



ADM10-G03 Regulations for Sanctioned Competitions

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All sanctioned competitions must meet the following criteria.

1. General

- The Competition Organiser must have completed the relevant online sanction request 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.
- 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.

START

2. START Sanctioned Competitions

- Recommended entry fee: £5 – £15 (Scottish Squash retain no levy for START competitions).
- Number of matches in one day: all START competitions can feature as many matches as needed to complete the draws and make the competition successful and enjoyable for all players.
- Entrants must have a Free or Paid membership of Squash in Scotland to compete. For more information see [here](#) on the Scottish Squash website. A membership can be obtained when signing up to the tournament if necessary.
- Scoring systems can be determined by the Competition Organiser.
- The draw structure used for START competitions can be determined by the Competition Organiser as they feel best fits.
- The competition ball used for START competitions must be a Dunlop Game Blue, Game Red or Club (single yellow). For an overview on ball types and recommendations, see [here](#).
- Sanctioning requests should be made via SportyHQ before tournament publication (Request Sanctioning > Scottish Squash (Squash in Scotland)).

PLAY

3. PLAY Sanctioned Competitions

- Recommended entry fee: £10 – £20 (Scottish Squash retain no levy for PLAY competitions).
- Entrants must have a Free or Paid membership of Squash in Scotland to compete. For more information see [here](#) on the Scottish Squash website. A membership can be obtained when signing up to the tournament if necessary.
- 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 PLAY 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 PLAY competitions can be determined by the Competition Organiser. For an overview on ball types and recommendations, see [here](#).
- The dates for the competition should be agreed with Scottish Squash before tournament publication.
- Sanctioning requests should be made via SportyHQ before tournament publication (Request Sanctioning > Scottish Squash (Squash in Scotland)).

PERFORM

4.1 PERFORM (Junior/Senior Gold) Sanctioned Competitions

- Entry fee: £15 – £25 (25% levy of each entry fee retained by Scottish Squash).
- For Senior Gold competitions, a minimum prize pot of £300 must be offered for both Men's and Women's draws.
- For PERFORM Junior Gold competitions, prizes are mandatory and are to be arranged by the competition organiser.
- The Monrad draw format is the preferred option for PERFORM Gold competitions.
- Recommended number of matches in one day:
 - Senior Gold: 1-2, maximum of 3.
 - Junior Gold: 1-3 matches per day depending on age group, maximum of 4 (recommended for U11 / U13 only).
- Entrants must have a valid Squash in Scotland Player membership; a guest fee of £6.00 will apply for non-members of Squash in Scotland.
 - Players should visit [ADM10-G08 Competitions & Events: Terms and Conditions](#) for full eligibility criteria for entrants.
- Scoring structure: the PAR 11, best of 5 games scoring system should be used in all PERFORM Junior and Senior Gold competitions. If the score reaches 10 all, a tie break will operate, the winner needing to lead by 2 clear points to win the game.

- The Dunlop Pro (double-yellow) should be the official match squash ball, except in Under 11 age categories, where the Dunlop Club ball (single dot) may be used at the discretion of the organiser. For an overview on ball types and recommendations, see [here](#).
- PERFORM Junior and Senior Gold competitions link to the Scottish [Selection Criteria](#) for national team representative competitions.
- PERFORM Senior Gold competition venues are encouraged to organise a START or PLAY competition alongside to expose a higher level of senior squash to other players.
- The number of PERFORM Gold sanctioned competitions per season will be set by Scottish Squash. The dates for PERFORM Gold sanctioned competitions will also be set by Scottish Squash.
- Clubs bid to run a PERFORM Gold sanctioned competitions by following the below process.
 - Complete the online application form which will include:
 - Where/Competition Organiser/Cost/Sponsor/Any other competition details.
 - Numbering the Gold competitions in order of preference of which Gold competitions the club wishes to host.

Additional Information: Seeding

Seeding for the PERFORM Gold events will be determined using the current SquashLevels rankings on the Monday morning of the week the tournament starts. Seeding of players within 10% of each other's level is at the discretion of Scottish Squash. Additionally, in the case of a clear and obvious error in the SquashLevels rankings, a Scottish Squash seedings panel will adjust seedings as appropriate based on the player's historical performance(s) and current form.

