ADM10-G03 Regulations for Sanctioned Competitions

Contents

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.

2. COMPETITION FORMATS

2.1 Bronze Competitions (One day competitions only)

- Recommended entry fee: £5 – £15 (Scottish Squash retain no levy for Bronze competitions).

- Number of matches in one day: all Bronze competitions can feature as many matches as needed to complete the draws and make the competition successful and enjoyable for all players.

- Scoring systems can be determined by the Competition Organiser.

- The draw structure used for Bronze competitions can be determined by the Competition Organiser as they feel best fits.

- The competition ball used for Bronze competitions can be determined by the Competition Organiser.

- Sanctioning requests should be made via SportyHQ before tournament publication (Request Sanctioning > Scottish Squash (Squash in Scotland)).

2.2 Silver Competitions (Graded one – three-day competitions, dependent on entries)

- Recommended entry fee: £10 – £20 (Scottish Squash retain no levy for Silver competitions).

- 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.

- 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 Silver 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 Silver competitions can be determined by the Competition Organiser.

- The dates for the competition should be agreed with Scottish Squash before tournament publication. Preferred hosting windows for Silver (graded) competitions can be viewed here on the Scottish Squash website.

- Sanctioning requests should be made via SportyHQ before tournament publication (Request Sanctioning > Scottish Squash (Squash in Scotland)).

2.3 Gold Competitions (two – three day competitions, dependent on entries)

- Entry fee: £15 – £25 (25% levy of each entry fee retained by Scottish Squash).

- The Monrad draw format is the preferred option for Gold competitions.

- Number of matches in one day: Scottish Squash recommends players compete in 1–2 matches per day. A maximum of three matches is allowed in one day.

- Entrants must have a valid Squash in Scotland Player membership; a guest fee of £6.00 will appy for non-members of Squash in Scotland.

  - Players should visit ADM10-G08 Competitions and Events Terms & Conditions for full eligibility criteria for entrants.

- Scoring structure: the PAR 11, best of 5 games scoring system should be used in all 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 XX should 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 the organiser.

- Gold competitions link to the Scottish Selection Criteria for national team representative competitions at both Junior and Senior level.

- Senior Gold competition venues are encouraged to organise a Bronze or Silver competition alongside to expose a higher level of senior squash to other players.

- The number of Gold sanctioned competitions per season will be set by Scottish Squash. The dates for Gold sanctioned competitions will also be set by Scottish Squash.

- Clubs bid to run a 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 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 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 |

2.4 Masters Regional Competitions (Two or three-day competitions, dependent on entries)

- 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.

    o 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.

    o 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. For players progressing to the later stages, it is preferred if they play two matches on each day.

- Knock-out and round robin draws are the preferred options for Masters Regional sanctioned competitions.

- Entry of multiple age categories is at the discretion of the local Competition Organiser.

- 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 XX should be the official match squash ball.

- For Masters Regional sanctioned competitions, the following draw structures should be used:

    o 5 players or less: one round robin

    o 6 players: two round robins > semi-finals > final

    o 7 players or more: knock-out

- Seeding: the seeding system for Scottish 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 |

<u>Additional Information</u>

The additional information provided here is in relation to Masters Regional sanctioned competitions and is considered good practice for Competition Organisers to take into account. The information provided is to be considered when organising and running a Masters Regional sanctioned competition and has been developed based on the past experiences of Competition Organisers and players.

- 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.

    - **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 if 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.

    - **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.

- Schedule:

    - Depending on numbers, SportyHQ will automatically enter second round losers from the main competition into a knock-out plate draw. Please note that second round losers should not be entered into the plate and Competition Organisers should put through a walk-over to the opponent when this shows.

        - An exception exists for players which received a first round BYE. If such a player loses in the second round, i.e. in their first match, they are eligible for the plate draw.

o   Please note that SportyHQ will schedule plate matches for all first-round losers, including seeded players who have a first round BYE that lose in the second round. Competition Organisers may wish to consider their own structure, taking into account a percentage or all of these matches when creating their schedule.

o   When using a round robin draw type with play-offs, SportyHQ will automatically schedule all play-off matches, i.e. 3rd/4th place, 5th/6th place etc. These are not required in Masters Regional sanctioned competitions and can be deleted to provide additional court availability, if required.

o   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.

3. SANCTIONING PROCESS

- Clubs/venues running Bronze, Silver, Gold, and 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.

4. PLATINUM COMPETITONS

- Platinum competitions are organised and run by Scottish Squash unless otherwise agreed. The dates for Platinum 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.

  o   Players should visit ADM10-G08 Competitions and Events Terms & Conditions for full eligibility criteria for entrants.

- The following competitions will be recognised as Platinum level competitions:

  o   Scottish Junior National Championships

  o   Scottish Under 23 National Championships

  o   Scottish Senior National Championships

  o   Scottish Masters National Championships

  o   Scottish Junior Inter-Regional Team Championships

  o   Scottish Racketball National Championships

  o   Scottish Masters Home Internationals

- Clubs are able to bid to become the host venues for Platinum competitions during an annual application window. The competitions available for host applications will be announced by Scottish Squash annually with the opening of the application window.

- Seeding for Platinum 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 XX 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.

5. ROUND ROBINS (GOLD AND PLATINUM 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

6. SPORTYHQ RANKING POINTS

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

Level	Multiplier
Bronze	0.25
Silver	0.5
Gold	1.0
Masters Regional	1.0
Masters National Championships (Platinum)	1.5
All other Platinum competitions	2.0

7. SCOTTISH SQUASH SENIOR RANKINGS

Senior rankings will be determined each season by the Order of Merit ranking system, a ranking points structure that will operate in accordance with the Senior Gold sanctioned competitions and the Scottish Senior National Championships. Senior rankings can be viewed on the Scottish Squash website.

7.1 Order of Merit Senior Ranking Structure

The 'Order of Merit' (OOM) system is a ranking points structure that will operate in accordance with the Senior Gold competitions and the Scottish Senior National Championships, and links to the Scottish Selection Criteria for national team representative competitions.

- A player 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.

  - Entrants at Gold sanctioned competitions who are ineligible to represent Scotland (as defined by the European Squash Championship Regulations eligibility criteria available here) will not receive OOM points for a top 8 finish. The eight highest-finishing eligible players will receive the points available from positions 1–8 accordingly.

- 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

8. 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 and structure can be viewed on the Scottish Squash website and relate to the Masters Selection Criteria.

9. HOST VENUE APPLICATIONS

The following terms apply for Gold and Platinum host venue applications.

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

- o Promote the sport regionally and nationally.

- o Distribute all benefits of competitions around the country and encourage investment in clubs.

- o Offer a variety of competitions to our member clubs.

- o 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 Gold and Platinum 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 Director of Development or another appointed member of the Scottish Squash staff team, and will be based on the merits of each application in relation to the criteria and the cost of hosting the competition.

9.1 Platinum Host Venue Requirements

The following criteria detail the minimum requirements for clubs to host specific Platinum 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 - Access to wifi/internet	- Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event - Show court

Scottish Under 23 National Championships	
Essential	Desirable

• Minimum of 4 courts • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Show court

Scottish Senior National Championships

Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 4 courts • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Video streaming facilities • Show court

Scottish Masters National Championships

Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 4 courts • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Show court

Scottish Junior Inter-Regional Team Championships

Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 6 courts • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Show court

Scottish Masters Home Internationals

Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 6 courts • 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 • Show court

Scottish Racketball National Championships

Essential	Desirable
• Minimum of 2 courts • Access to wifi/internet	• Lounge bar/catering available throughout the event • Show court