

SCOTTISH SQUASH PRESENTS

SCOTTISH JUNIOR OPEN

SCOTLAND'S PREMIER JUNIOR EVENT RETURNS

U11 > U19 **28 - 30 DECEMBER**

2026

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WHY CHOOSE THE SCOTTISH JUNIOR OPEN?

WORLD-CLASS SQUASH.

A SPECTACULAR CITY.

AN UNFORGETTABLE FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE.

The Scottish Junior Open brings together more than 180 players from over 30 countries each December for one of Europe's leading junior squash tournaments. Compete against international opposition, experience the magic of Christmas in Edinburgh, and enjoy the perfect lead-in to the British Junior Open the following week.



TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- 180+ players from 30+ countries
- Prestigious international event with a rich history of champions, including Diego Elias, Georgia Adderley and Anahat Singh
- Experience Edinburgh at Christmas and stay on for New Year
- Competition across two excellent venues, with free shuttle service
- Perfect preparation for the British Junior Open the following week
- Four-star hotel package accommodation available
- Friendly, experienced team, dedicated to supporting players and families
- A welcoming atmosphere for competitors, coaches and supporters alike



WHAT OUR PLAYERS & FAMILIES SAY

"It was very well ran with excellent communication and the venue was excellent."

"Well organised with so many international players!"

"Great event as always — appreciate the high standards of refereeing in particular."

"The staff do a great job; we are really happy to come back every year."

"Well informed prior, during and post event — very well organised."

"Overall, this is an excellent event, and I would love to participate again next year!"



ESF Junior Circuit Tournament

Scottish Junior Open 2026

European Junior Circuit Silver Event

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Date, Event Category

This European Junior Silver event will be held from Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th December 2026. The tournament will start on Monday 28th December at 09:00.

Closing Date for Entries

Sunday 15th November 2026

See *Eligibility* and *Entry Requirements* for more information.

Venue(s)

- Edinburgh Sports Club, 7 Belford Place, Edinburgh EH43DH
+44 (0)131 539 7071 | <https://www.edinburghsportsclub.co.uk> | 6 squash courts
- Oriam: Scotland's Sports Performance Centre, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, EH14 4AS
+44 (0)131 451 8400 | <https://oriamscotland.com/> | 6 squash courts

Categories

Boys U19	Girls U19
Boys U17	Girls U17
Boys U15	Girls U15
Boys U13	Girls U13
Boys U11	Girls U11

Scottish Squash reserves the right to amalgamate age groups if there are insufficient entries to make a workable draw. Players are only allowed to enter one age category.

Please note Under 11 categories are not recognised for ranking purposes by the ESF.

Eligibility

Any player shall be entitled to enter providing that they are under the age of 11/13/15/17/19 (according to the category entered) on the final day of the tournament (30th December 2026). As specified by the European Squash Federation; to compete in all ESF registered events, all players, coaches, managers and other officials must be registered with ESF. This must be approved and validated by the relevant MNF.

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The MNF is responsible for ensuring that all players, coaches, managers and other officials are registered with ESF prior to entry, and their entry is fully supported.

Players can register for ESID with ESF through the ESF tournament software website:

<https://esf.tournamentsoftware.com/member/createorganizationaccount.aspx>

Coaches

All team or individual player coaches designated by their Nation as part of their event onsite management team (solely or in attendance with an appointed team manager) at any Championship held under the auspices of ESF must be ESF registered, i.e. have an ESID, as their licence to attend as a formal representative. This is required at the time of them being registered to attend by their National Federation.

Entry Requirements – Travel to the UK

Please note that visa and UK travel arrangements are the responsibility of players and their travelling group.

If you require a visa for entry to the UK, we encourage applying for this as soon as possible. If requested, evidence of valid visa documentation must be submitted to info@scottishsquash.org. Failure to respond to a request from Scottish Squash may result in the player(s) being removed from the tournament. In this circumstance there will be no refund of entry fees provided.