The preferred seeding system for PERFORM Gold sanctioned competitions is detailed below. This shows when seeded players would theoretically 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 |

4.2 PERFORM Masters Regional Sanctioned Competitions

- Entry fee: £20 – £25 (25% levy of each entry fee retained by Scottish Squash).
- Entrants must have a valid Squash in Scotland Player membership; a guest fee of £6.00 will apply for non-members of Squash in Scotland.
 - Entrants at Masters Regional competitions are not required to be eligible to represent Scotland.
- Five Masters Regional sanctioned competitions will be hosted as part of the Masters Regional Circuit.
 - The region hosting the Scottish Masters National Championships will not host a Masters Regional competition in the same season.

- Minimum of two matches throughout the competition in a Monrad format. Every effort is made to offer three matches or more per player. Where only two matches are possible for a player, these will take place on the Saturday only.
- Entry of two age categories is at the discretion of the local Competition Organiser. Players cannot be guaranteed preferred break times when entering two age categories.
- To qualify for an age category, players must be of the minimum age for that category on the day the tournament starts.
- Scoring structure: the PAR 11, best of five games scoring system should be used in all Masters Regional sanctioned competitions (men's and women's categories). If the score reaches 10-10, a tie break will operate, the winner needing to lead by two clear points to win the game.
- The Dunlop Pro (double-yellow) should be the official match squash ball.
- For Masters Regional sanctioned competitions, the following draw structures should be used:

Draw size	Monrad Format
1-2 players	<i>Inform players there are insufficient numbers for their age category and propose they merge with the age group directly below as the preferred option. Players are offered the opportunity to join any other age group for which they are eligible, or decide not to compete.</i>
3 players	Round Robin. <i>The draw may be run in one day with 3 players if all players agree. However, the preference is for a minimum of 4 players per draw to guarantee three matches. Therefore, organiser's may speak to the players in this instance, if there is a simple solution to combine age groups and guarantee three matches. All players in both draws should agree to this.</i> Example Men's Over 50 has 3 players, Men's Over 55 has 3 players, combine into one MO50 draw and give everyone 4 matches.
4-5 players	Round Robin
6 players	2 boxes [1,4,5] and [2,3,6] into crossover semi-finals and 5/6 playoff (<i>preferred</i>). If schedule does not allow, straight playoffs can be used [1v1] [2v2] [3v3].
7 players	8 draw with one bye. Places 5 – 7 can play RR if schedule allows.
8 players	8 draw
9 players	3 boxes seeded as [1,6,7], [2,5,8], [3,4,9] into playoff boxes for 1-3, 4-6 and 7-9

10 players	Option 1 (<i>preferred</i>): Qualification with 8 players. Winners advance to main draw of 6 players (run as above). Losers play 7-10 round robin. Option 2: 16 draw with 6 byes. Note: In this format there will be 2 x Round 1 losers who will only play two matches.
11 players	16 draw. 3 x Round 1 losers play round robin for places 9-11, if schedule allows.
12–16 players	16 draw. Note: with 13 players, the player who finishes 13 th will only play two matches.

- The maximum draw size of a regional event age group is 32. If this limit is exceeded, players will be placed on a reserve list in the order of registration.

The seeding system for PERFORM Masters Regional sanctioned competitions is detailed below. This shows when seeded players would theoretically 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 |

Additional Information

The additional information provided here is in relation to PERFORM Masters Regional sanctioned competitions and is considered good practice for Competition Organisers to take into account. Larger draws (e.g. 16 or 32 player knock-out draws) should be scheduled first and aim to have quarter-final matches completed by the end of play on the Saturday.

- Draws:
 - **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).
 - **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.
 - **9 player draws (three round robins with three playoff round robins)** – It is preferred that players play two matches on each day, if the court schedule allows.
 - **8 player knock-out draws** – Semi-finals should be scheduled for Saturday afternoon, if the court schedule allows. Where court time does not allow, it is preferred if the first round is scheduled on the Saturday afternoon, with the semi-finals and final scheduled on the Sunday.
 - **6 player draws (two round robins of 3 players each)** – It is preferred the cross-tie semi-finals and final are played on the Sunday, if the court schedule allows.

