



Competition Hosting Guide

Version 1.04

Together for Squash in Scotland



Scottish Squash Competition Structure

International

International competition enables Scottish players to challenge on the world stage and showcase their ability against the best players in the world

The competition structure will provide all players with suitable and enjoyable competition and a pathway that creates more challenging competitive opportunities as they develop their game.

PSA
Satellite
(min. 1k)

PSA
Challenger
(3k > 15k)

PSA
World
Tour
Event

Scottish
Junior
Open
(ESF)

Organised and run by a club

Organised and run by Scottish Squash

Scottish National Championships

National Championships aid Scotland team selection and crown the Scottish National Champion in each age category

Junior
National
Championships

U23
National
Championships

Senior
National
Championships

Masters
National
Championships

Racketball
National
Championships

Scottish Squash Sanctioned Competitions

Run by clubs, these events offer competitive opportunities for players at all ages and stages of their squash journey in a variety of formats.

Senior
Gold
Events

Junior
Gold
Events

Masters
Regional
Events

Junior
Silver
Events

Open
Silver
Events

Junior
Bronze
Events

Senior
Bronze
Events

Organised and run by a club

Organised and run by Scottish Squash

Team Events

Regional
Club
Leagues

National
League

Inter
Regional
Team
Champion-
ships

Why Sanction Your Event?

There are many benefits to sanctioning your competition if you decide to do so:

- ✓ Insurance coverage for all players
- ✓ Inclusion of your tournament on the national competitions calendar and Scottish Squash website
- ✓ Providing a connected pathway for players through entry in Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum competitions
- ✓ Promotion via the [Scottish Squash SportyHQ](#) dashboard and social channels; increased profile
- ✓ Entry data at your tournament contributes to national statistics, providing a clearer image of the sport to the NGB and **sportscotland**
- ✓ Increased multiplier for SportyHQ ranking points.





Bronze Sanctioned Events

Host all year
round



About

Bronze sanctioned events hold a base level of sanctioning to ensure a squash event happening in Scotland is featured on the Scottish Squash calendar and is recognised by the NGB.

- This provides consistency in the competition pathway for players and ensures entry data is included in national development statistics.
- This level of sanctioning is suitable for a range of events but is foremost an entry-level of sanctioning for players to begin their journey into competitions.
- There are **no restrictions** on entry related to Squash in Scotland membership.

Types of Event

- Entry-level / beginner competitions
- Social competitions
- One-day competitions
- Fundraisers
- Events targeting guest players from outside Scotland

Entry Fees

- Recommended £5 – £15
- There are no fees taken by SportyHQ or Scottish Squash
- A small percentage of entry fees will go to card issuers.



➤ Organisers have freedom on scoring structure, ball type and draw format.





Silver Sanctioned Events

Host all year
round



About

Silver sanctioned events are graded competitions that can be run in either a Junior or Open format. The graded format means entrants play others of a similar ability in a set draw, giving each player a chance to win their Grade.

- Silver events allow players to build their competitive focus and develop by facing new opponents.
- This level of sanctioning encourages a higher level of competition for players as they can aim to compete at the next grade up, or look to progress on the competitions pathway by targeting a Gold sanctioned competition.
- Entrants must be a **Player** member of Squash in Scotland (or pay a guest fee).



Types of Event

- Junior Graded
- Open Graded
- Regional Graded Championships

➤ Organisers have freedom on scoring structure, ball type and draw format.

Entry Fees

- Recommended £10 – £20
- There are no fees taken by SportyHQ or Scottish Squash
- A small percentage of entry fees will go to card issuers.





Gold Sanctioned Events

Bid to host in May/June
for next season



About

Gold sanctioned events will typically attract the higher ranked players throughout the country and will link to selection for team representative competitions, although all levels of players are encouraged to take part.

- Age groups at Junior level / Men's and Women's Open at Senior level
 - At Senior level, prize money for top 3 is a requirement (minimum £300 per draw)
- Clubs / facilities can bid to host a Gold sanctioned competition on the dates set by Scottish Squash each season.
- Entrants must be a **Player** member of Squash in Scotland (or pay a guest fee).

See **Application Process** (page 10) for more information on host applications.



- Draw formats, ball type, scoring formats and seedings are set by Scottish Squash.
 - Read more in the [Regulations for Sanctioned Competitions](#)

Types of Event

- Junior Gold (min. 4 courts)
- Senior Gold (min. 3 courts)

Entry Fees

- Recommended £15 – £25
- 25% sanctioning fee per entry
- A small percentage of entry fees will go to card issuers.



Masters Regional Events

Host venues coordinated
by Regional Associations



About

There are five Masters Regional competitions held each year for players over the age of 35. The region hosting the National Championships does not hold a Masters Regional event. The events link to the [Masters Rankings Points structure](#) which is a key component of the [Masters Selection Criteria](#) and thereby representing Scotland at the annual Home Internationals series.

