



JUNIOR SQUASH BRONZE EVENTS

Dunlop Bronze events are an excellent way to introduce new young players to the game of squash. A bronze event can be the catalyst to starting and sustaining an active junior program in your club. And these junior players are your future adult members.

We are very pleased to provide you with a template of a successful Dunlop Bronze event format which has been developed by Jim Paton, Head Squash Professional at Toronto's Granite Club.

Please feel free to use this format and we encourage you to send us innovations of your own which you have found successful and which you'd like to share with programmers across the province. We'll post these under our 'Best Practices' on our Business of Squash website.

Planning your Bronze Event

In order to participate in a sanctioned Dunlop Bronze event, you must have **at least one or two sister clubs** involved to run a home and away at all clubs if possible. A **minimum** would be two events at two of the three clubs. Clubs not following this format may not be eligible for the Dunlop prizes.

Participating clubs must commit to bringing a minimum of eight players to the sister club.

The Junior Bronze sanction event fee is \$10.00 (payable by Visa/MasterCard only). Once your event is sanctioned, you will receive the following from Squash Ontario:

- ✓ 6 balls
- ✓ T-shirts for participants (specific sizing may not be possible)
- ✓ Event poster/flyer and website posting

The **Dunlop Junior Bronze Event** program is available only to member clubs of Squash Ontario. If you have any questions on the program itself, please contact Muji Mirza mmirza@squashontario.com



DUNLOP JUNIOR SQUASH BRONZE EVENTS

Squash Ontario is pleased to provide a suggested format for Junior Squash Bronze Events – it is for children who are relatively new to squash but who have some understanding of the game. **“FUN”** is the key word!

A Suggested Format

An Introduction to the Game {6- 12 year olds} – approximate time – 4 hours

- An introduction of children into the squash environment
- Encourage structured play on the squash court
- *Focus on developing the fundamental movement skills (e.g., running, hitting, rallying)*
- *Emphasis on fundamental movement skills linked together into active plays*

To begin:

Registration Cost: \$20 to \$30 – Try to keep as low as possible to encourage participation

Player Registration: 11:45 a.m.

Play: 12:20 – 4:20 p.m.

Break: 2:15 – 2:30 {fresh fruit and small fun skills challenge}

Dinner and Door Prizes: 4:30 p.m.

Format:

- » 5 to 6 kids per court grouped by age/level
- » Most common age 6 – 12
- » Kids should be able to get serve in most of the time and have a basic understanding of how to play a game of squash
- » Focus-----Sportsmanship, FUN, social, learning how to play a real game and how to referee
- » Kids play a round robin against each other kid in their group, one game up to 13 points
- » "Players learn to referee (with help from more experienced junior volunteers
- » Referees hand in score sheet (and receive a rubber fun figure or some crazy little reward) and the pro keeps track of the wins/losses in each group
- » At 2:25 break, adjust the groups (like a ladder – 2 go up and 2 go down)
- » At 4:30, dinner and big prizes in a draw

Key Points:

Have some fun giveaways for the first half for the refs to get. This makes it very fun for them. They must take turns refereeing so the prizes are shared.

www.orientaltrading.com is a great site to order from. Have lots of fun door prizes with one big one! Source out a sponsor to donate Blue Jays and Leafs tickets or tickets to local amusement places - the kids love that. Start with smaller door prizes (collect good deals throughout the year at sales) and end with the big one. When someone wins then they are out of the draw and you continue on to the last Grand Prize!

Have a fun dinner too. Chicken fingers with fries and make your own ice cream sundaes. Serve water so that saves a bit too.

Thank you to Jim Paton, Head Squash Professional, The Granite Club, Toronto, Ontario



Dunlop Junior Bronze Application Form



A Fun and Competitive Introduction to Playing Squash

APPLICATION FORM

Club Applying:

Event Organizer:

Sister Club (1):

Sister Club (2):

Event Date & Location:

Organizer's Telephone:

E-mail:

Payment: Visa/Mastercard: Expiry Date:

DUNLOP JUNIOR BRONZE EVENT GUIDELINES

Complete this section if you wish to host a Dunlop Junior Bronze Event:

I, _____ on behalf of _____

Agree to the following responsibilities in return for an official Squash Ontario Dunlop Junior Bronze event:

1. Strictly adhere to the Dunlop Junior Bronze event hosting guidelines that are included in this document;
2. Provide information to Squash Ontario for my event poster/flyer no later than the first day of the month in which the event flyer is to be sent and understand I may not prepare my own event poster/flyer;
3. Strictly enforce Squash Ontario's policies pertaining to player conduct including Member (www.squashontario.com/policies);
4. Strictly enforce Squash Ontario's Eyeguard Policy that states, "All junior players must appropriately wear eyeguards made of polycarbonate or similar materials designed for protection in sport";
5. Where applicable fulfill all sponsor requirements to the satisfaction of Squash Ontario;
6. Abide by any other policies or rules of Squash Ontario that may be adopted from time to time;
7. Remit the required sanction fee to Squash Ontario.
8. Entry fee must not exceed \$20 and must include a light snack or meal.

I understand that Squash Ontario may revoke a Dunlop Junior Bronze event should these responsibilities not be fulfilled

Signature

Date



Dunlop Junior Bronze Event Information



Host Club with Event Date:

Sister Club (1) with event Date:

Sister Club (2) with event Date:

Host Club Event Organizer:

Entries to (Phone/E-mail):

Entry Fee:

Entry Closing Date:

Starting Times Available:

Events:

Notes:

- number of matches
- towels available
- players to officiate
- clothing rule
- social events
- meals etc

Sponsored by:

Logos must be emailed to:
mmirza@squashontario.com
Faxed or mailed logos are unacceptable.

Host Club Directions:

Sister Club (1) Directions:

Sister Club (2) Directions:

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