- **5 player draws (one round robin)** – It is preferred that players play two matches on each day, if the court schedule allows. This can be done as follows: Saturday (1v5 & 2v4) then (1v3 & 4v5) then (2v3). Sunday (1v4) then (2v5 & 3v4) and (1v2 & 3v5).
- **4 player draws (one round robin)** – It is preferred that players play two matches on the Saturday and one match on the Sunday, if the court schedule allows. The match between the top two seeds is considered as the final and is recommended to be played last.
- **3 player draws (one round robin)** – It is preferred that the full draw is run on the Saturday, although players may be involved in the decision of match times at the organiser's discretion.

4.3 PERFORM National Championships

- The various Scottish National Championships are organised and run by Scottish Squash unless otherwise agreed. The dates for National Championships competitions will be set by Scottish Squash unless otherwise agreed.
- Entrants must have a valid Squash in Scotland Player membership; a guest fee of £6.00 will apply for non-members of Squash in Scotland.
 - Players should visit [ADM10-G08 Competitions and Events Terms & Conditions](#) for full eligibility criteria for entrants.
- The following competitions will be recognised as National Championships level competitions:
 - Scottish Junior National Championships
 - Scottish Under 23 National Championships
 - Scottish Senior National Championships
 - Scottish Masters National Championships
 - Scottish Junior Inter-Regional Team Championships
 - Scottish Racketball National Championships
 - Scottish Masters Home Internationals
- Clubs are able to bid to become the host venues for the above competitions during an annual application window(s). The competitions available for host applications will be announced by Scottish Squash annually with the opening of the application window(s).
- Seeding for PERFORM National Championships events will be determined using the current SquashLevels rankings on the Monday morning of the week the tournament starts. Seeding of players within 10% of each other's level is at the discretion of Scottish Squash. Additionally, in the case of a clear and obvious error in the SquashLevels rankings, a Scottish Squash seedings panel will adjust seedings as appropriate based on the player's historical performance(s) and current form.

- The Dunlop Pro (double-yellow) will be the official match squash ball, except in Under 11 age categories, where the Dunlop Competition ball (single dot) may be used at the discretion of Scottish Squash.

4.4 Round Robins (PERFORM Competitions)

Should a round robin format be played, places will be decided on the following:

- Number of matches won (ie. points total), if equal;
- head-to-head result, if equal;
- games won, if equal;
- points difference

5. Sanctioning Process

- Clubs/venues running START, PLAY, PERFORM (Junior/Senior Gold), and PERFORM (Masters Regional) competitions should request sanctioning from Scottish Squash on SportyHQ before publishing their competition.
- Sanctioning requests can be submitted on SportyHQ via the “Request Sanctioning” tab in the Administrator panel of the competition. Sanctioning requests should be made to “Scottish Squash (Squash in Scotland)”.
- Upon review of the competition’s details, Scottish Squash will approve or reject the sanctioning request.
- Approved sanctioned competitions will be added to the Scottish Squash website calendar of events and the SportyHQ calendar of events once published.

6. SportyHQ Ranking Points

SportyHQ ranking points will link to each level of competition based on the below multiplier.

Level	Multiplier
START	0.50
START/PLAY Hybrid	0.75
PLAY	1.0
PERFORM	2.0

7. Scottish Squash Junior Order of Merit

The Junior Order of Merit (OOM) system operates in conjunction with PERFORM Junior Gold and Scottish junior National Championships (among other events). The Junior OOM system also links to the Scottish Squash [Selection Criteria](#) for national team representative competitions. The current Junior Order of Merit can be viewed [here](#) on the Scottish Squash website.

8. Scottish Squash Senior Order of Merit

The Senior Order of Merit (OOM) system operates in conjunction with the PERFORM Senior Gold sanctioned competitions and the Scottish Senior National Championships. The current Senior Order of Merit can be viewed [here](#) on the Scottish Squash website.

Eligible players can gain OOM points by playing in a Senior Gold sanctioned competition or the Scottish Senior National Championships during the season and finishing within the top 8 at any event.

