Pathway International Opportunities Overview 2027

Scottish Squash Performance Pathway Programme

We are excited to offer a new development opportunity for pathway players this summer. Alongside the World Junior Championships, a new second international event gives more players the chance to test themselves abroad. Both are for players who have shown they can compete at British level and are ready to benefit from exposure at world level. Places are earned by meeting a published standard.

The opportunities

Opportunity	Who it is for	What it offers
World Junior Championships	U19 players, and U17 players where appropriate	Chengdu, China, July 2027 [exact dates to be confirmed]. The individual event and, where enough players qualify, the team event.
Designated Event (new)	U13, U15 and U17 players, with U19 players where appropriate	A second individual international event, chosen each year and usually a European junior event, such as the Dutch Junior Open.

How to qualify

A player qualifies by finishing at or above the position shown for their age group and gender at either event below. Younger-year players, who are in the first of the two years in an age group, have a wider position at the British Junior Championships.

Age group and gender	British Junior Championships	Younger-year players	British Junior Open
Boys U13	Top 10	Top 17	Top [32]
Boys U15	Top 10	Top 17	Top [50]
Boys U17	Top 10	Top 17	Top [50]
Boys U19	Top 10	Top 17	Top [50]
Girls U13	Top 10	Top 17	Top [24]
Girls U15	Top 10	Top 17	Top [32]
Girls U17	Top 8	Top 12	Top [32]
Girls U19	Top 8	Top 12	Top [32]

A player can also qualify by finishing in the top 4 of their age group at the Scottish Junior Open. Whichever route is used, a player must have competed at the British Junior Championships or the British Junior Open this season.

What happens next

- Every player who meets the standard is offered a place, subject to funding. There are no discretionary places.
- Selections are confirmed in [February or March 2027], and families are told individually.
- If more players qualify than there are places, because of team size or funding, a Selection Panel chooses from the qualified players only. Any decision can be reviewed within seven days.
- These events are not funded by Scottish Squash and will only go ahead if the junior funding group raises enough. Fundraising support is encouraged, but selection never depends on it or on ability to pay.

Questions

Please speak to Kylie Lindsay, Pathway Manager and Coach (kylie.lindsay@scottishsquash.org). Full detail is in the policy and the guide.