If you normally travel to the UK visa-free, from April 2025 you may require an **Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)** depending on your nationality. This is a **digital travel permission**, not a visa. It is required for nationals of countries that *do not need a visa* but previously could travel to the UK visa-free. The ETA must be applied for **before** travel and is electronically linked to the traveller's passport.

For detailed eligibility and application guidance, visit the official UK government ETA guidance page:

<https://www.gov.uk/eta>

Letters of Endorsement from Scottish Squash

If you require a letter of endorsement for travel purposes, this can be provided by Scottish Squash **after** your entry is complete and fully paid. Endorsement letters will not be provided in advance of entry.

Email info@scottishsquash.org with the following information:

Players

Name:

European Squash ID:

Nationality:

Date of Birth:

Passport Number:

Date of Expiry:

Non-Players

Name:

Relationship to Player(s):

Nationality:

Date of Birth:

Passport Number:

Date of Expiry:

Seeding

The seeding and draw will be carried out using the ESF rankings valid at the tournament closing date in accordance with the [ESF Junior Circuit Guidelines](#) Section D.

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Matches

All matches played will consist of the best of five games, under the rules of the WSF. All players are guaranteed a minimum of three matches in the scheduling of the competition. Players should note that withdrawals during the competition are outwith the control of the tournament organisers and may impact the number of matches for a player. PAR 11 scoring (to 2 clear points) will be used.

Draws

Maximum draw size: 64 (3-day event).

Competition Schedule

The competition will take place from 28 – 30 December.

- All players should be available on all days from 09:00 onwards, and expect to play on all days.
- All finals and 3rd/4th playoffs will take place at Oriam.
- Final match times will depend on finishing places, please see [last year's schedule](#) for an example.
- This year, the last final will be the BU19 final at Oriam and this will be followed by a presentation ceremony.
- First match times will be released in mid-December.
- As per [ESF Junior Circuit Guidelines](#), the full competition draw will be released on the 27th December, the day before the tournament begins.

WSF/PSA Satellite Information

This event is a WSF/PSA Satellite registered National Junior Open.

Under 17 and Under 19 players can claim ranking points for results and should do so by submitting results via the PSA secure site within one week after the tournament. Full details can be found on page 52 of the PSA rule book available on [this page](#).

Refereeing

Both players in a tie will be expected to mark and referee matches.

Clothing

Players must wear suitable squash attire including non-marking shoes.

Eye Protection

It is mandatory for [approved eye protection](#) to be worn at all times during competition play, including the knock up, at this event. Players will not be allowed to compete without approved eye protection.

Recording of Matches / Web Publishing / Live Streaming

The recording of matches for coaching/performance analysis purposes is acceptable only upon agreement from both players and their coach/parent or guardian.

The Scottish Junior Open will be publishing draws, results, photos of players as well as live streaming.

Prizes

Medals will be provided up to third place, trophies are the property of Scottish Squash and will be asked to be returned after presentations and photographs. Any additional prizes will be determined at the discretion of the organisers.

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Insurance

Players enter and play in the tournament at their own risk. Neither the organisers nor the ESF will accept responsibility for any claims including for injury or accident. Suitable insurance must be organised by the player or the participating federation.

Hotel

Courtyard by Marriot Edinburgh West, 2 Research Avenue, Edinburgh, EH14 4AB

+44 (0)131 526 3210 | <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/edihw-courtyard-edinburgh-west/>

Reservations can only be made by the tournament organisers. Please note, the hotel is onsite next to the Oriam facility.

Transport

Players and visitors who book a package can arrange to be picked-up and dropped off at either Edinburgh International Airport or Edinburgh Waverley and Haymarket train stations. Please note we cannot provide transport for those arriving prior to the 27th December 2026 and leaving after 30th December 2026 due to the Christmas & New Year holidays.

On all competition days there will be a regular bus transfer service between the hotel/Oriam and Edinburgh Sports Club.

