

Squash New Zealand Squash

REGULATIONS
for
GRADED TEAMS EVENTS

Graded Teams District Eliminations
Graded Teams National Finals

1 COMPETITION FORMAT

For the Graded Teams Competitions, teams will consist of five players of the same or a lower grade who will compete against other teams of the same grade.

Each district will hold *District Eliminations* to find the best team within their district at each grade of B, C, D, E and F. These winning teams will then go on to the *National Finals* where they will represent both their club and their district.

2 CLUB ELIGIBILITY

Any club affiliated to Squash NZ can compete in the competitions provided all its team members are eligible to play for the club in accordance with the player eligibility rules below.

3 TEAM ELIGIBILITY

For the *District Eliminations*, any club team which fulfills the requirements of 2 and 4 herein and any criteria laid down by the home district is eligible to enter.

For the *National Finals*, the winning team at each grade in the *District Eliminations* is entitled to enter so that each district is represented at each grade by their best club team at that grade.

Should all Districts within New Zealand enter the National Finals there will be 11 teams entered. The *National Finals* shall be run with pool play between an uneven number of teams. (see 13 Event Format).

The *District Eliminations* shall be run according to the regulations of the home district.

In any one grade, if two of the teams winning the *District Eliminations* is unable to participate in the *National Finals*, their place shall be offered to the following teams in merit order:

1. Host district runner up at that grade
2. Neighbouring district runner up at that grade
3. Host district number three at that grade
4. Neighbouring district number three at that grade
5. Host district number four etc.

If three districts are unrepresented at the *National Finals* for any one grade, the event shall be run with 8 teams.

Where four districts are unrepresented at the *National Finals* for any one grade, once again the host district's runner-up will be offered the eighth place and the event will be run with eight teams.

4 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

In order to represent a club, a player must be registered for that club on the **15 June** grading list.

The club must register their players with the district for the *District Eliminations* by the district's closing date publicised.

The winning teams from the *District Eliminations* who wish to compete in the *National Finals*, must send a completed entry form to their district within 48 hours following the end of the *District Eliminations*. Their district will then pass this on to the host club of the *National Final* for that grade within 7 days.

All players will be required to have attended a referees session held by their respective District. Each District will have signed off with the National Office that their teams representing their district have attended.

5 ENTRIES

Entries for the *District Eliminations* will be called for, by each home district and each club should return their entry to their own home district.

Entries for the *National Finals* should be sent by each district to the *National Finals* host club immediately the *District Eliminations* are over. The host clubs will vary from year to year.

No late entries will be accepted.

All entries must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.

All team entries must be submitted on the correct form and in Playing Order.

6 TEAM PLAYING ORDER

The playing order of the team members, including up to two reserves, must be submitted at the time of official entry:

- *the order shall be such that a player can not play above another player graded higher (e.g. B2 cannot play above B1) but within each half grade players can be submitted in order of playing strength (e.g. a B2 with 2250 points may play above a B2 with 2400 points).*

- *In determining the Playing Order, all grading shall be taken from the 15 June grading list for District Eliminations and the 1 September grading list for the National Finals.*
- *All team orders shall be circulated to all other team managers 14 days prior to the commencement of the competition.*
- *Any protest against team Playing Order must be lodged by a Team Manager, in writing, to the host club's Tournament Director no later than 5.00pm on the Monday preceding the competition. No late protests will be considered.*
- *The event Disputes Committee will rule on the protest and their decision shall be notified to all team managers by 24 hours prior to the start of the competition. The Disputes Committee's decision is final.*
- *Any team wishing to make amendment to its Playing Order shall make application in writing to the Tournament Director no later than 5.00pm on Monday preceding the competition. No late amendments will be considered.*
- *The Tournament Director will rule on the amendment and their decision shall be notified to all team managers by 24 hours prior to the start of the competition. Their decision is final.*
- *Prior to the Managers' meeting, the Tournament Director will make a final check of the team compositions from the latest grading list available, (1 September).*
- *The team orders confirmed by the Tournament Director shall apply for all rounds of the competition.*

7 DAILY ORDER OF MATCH PLAY

The daily order of match play shall be drawn by lots except that the match between each team's number 1 shall be the third match in each contest.

A separate order of play shall be made for each day's play.

The order of play for the first day will be made by the host club's Tournament Director at least 14 days prior to the start of the competition and will be notified to participating teams at that time. Subsequent draws will be made at the managers' meeting prior to commencement of the competition.

8 SUBMISSION OF TEAMS

The teams for the first round must be placed in a sealed envelope in playing order and handed to the Tournament Director at least one hour prior to the start of play.

Teams for each subsequent round must be placed in a sealed envelope in playing order and handed to the Tournament Director within half an hour of the finish of play in the preceding round. *This applies also to teams which have a bye in any round of the competition.*

9 RESERVES

All teams can consist of seven players of which five will be nominated to play in any one round of the competition.

In any round, two players from the pool of seven will be stood down and the remaining players will play in the order nominated under 6 above.

