



# ADM10-G11 Scottish Squash Cup Rules

## VERSION CONTROL

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## **Definitions**

### **TEAMS**

Are a group of players nominated on entry to the competition, or to play a specific tie.

Men's Team: 4 players

Women's Team: 3 players

### **RESERVES**

Are players nominated to compete for a team for a specific tie in the event of player absence.

### **TIES**

Are between opposing teams.

### **MATCHES**

Are between individual players and are best of 5 games.

### **GAMES**

A game is first to 11 points, PAR scoring (a player must win by 2 clear points if the score is tied at 10-10).

## Scottish Squash Cup – Rules

### 1. Purpose of Scottish Squash Cup

The Scottish Squash Cup will be a competitive knockout event which teams aspire to participate in, providing a structured and inclusive environment that encourages team-based competition on the national stage.

### 2. Eligibility to participate in the Scottish Squash Cup

- a. Team Eligibility
  - i. Teams who wish to compete in the Scottish Squash Cup will be required to have a home club or venue available for ties to be played.
  - ii. There are no restrictions on the number of teams per club or venue.
- b. Player Eligibility
  - i. The competition is open to players (of all ages) who have an active Squash in Scotland Player membership.
  - ii. No player, having represented one team, will be eligible to play for another team in the Scottish Squash Cup in the same season, with the exception of players on linked teams (Section 7b).

### 3. Terms of Entry

- a. An entry closing date will be set by Scottish Squash.
- b. The cost of entry per Men's team is £20.00
- c. The cost of entry per Women's team is £15.00

### 4. Competition Format

- a. The format of the Scottish Squash Cup will be a knockout competition.
- b. The competition will feature separate Men's and Women's events.
- c. Team entries will be seeded by Scottish Squash.
- d. The winners of the finals at the end of the Scottish Squash Cup will be declared Scottish Squash Cup Men's/Women's Champions.
- e. Semi-finals, 3/4<sup>th</sup> playoffs and finals will be held in a single venue over one 'Finals Day'. The venue will be appointed by Scottish Squash.
- f. Scottish Squash will schedule times and courts for semi-finals, 3/4<sup>th</sup> playoffs and finals.

### 5. Ties

- a. For any rounds before Finals Day that are required, the round(s) will be drawn with a home and away team, and a play-by date will be allocated. Teams may agree on a neutral venue for fixtures if they wish.
- b. Rounds before Finals Day must be completed by the play-by date allocated by Scottish Squash. (See Section 6 Incomplete Ties for further information)
- c. All teams participating in the Scottish Squash Cup will be required to provide a venue for Scottish Squash Cup ties to take place. Taking into account the drawing of home/away teams in rounds before Finals Day, it is not guaranteed the club/venue will host home ties.

- d. For rounds before Finals Day allocated a play-by date, match date and times can be agreed between team captains.

## **6. Incomplete Ties**

- a. All ties before Finals Day will be allocated a play-by date by Scottish Squash. Ties not played by the play-by date will be deemed incomplete and both teams will be withdrawn from the competition. For disputes regarding another team's commitment to a fixture see Section 14.

## **7. Teams**

### **a. Team Order**

- i. Teams must be submitted to Scottish Squash for approval upon entry to the competition.
  - 1. Men's Team: 4 players
  - 2. Women's Team: 3 players
- ii. Team orders must be set by order of ability (men's string 1-4, women's string 1-3).
- iii. Team entries will be verified by Scottish Squash:
  - 1. To ensure all players meet eligibility criteria (Section 2).
  - 2. To ensure team orders are genuine. Teams may be requested to justify team orders with further information.
- iv. Reserve players are not required to be identified on entry.
- v. A team captain must be identified to Scottish Squash upon entry to the competition.
- vi. Team orders must be submitted to Scottish Squash upon entry to the competition. For PSA ranked players, team orders will be determined by world ranking.

### **b. Linked Teams**

- i. Multiple teams who list the same home club or venue may notify Scottish Squash they wish to be linked on entry.
- ii. Players on linked teams are eligible to play up to a higher team, however may not move down to a lower team.
- iii. Reserve players brought in to fulfil a fixture must be of a lower standard than the players on the team they are joining.
- iv. Players on linked teams may not be selected for different teams on the same day.
- v. Linked Team Example

Team List: Scottish Squash 1s	Team List: Scottish Squash 2s
Player 1 Player 2 Player 3 Player 4 (Available 2s players) (Reserves)	Player 5 Player 6 Player 7 Player 8 (Reserves)
<b>Reserves lower standard than Player 4 and competing 2s players</b>	<b>Reserves lower standard than Player 8</b>
<b>Example</b> Ties to be played on same day (Players 3, 4 & 6 are unavailable)	
<u>Scottish Squash 1s Team</u> Player 1 Player 2 Player 5 Reserve	<u>Scottish Squash 2s Team</u> Player 7 Player 8 Reserve 1 Reserve 2
In the above example, the reserve on the 1s Team must be of a lower standard than Player 5. Reserves on the 2s Team are lower standard than Player 8 and play in order of ability.	