Practice Courts

Any provision of official practice courts will be decided by Scottish Squash after the closing date (15th November 2026) and is not guaranteed.

Players who have taken tournament packages (see below) will be provided priority booking of any such provision for a period of 3 days, after which any remaining practice courts will be released on a first come, first served basis.

Should any provision of official practice courts reach capacity, or players wish to practice at alternative dates/times/venues, such practice court bookings are not the responsibility of Scottish Squash. The arrangement of such bookings, the terms, and any costs incurred, are the responsibility of the player/booking party.

Online Tournament Entries

Individual entries should be completed online through the European Squash Tournament Software website by Sunday 15th November 2026:

<https://esf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/62765325-A58A-4CD3-8ADC-2C70E8ADD8BF>

- Individual online entry fee: £55 per player (includes ESF Ranking Levy)
- Entry fees must be paid in full online by the closing date (15th November 2026)
- **Please do not enter online via ESF if you wish to take a tournament package.**

Tournament Package Entry (INCLUDES TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE)

Individuals/groups wishing to purchase a tournament package should complete the package entry form and the tournament organisers will complete entries for all players. **Please do not enter online via ESF if you wish to take a tournament package.**

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- All completed package entry forms should be returned to info@scottishsquash.org by Sunday 15th November 2026.

Download Package Entry Form: <https://www.scottishsquash.org/events/sjo-information/>

Accommodation & Transport Packages

A1 – 2 Night Package Single Room: £393 per person

- Tournament entry
- Includes ESF ranking levy
- Bed and breakfast for 2 nights, 28th & 29th December 2026
- 3 snack lunches
- 2 dinners
- Priority booking of any provision of official practice courts
- Transport between hotel and venue

A2 – 2 Night Package Twin/Double Room: £304 per person (based on 2 people sharing)

- Tournament entry
- Includes ESF ranking levy
- Bed and breakfast for 2 nights, 28th & 29th December 2026
- 3 snack lunches
- 2 dinners
- Priority booking of any provision of official practice courts
- Transport between hotel and venue
- Based on 2 people sharing

B1 – 3 Night Package Single Room: £527 per person

- Tournament entry
- Includes ESF ranking levy
- Bed and breakfast for 3 nights, 27th, 28th & 29th December 2026
- 3 snack lunches
- 3 dinners
- Priority booking of any provision of official practice courts
- Transport between hotel and venue

B2 – 3 Night Package Twin/Double Room: £393.50 per person (based on 2 people sharing)

- Tournament entry
- Includes ESF ranking levy
- Bed and breakfast for 3 nights, 27th, 28th & 29th December 2026
- 3 snack lunches
- 3 dinners
- Priority booking of any provision of official practice courts
- Transport between hotel and venue
- Based on 2 people sharing

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Extra Supplements

C1 – Extra Nights' Accommodation Single Room: £109 per person

- Bed and breakfast for 1 night (26th December 2026)

C2 – Extra Nights' Accommodation Twin/Double Room: £64.50 per person (based on 2 people sharing)

- Bed and breakfast for 1 night (26th December 2026)
- Based on 2 people sharing

C3 – Extra Nights' Accommodation Single Room: £109 per person

- Bed and breakfast for 1 night (30th December 2026)

C4 – Extra Nights' Accommodation Twin/Double Room: £64.50 per person (based on 2 people sharing)

- Bed and breakfast for 1 night (30th December 2026)
- Based on 2 people sharing

Payment

The package fees, as detailed above, must be paid in full to the host by the closing date (15th November 2026) to the account details provided below. Please note, individuals and groups arranging BACS payments for package entry fees, will be required to cover any bank administration fees and charges.