10 REPLACEMENT PLAYERS

At any time after the submission of teams pursuant to 7 above, and prior to commencement of play in any one tie of the competition, a player may be replaced by another nominated team member at the discretion of the Disputes Committee.

Such replacements will only be granted in the case of illness or injury (medical report or other such evidence required), or urgent personal business which is deemed acceptable by the Disputes Committee.

Replacements may only be from other nominated team members or reserves and the replacement must take their place in the team in the order in which they were nominated. (See 6 above).

After the commencement of any one tie of the competition, replacements for that tie are not permitted.

11 DEFAULTS

When a team defaults a match within any one tie of the competition, and is unable to field a replacement under 8 above, the default will apply to the No.5 position with all other players moving up to play the matches from 1 to 4.

12 SEEDING

The *District Eliminations* will be seeded by the District who will seed the teams according to the sum of the top five players' grading points taken from the 15 June Grading List.

The *National Finals* will be seeded by the host club Tournament Director who will seed the teams according to the sum of the top five players' grading points taken from the 1 September Grading List.

13 EVENT FORMAT

Graded Teams Events will be played on a pool basis, depending upon the number of entries.

The *National Finals* will be played on a pool basis as follows:

Pool A	1	4	5	8	9
Pool B	2	3	6	7	10 11

The teams in each pool and the first round playing order will be circulated to all teams 14 days prior to the commencement of the competition.

In pool play, each team will play the other teams in their pool once with each tie consisting of five matches - with team members playing their correspondingly ranked member of the opposing team once.

The second round shall consist of the top placed team in each pool playing one another, the second placed teams playing one another etc.

13A EVENT FORMAT FOR EIGHT TEAMS

(Due to a remit passed at the Annual General Meeting 2002 should there only be eight districts entered the following format of play will take place)

The *National Finals* will be played on a pool basis as follows:

Pool A	1	4	5	8
Pool B	2	3	6	7

The teams in each pool and the first round playing order will be circulated to all teams 14 days prior to the commencement of the competition.

In pool play, each team will play the other teams in their pool once with each tie consisting of five matches - with team members playing their correspondingly ranked member of the opposing team once. This pool play should be completed by the end of Thursday.

On Friday the second round of play will be played as follows:

Winner of Pool A v Runner up of Pool B - **Match A**

Winner of Pool B v Runner up of Pool A - **Match B**

Third placegetter of Pool A v Fourth placegetter of Pool B - **Match C**

Third placegetter of Pool B v Fourth placegetter of Pool A - **Match D**

The finals day (Saturday) playoff will be determined as follows:

1st & 2nd Place

Winner of Match A **Versus** Winner Match B

3rd & 4th Place

Loser of Match A **Versus** Loser of Match B

5th & 6th Place

Winner of Match C **Versus** Winner Match D

7th & 8th Place

Loser Match C **Versus** Loser Match D

14 SCORING

Each individual match shall be the best of five games.

Each tie shall consist of five matches and the team winning the most matches shall win the tie.

One competition point will be allocated for each tie won.

The team winning the most competition points shall win the round. In the event of two teams finishing on the same number of competition points, the team placed higher shall be the winner of the respective tie between the two teams.

In the event of more than two teams finishing the round on the same number of competition points, a countback shall be made on the following basis until the higher placed team is found:

- Highest positive differential on matches won and lost;
- Highest positive differential on games won and lost;
- Highest positive differential on game points won and lost;
- If teams are still equal, the higher placed team shall be determined by drawing of lots.

15 RESULTS

The host club Tournament Director is required to display the full match scores throughout the event and to forward these to the Squash NZ national office immediately the event concludes. The “Teams Result Sheets” should be used.

These results will be communicated to the media and copies of the full results will be available for participants from the NZS national office 7 days after the end of the event.

The host club will also forward a copy of the results to their club statistician who will process the results for inclusion in the Grading List. The “Teams Result Sheets” should be used.

16 MANAGERS' MEETING

A Managers' Meeting must be held at least one hour prior to the commencement of the first round of play.

The Tournament Director will chair the meeting.

17 DISPUTES COMMITTEE

The Disputes Committee shall consist of the Tournament Director, the Tournament Referee and one other suitable person.

18 TROPHIES

Trophies for the *District Eliminations* will be awarded by the district associations.

Squash New Zealand will provide pennants and trophies for the following places for the *National Finals*:

Graded Teams Finals winning team B grade men	Davis Trophy
Graded Teams Finals winning team B grade women	Bouchier Cup
Graded Teams Finals winning team C grade men	Royal Oak Shield
Graded Teams Finals winning team C grade women	Hawkes Bay Cup
Graded Teams Finals winning team D grade men	Tawa Cup
Graded Teams Finals winning team D grade women	Tawa Cup
Graded Teams Finals winning team E grade men	Southern Cup
Graded Teams Finals winning team E grade women	Bay of Plenty Cup
Graded Teams Finals winning team F grade men	Cashmere Club Cup
Graded Teams Finals winning team F grade women	Lancaster Park Cup