

# JUNIOR EVENT ELIGIBILITY



## Gold and Provincials Policies:

The Gold and Provincial Championship circuits are the highest level of competition offered in Ontario and as such the Squash Ontario Junior Advisory Committee has made policy changes to include a qualification process for entry. This will ensure all players receive quality matches and adequate recovery time.

Gold and Provincial Championship Events will now be restricted to the following players:

The Top 24 ranked players in the GU19, BU19 and BU17 draws. In addition, 4 local spots and 4 out of province spots may be awarded by the Junior Advisory Committee to round out the 32 player draws.

Top 12 ranked players in the GU17, GU15, BU15, GU13, BU13, GU11, BU11. In addition, 2 local spots and 2 out of province spots may be awarded by the Junior Advisory Committee to round out the 16 player draws.

Rankings will be determined using the publication closest to 10 days before the start date of the event.

To accommodate these entry restrictions, Gold/Provincial Events will have a **new entry deadline of 2.5 weeks before the start of the event (Wednesday at 11:59pm)**. Players meeting the rankings guidelines will automatically be accepted while players just outside of the guideline may enter and will be notified by the Friday at noon if they receive a spot in the draw. They will continue to stay on a waitlist in the event that a spot opens up and will be issued a full refund if they do not gain acceptance.

All draws will be done in the presence of a witness. As per our provincial draw policy, the 1 and 2 seeds are placed at the top and bottom spots of the draw, 3 and 4 are drawn and put in the middle two spots of the draw, 5-8 are also drawn randomly and placed in the correct area of the draw depending of the size.

## Girls in Boys Events

In order for a girl to participate in a boy's event, she must have won any two (2) of the following junior events in the Girls Under 19 division: National Championships, Provincial Championships (Open or Closed), Junior Gold. The player must compete in her own age group when playing in the boys divisions. Squash Ontario does not enter Inter Gender Matches into the rankings. All petitions to play in the Boys events should be emailed to [programs@squashontario.com](mailto:programs@squashontario.com) for review with the junior committee.

## Moving Up Policy

In order for a player to move up an age group in a Gold or Provincial tournament, they must have won any two (2) of the following junior events in their current age group: National Championship, Provincial Championship (Open or closed), Junior Gold. Any player who wishes to petition this policy must have won at least one Gold tournament in their current age group and be 100 ranking points or more ahead of the next highest ranked player in their age group. These petitions can be sent to [programs@squashontario.com](mailto:programs@squashontario.com) for review from the junior committee.

## Silver Policies:

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Squash Ontario is happy to announce that we will now be adding under 19 divisions to the Silver circuit. The top 8 ranked players are not eligible to play in these tournaments, unless they move up a division and there is a spot for them. As always, any age groups with low entry numbers are subject to being combined.

A player who **wins two Silvers must move up an age group**. If a player wins two U19 events, they will be deemed to have graduated the circuit as there is no additional age category for them to move into. Players may return to their age category for the end of season Ontario Silver Championships even if they have won two previous events.

Please note a top seeded player may request to move up an age group in a Silver tournament if they are 50+ points higher in the rankings than the next best player in their division. Any petitions or requests should be sent to [programs@squashontario.com](mailto:programs@squashontario.com) prior to the deadline.

The restrictions on who can play these events, or who has to move up based off of rankings will stay the same. Rankings will be determined using the publication closest to 28 days before the start date of the event.

Under 11s and Girls Under 13:

The top 2 ranked under 11 players are not eligible to play

The top 6 ranked in girls under 13 are not eligible to play

Under 15, 17, 19 and Boys Under 13:

Top 8 ranked players are not eligible to play

If a player is ineligible for their age group, due to the rankings guideline above, but would like to play up a division in silvers, they will need to go on a waitlist and will only be allowed entry if there are open spots to fill in the age group above them, come the registration date.

Grand Prix Policies:

A player who **wins two Grand Prix must move up an age group**. If a player wins two U15 events, they will be deemed to have graduated the circuit as there is no additional age category for them to move into. Winners of all events will be invited to the end of season Grand Prix finale to play in their current age group.

Please note that we will no longer allow players to take part in their first Grand Prix event without being a Squash Ontario competitive member. Since these events involve ranking points, it is crucial all players purchase a competitive membership before signing up for any Grand Prix, Silver, or Gold.

The restrictions on who can play these events, or who has to move up based off of rankings will stay the same. Rankings will be determined using the publication closest to 28 days before the start date of the event.

Grand Prix Circuit - Under 9/11/13/15 Open registration for Grand Prix level players with the following Ontario ranking restrictions:

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Under 15 - must be ranked outside the top 10 in this age group to play

Under 13 - must be ranked outside top 8 in this age group to play

Under 11 - must be ranked outside the top 3 in this age group to play

Under 9 - all players welcome to play

Players who win two Grand Prix's in their age group, must move up an age group for the remainder of the season if they wish to play in further Grand Prix's.