Account Name: Scottish Squash Limited
Bank Account: ClearBank Limited
Sort Code: 04-06-05
Account Number: 28238797
SWIFT: CLRBGB22
IBAN: GB91CLRB04060528238797
(Please put reference "SJO26" and your family name e.g. 'SJO26SMITH')

Cancellations and Refunds - Tournament Fees

In the event of a withdrawal up to 7th December 2026 a full refund of tournament entry fees will be given less any administrative fees incurred. In the event of a withdrawal between 8th December 2026 and 20th December 2026, 50% refund of tournament entry fees will be given less any administrative fees incurred.

In the event of a withdrawal on or after 20th December 2026, refunds will be at the discretion of Scottish Squash.

Cancellations and Refunds - Hotel Accommodation

Any cancellations for hotel accommodation must be intimated to Scottish Squash at the earliest opportunity. Scottish Squash cannot guarantee refunds on hotel cancellations after Sunday 15th November 2026.

All refunds will be strictly at the discretion of Scottish Squash.

Draws

The seeding lists and time of the first matches for specific age groups will be published at least 5 days prior to the start date, or alternatively a date and time for all participants to report to the TD will be stated.

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Evaluation

A link to an online survey will be sent to all participants after the tournament has taken place. Responses are anonymous and will be collated by the ESF office.

Safeguarding, Health and Safety

European Squash

Adults interacting with juniors in the organisation and running of ESF Junior Circuit events are in a position of trust and influence. They should always ensure that junior players are treated fairly, with respect, and given suitable support. Tournaments should be run in a safe, positive and encouraging environment. The host Organising Committee, including Tournament Director and Tournament Referee should be trained in safeguarding children according to the host MNF national standards. The health and safety of all persons (players, officials, spectators, tournament staff) involved in or attending a tournament is of paramount importance. The Organising Committee, via the host MNF is responsible for ensuring an appropriate plan is in place for the tournament.

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The [International Safeguarding Information and Processes](#) policy applies to the Scottish Junior Open 2026 as a GB Junior Open event. This document is co-written and agreed upon by Scottish Squash, England Squash and Squash Wales.

All responsible adults attending the tournament should have read through and understood their responsibilities as outlined in the policy before attending the tournament. This includes coaches, staff, parents, guardians and any other members of travelling groups over the age of 18 attending the tournament.

ESF Regulations & Penalties

The tournament is part of the ESF Junior Circuit and will be run in accordance with the ESF Junior Guidelines, a copy of which is available on the ESF website www.europeansquash.com. MNFs should make sure that all relevant people (including coaches, managers and players) are aware of the Guidelines and their requirements.

The tournament will be run under the terms and conditions as set out in ESF Regulations: Code of Conduct - The tournament will be run under the terms and conditions as set out in EUROPEAN SQUASH FEDERATION PRIVACY POLICY as published on the ESF website www.europeansquash.com

A late withdrawal is a withdrawal made 2 days or less before the start date of the tournament. Ranking penalties may be applied to the records of the players who fail to turn up or who make a late withdrawal not supported by a medical certificate.

Please Note: The medical certificate must clearly state the players name, date of birth and nature of the illness/injury the certificate, must cover the date of the relevant tournament and must be sent to the ESF Office within 2 days after the final day of the tournament.

If a player:

- a) Has entered a tournament and fails to turn up, he/she will receive zero ranking points for the tournament.
- b) Fails to play out all scheduled matches for any reason other than illness or injury, he/she may receive zero ranking points for the tournament.

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- c) If zero points are awarded the points will count as one of the players 4 best results for the rolling 12-month period and will be taken into account when dividing the points to obtain the ranking average. This penalty will be applied automatically.
- d) Commits either of these offence for a second time within a 12-month period, he/she will be banned from the ESF Juniors Circuit for a period of 12 months.

Scottish Squash Terms and Conditions

The standard Scottish Squash Competitions & Events Terms and Conditions also apply to this competition. A copy of these terms and conditions can be viewed [here](#).

Scottish Squash Data Protection

At Scottish Squash, we take the security and privacy of your personal data very seriously. If you would like to know more or would like to understand your data protection rights, please take a look at our [Data Protection & Privacy Notices](#).