**c. Reserve Players**

- i. Teams may bring in any reserve player(s) for a tie provided they are not of a higher standard than the players submitted to Scottish Squash when entering the competition. As such, the reserve player(s) should compete at the lowest string(s), and other members of the team should move up a string, if required.
- ii. A higher standard will be deemed as a higher ranking on SquashLevels or a higher PSA world ranking.
- iii. No reserve player, having represented one team, will be eligible to play for another team in the Scottish Squash Cup in the same season. The exception is for linked teams' reserves.
- iv. A team deemed by Scottish Squash to have fielded an ineligible player will automatically be ruled to have lost the match that the ineligible player played and any matches below.

**8. General**

- a. The WSF Dunlop Pro XX yellow-dot ball will be used during all matches.
- b. All players under 19 are required to wear approved eye protection as set out in [Scottish Squash's Eye Protection Policy](#).

- c. Ties will be played according to 'The Rules of the Singles Game of Squash', please refer to the [Scottish Squash website](#) for a link to the latest WSF rules.

#### **9. Order of Play**

- a. The order of play must be 4,1,3,2 (Men's) and 3,1,2 (Women's) unless agreed otherwise by both team captains on the day of the tie.
- b. A team unable to field a full team for a tie will initially forfeit the 4<sup>th</sup> string match, then the 3<sup>rd</sup> string match, etc. Remaining players must move up in the team order as required.
- c. If a player fails to appear within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time of the match, they will be deemed to have played at the lowest string and lost. Players playing below the absent string, who have already started their ties and are therefore unable to move up the order, will forfeit any points gained and full points from these ties will be awarded to the opposition.

#### **10. Refereeing**

- a. Every tie in the Scottish Squash Cup must be marked.
- b. Scottish Squash will appoint referees for the semi-finals, 3/4<sup>th</sup> playoffs and finals only.
- c. For rounds before Finals Day, Scottish Squash can provide connection to qualified referees if requested by the home team.
- d. For rounds before Finals Day, the home team will assume responsibility for any hospitality or facilities offered to referee(s), and must cover the referee(s) travel and subsistence expenses.
- e. Players will be required to referee matches in the absence of qualified referees for a tie or match.

#### **11. Scoring**

- a. The PAR 11 scoring system will be used with all games being played to 11 points with 2 clear points at 10 all, best of 5 games.
- b. The result of a tie between two teams shall be decided:
  - i. By the greatest number of MATCHES won;
  - ii. If equal, by the greatest positive difference of GAMES won and lost;
  - iii. If still equal, by the positive difference of POINTS won and lost;
  - iv. If still equal, by the result of the MATCH between the #1 string match.

#### **12. Results**

- a. Results (including game scores) should be input on SportyHQ within 24 hours after completion of the tie by the winning team captain, or submitted to Scottish Squash for inputting.

#### **13. European Club Championships**

- a. The Scottish Squash Cup is the sole qualifying competition in Scotland for the Men's and Women's European Club Championships (ECC).
  - i. The winner of the Men's Scottish Squash Cup will be eligible to enter a Men's team in the ECC.

- ii. The winner of the Women's Scottish Squash Cup will be eligible to enter a Women's team in the ECC.
- b. If the winner is unable or does not wish to participate in the ECC then the Scottish Squash Cup runners-up will be eligible to enter a team in the ECC.
- c. Teams qualifying for the ECC may be requested to display the logo of the Scottish Squash Cup sponsor on kit.
- d. Applications to the ECC may only be made through Scottish Squash.
- e. All players entered in the ECC must meet the Scottish Squash Cup eligibility rules.
- f. For information on ECC player eligibility, refer to the European Squash Federation Championship Regulations: <https://europeansquash.com/championships/>

#### **14. General**

- a. Alterations or additions to the rules may only be made by Scottish Squash.
- b. The decision of Scottish Squash is final.
- c. Any disputes should be forwarded to Scottish Squash in writing, Scottish Squash's decision is final.