- The higher the finishing position of the player, the more points that player receives towards their OOM total. (Fig.1)
- All competitions will have the same number of points available.
- Following each qualifying competition, the Order of Merit rankings will be updated and communicated.
- The OOM ranking structure will be used by Scottish Squash as a part of their [Selection Criteria](#) for representative events.

Fig 1. Order of Merit Senior Ranking Structure Points Allocation

PLACE	POINTS
1st	200
2nd	140
3rd	100
4th	90
5th	80
6th	72
7th	66
8th	60

9. Scottish Squash Masters Rankings

Masters rankings will be determined each season by the Masters rankings points structure that operates in accordance with the Masters Regional Circuit and the Scottish Masters National Championships. The Masters rankings structure and selection criteria can be viewed [on the Scottish Squash website](#).

10. Perform Host Venue Applications

The following terms apply for PERFORM host venue applications.

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

- Promote the sport regionally and nationally.

- Distribute all benefits of competitions around the country and encourage investment in clubs.
- Offer a variety of competitions to our member clubs.
- Diminish the effects of distance for some participants attending competitions.
- Host venue decisions will not be rotated based on the Scottish Squash regional boundaries. It is the aim of Scottish Squash to rotate PERFORM competitions around the country to clubs which fulfil the criteria listed for each competition. However, Scottish Squash reserves the right to alter this as 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 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 areas, will be a determining factor.
- The decision on the awarding of competitions will be taken by an appointed panel, led by the Head of Performance & Pathway or another appointed member of the Scottish Squash executive team, and will be based on the merits of each application in relation to the criteria and the cost of hosting the competition.

10.1 Perform Junior/Senior Gold Host Venue Requirements

The following criteria detail the minimum requirements for clubs to host PERFORM Junior/Senior Gold sanctioned competitions, however applications are welcomed from all clubs. Joint applications from two or more clubs are also welcomed.

Essential

Senior Gold: 3 courts, minimum £300 prize pot for both Men's and Women's draws.

Junior Gold: 4 courts, prizes to be arranged by competition organiser.

Desirable

Lounge bar/café/catering • Live streaming • Social media coverage • Accommodation discounts / billeting • Running a graded event alongside a PERFORM Senior Gold • Referee strategy / markers

10.2 PERFORM Masters Regional Host Venue Requirements

The following criteria detail the minimum requirements for clubs to host Masters Regional competitions. However, clubs not meeting the requirements are encouraged to speak to their Regional Association on the possibility of hosting and consider joint-hosting with another club. Host venue decisions are the responsibility of the Regional Association.

Essential

Masters Regional: 3 courts

Desirable

Lounge bar/café/catering • Masters player network in the club • Prizes • Social night / Saturday dinner (can be added to event entry price) • Live streaming • Social media coverage •
Accommodation discounts / billeting • Referee strategy / markers

10.3 PERFORM National Championships Host Venue Requirements

The following criteria detail the minimum requirements for clubs to host specific PERFORM National Championships competitions. Applications are welcomed from all clubs to run competitions using their facilities, even if these differ from the minimum requirements. However, the appointed panel will normally reach their decision taking into account the below criteria. Joint applications from two or more clubs are fully welcomed.

Scottish Junior National Championships	
Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 5 courts (possibility of joint-hosting) • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Live streaming facilities • Show court

Scottish Under 23 National Championships	
Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 4 courts (possibility of joint-hosting) • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Live streaming facilities • Show court

Scottish Senior National Championships	
Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 4 courts (possibility of joint-hosting) • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Live streaming facilities • Show court

Scottish Masters National Championships	
Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 4 courts (possibility of joint-hosting) • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Live streaming facilities • Show court

Scottish Junior Inter-Regional Team Championships	
Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 6 courts (possibility of joint-hosting) • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Live streaming facilities

	• Show court
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Scottish Masters Home Internationals	
Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 6 courts (possibility of joint-hosting) • Access to wifi/internet • Function suite with the ability to host an evening meal/awards ceremony (option to host this in a hotel if club cannot support)	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Live streaming facilities • Show court

Scottish Racketball National Championships	
Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 3 courts (possibility of joint-hosting) • Previous host venue of RASTA tour event. • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Live streaming facilities • Show court