and events		✓	✓
➤ National competition pathway:			
○ Eligibility to host Bronze level sanctioned competitions	✓	✓	✓
○ Eligibility to host Silver and Masters circuit sanctioned competitions		✓	✓
○ Eligibility to bid to host Gold and Platinum level sanctioned competitions			✓
○ Eligibility to enter a team(s) in the Scottish Squash national league			✓

**Non-constituted clubs (i.e. a group of individuals playing from a public facility) will not be required to pay a national club membership fee as it is recognised that the benefits are negligible in such circumstances. In this case, one of the individual members should contact info@scottishsquash.org ahead of the membership year commencing.

2.1.3 Individual Membership Categories

Individuals will have the opportunity to join the 'Squash in Scotland' structure on the following basis:

- the registration and payment process will be managed via [SportyHQ](#), with individuals able to join or renew at any point in the year;
- an individual should search for the '[Squash in Scotland](#)' profile on SportyHQ, select 'Join Today' or 'Renew Membership' and follow the registration process; and
- the process will ask the individual to join/renew on one of the individual membership categories, of which the categories and costs are detailed in table 3 & the associated benefits in table 4.

Table 3 gives an overview of the individual membership categories and associated costs:

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Individual Membership Category	Annual Fee	Description
Supporter	£0	Any individual who would like to receive e-newsletters and communications regarding squash in Scotland and play in Bronze competitions sanctioned by Scottish Squash.

Player	£15*	Any player who plays in a regional multi-club league, takes part in Scottish Squash Silver, Gold and Platinum sanctioned competitions and/or is a member of a Scottish Squash run programme or initiative.
Coach Licence	£15**	Any coach operating within Scotland who would like to ensure they are working under the correct governance.
Referee Registration	£0	Any referee looking to be recognised as an official Scottish Squash Referee and therefore gaining the opportunity to referee at platinum competitions.

*A 5 day Player membership can be purchased for £5

**Coach Licence includes access to all Player benefits at no additional cost.

2.1.4 Individual Membership Benefits

Table 4 outlines the individual membership categories and associated benefits:

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Membership Benefit	Supporter	Player	Coach	Referee
➤ Communications and updates:				
○ Receive regular e-newsletters and communications regarding news across squash in Scotland	√	√	√	√
➤ Participation:				
○ Activation of SportyHQ player profile to record match results, renew memberships, register for competitions, book courts and much more	√	√	√	√
○ Eligibility to participate in Bronze competitions sanctioned by Scottish Squash.	√	√	√	
○ Eligibility to participate in all regional multi-club leagues and Silver, Gold, Platinum and Masters circuit competitions sanctioned by Scottish Squash.		√	√	
○ Eligibility to participate in all national multi-club leagues and competitions		√	√	
○ Eligibility for selection to national teams, programmes and initiatives		√	√	
➤ Insurance cover:				
○ Personal accident insurance cover for squash related accidents		√	√	
○ £10,000,000 of professional indemnity insurance cover for coaches			√	
➤ Other				
○ Early access and discounted member prices on all Springfield Scottish Squash Open and Alba Storm Premier Squash League (home fixtures) tickets		√	√	
○ Access to training and CPD opportunities for coaches and referees			√	√

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