- The largest age demographic of players in the squash community.
- A strong balance of performance, social competition and healthy lifestyle embodies the Masters community.
- Clubs / facilities should connect with the Regional Association's organising committee to discuss hosting a Masters Regional competition.
- Entrants must be a **Player** member of Squash in Scotland (or pay a guest fee).
- Support for tournament organisers is available from Scottish Squash and the Masters Working Group.



Types of Event

- Masters Regional

Entry Fees

- Recommended £20 – £25
- 25% sanctioning fee per entry
- A small percentage of entry fees will go to card issuers.

➤ Read more on Masters Regionals in the [Regulations for Sanctioned Competitions](#)

Platinum Sanctioned Events

Bid to host in May/June
for next season



About

Platinum sanctioning covers the Scottish National Championships and Inter-Regional Team Championships, as well as the Racketball National Championships. These events attract the top-ranked players in the country and are linked to selection criteria for representative teams. The Masters Home Internationals are also recognised as Platinum level for the purposes of event delivery.

- Dates for National Championships are set by Scottish Squash. Delivery is overseen by Scottish Squash in partnership with a host club / facility.
- Clubs / facilities can bid to host a Platinum level competition provided they meet certain requirements set out in the [Regulations for Sanctioned Competitions](#).
 - The competitions available for host applications each year will be set by Scottish Squash.
- Entrants must be a **Player** member of Squash in Scotland (or pay a guest fee).

See **Application Process** (page 10) for more information on host applications.



- Draw formats, ball type, scoring formats and seedings are set by Scottish Squash. Read more in the [Regulations for Sanctioned Competitions](#)

Types of Event

- | | |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Championships<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ U23○ Junior○ Senior○ Masters | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inter-Regional Team Championships• Racketball National Championships• Masters Home Internationals |
|---|---|

Entry Fees (National Championships)
£26.00 per event



Application Process

Support your Gold or Platinum application with our tips and guidance

How does it work?

Clubs and facilities wishing to host Gold and Platinum events can submit an application to host events during an application window that typically opens May/June each year. The dates for these competitions are set by Scottish Squash.

- Club responsibilities are outlined in the [Roles & Responsibilities for Sanctioned Competitions](#).
- Host venue requirements are outlined in Section 9 of the [Regulations for Sanctioned Competitions](#).
- A primary focus is to rotate competitions around the country and promote the sport regionally and nationally.
- Events are awarded based on terms outlined in Section 9 of the [Regulations for Sanctioned Competitions](#), however, clubs can support their application in a variety of ways.
- Visit [Host Gold](#) and [Host Platinum](#) on the Scottish Squash website.

What makes a strong application?

A committed competition organiser	Coordinating with the relevant regional association
Prizes for Juniors	Regular events at the club
Live streaming	Prize money for Seniors
Social media coverage / strategy	Live scoring / ScoreSquash
Referee strategy / volunteer markers	Accommodation discounts or billeting
Running a graded event alongside a Senior Gold	Hospitality / catering on site (or arranged for the event)

PSA Satellite Events

Host all year round



Coordinate with PSA and Scottish Squash



About

PSA Satellite events are a great way to introduce professional squash at a local club level. These events are sanctioned by the PSA and feature on their calendar for professional players worldwide, with entry open to all PSA players. Satellite events are an ideal way for emerging players to build ranking, gain experience and fund their journey into professional squash.

Information

- Featuring a minimum prize fund of \$1000, clubs can finance a Satellite event and build prize money in a variety of ways

Satellite entry fees (max \$30)	Running another event alongside, such as a Silver Graded competition
Local sponsorship	Cash up front / fundraised

- Registration fee of \$125
- Guaranteed opportunity for Wildcard entries for local players
- Often run as the centrepiece of a wider event, with the PSA Satellite the highest-level draw
- Can be run on SportyHQ if desired.

➤ Full section of FAQs available via PSA website > www.psasquashtour.com/faq/



Robyn McAlpine, Winner of The Grange Open 2024 PSA Satellite



Resources and Support

Further Information and Links

- Competition Structure – learn more [here](#) on the Scottish Squash website.
- Hosting – [Host Bronze](#) • [Host Silver \(Graded\)](#) • [Host Gold](#) • [Host Platinum](#)

You can also find further information on sanctioned competitions in the following documents.

- [Regulations for Sanctioned Competitions](#)
- [Roles & Responsibilities for Sanctioned Competitions](#)
- [Competitions & Events: Terms and Conditions](#)

SportyHQ Support

If you are new to SportyHQ, the following documents can support you in setting up and running your event.

- [SportyHQ Tournament User Guide 1 \(How to set-up a Tournament\)](#)
 - This user guide takes organisers through the appropriate stages of setting-up an event on SportyHQ and everything required to be completed prior to the days the event runs
- [SportyHQ Tournament User Guide 2 \(How to run a Tournament\)](#)
 - This user guide takes organisers through the steps on how to use SportyHQ to run your event during the competition days

Frequently Asked Questions

A full list of frequently asked questions when setting up your tournament are available at [Support & FAQs](#)

PSA Support

Further documentation and information on hosting PSA events - [Become a PSA Promoter](#)



Have a Question? Get in touch!



info@scottishsquash.org