

Squash Ontario's Tournament Updates & Athlete Development Pathway Overview



2021-2022 Season Update

- Fall tournaments went out to bid and all events now have a host club
- Winter events will be sent out to bid in the coming weeks
- Squash Ontario will be running Junior Gold, Silver, Grand Prix and Provincial events
- We are also accepting sanctioned tournaments and junior bronzes application forms
- New webpage for all things tournaments! Includes hosting standards, circuit breakdowns, electronic bidding forms and will soon have documents to assist tournament chairs who are unfamiliar with Club Locker (www.squashontario.com/host-a-tournament)

Temporary Changes to Tournaments

Due to COVID-19 concerns and host clubs working under capacity restrictions, Squash Ontario junior circuits and provincial championships will have 8-person draws played over two days.

Squash Ontario is hoping these restrictions will soon ease up and we can re-evaluate numbers/policies for the winter events.

Depending on the venue size, the number of spectators may also be limited.

Competitions Vaccination policy is now on our website and will be updated once the government releases details of the upcoming Vaccine Passport.

Tournament Schedule for Upcoming Events

- Only half of the divisions in the club at any given time for contact tracing purposes, capacity reasons and to prevent too many players in the squash area.
- Tournament Chairs, staff and Referees will help monitor mask wearing, spectators and sanitizing.
- Hot spots on the court to be sanitized after every match (ie. Door handles and scoring tablets).
- We will schedule time during the morning/afternoon division switch over to fully sanitize courts and viewing area.
- With 8 person draws, each player will have 2 matches the first day and one match on the second day.

Athlete Pathway Overview

Squashontario.com has a Junior Athlete Pathway webpage under the “Athlete” tab with the below information. If you would like promotional posters about playing squash or the athlete pathway for your club, reach out to us by email!

STAGE 1

LOCAL JUNIOR PROGRAM

- Find a local squash club and learn about their junior programs
- Available to all ages and levels
- Learn the fundamentals of the game and learn to train properly

STAGE 2

BRONZE EVENTS

- Between 5-10 Bronze events run each season - check out our calendar for dates
- Fun, half day event with modified rules for novice players aged 6-16
- No effect on rankings.

STAGE 3

GRAND PRIX EVENTS

- 12 Grand Prix Events run each season - check out our calendar for dates
- 1 day event for players with basic fundamentals
- Best 2 out of 3 matches
- 1 star ranking points
- Boys and Girls U9, U11, U13, U15

STAGE 4

SILVER EVENTS

- 6 Silver events run each season - check out our calendar for dates
- 2 day tournament with best 3 out of 5 matches
- 2 star ranking points
- Boys & girls U11, U13, U15, U17

STAGE 5

GOLD EVENTS

- 4 Gold events run each season - check out our calendar for dates
- 2.5 day tournament for competitive players
- 3 star ranking points
- Boys and girls U11, U13, U15, U17, U19

STAGE 6

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 3 Junior Provincial Championship events run each season, check out our calendar for dates
- 2.5 day tournament for competitive players
- 3 star ranking points
- Boys & girls U11, U13, U15, U17, U19
- Compete in National Championships

STAGE 7

PROVINCIAL TEAM

- Top ranked players compete in Ontario and Canada Winter Games as a team and individually

STAGE 8

NATIONAL TEAM

- Compete at World Junior Championships
- High Performance Training Camps

BEYOND JUNIOR SQUASH

- Join University team to compete in our OUA events (Jesters University League)
- Continue to play in sanctioned and masters events
- Join league at local club
- Compete professionally with the Professional Squash Association

If you are unsure which circuit a player would fall under, I suggest using Club Locker to see which tournaments juniors similar to their level are playing. Reach out to Squash Ontario if you require help!

Visit our Website!

- Our website is up to date with Athlete Pathways, Junior Circuit Eligibility, Event Calendars and so much more.
- We suggest having your athletes and/or their parents visit the website for more information.
- Aside from the information mentioned in this presentation, we have a ton of resources on our website that can likely answer questions one may have.
- For the latest updates on Squash Ontario events, subscribe to our weekly newsletter!



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