



SQUASH ONTARIO
JUNIOR GOLD
HOSTING STANDARDS
2023/24

Gold 1 | Gold 2 | Gold 3 | Gold 4

The Timeline

TOURNAMENT CHAIR

At least 6 weeks prior to start date – Squash Ontario begins promoting the event online.

- Squash Ontario will contact Tournament Chair to discuss:

- New policies and procedures
- Prizes, tournament souvenir and meal plan, etc.
- Emergency Action Plan including the location of Defibrillator to be sent to Squash Ontario

Wednesday two in a half weeks before start date – Entries close

- Tournament Chair to submit their Local Entries outside of the already eligible players in each age group and confirm out of province entries.

- Due to our stricter entry criteria for Gold and Provincial tournaments, we will be closing entry earlier to finalize all local and out of province players, as well as inform players who will be put on the waitlist due to a low ranking. This gives players time to organize travel and accommodation.

Friday two weeks before start date- Finalize entries

- Any draws with overflow entries will be finalized. All lower ranked registrants who do not make it into the main draw will be notified that they are waitlisted. Full refund to be given if they do not make it into the main draw before the start date.

- Squash Ontario will contact chair to discuss courts and timing required.

-- Squash Ontario will mail tournament package (balls, sponsorship items)

Tuesday prior to start date – Squash Ontario will send draws and times to Tournament Chair by 6:00 PM to be reviewed and approved.

- Tournament chair to send Welcome Letter to Squash Ontario

Wednesday prior to start date - Tournament Chair to approve draws and times by 12:00 PM

- Start times and Welcome Letter sent by 6:00 PM

Thursday prior to start date- draws to be posted online by 6:00 PM

During the Event:

- Clearly post all draws and court allocations and set up court control desk with volunteers.
- Set up welcome desk where souvenir package is distributed to all players and full time referees.
- Clearly post all round robin and tiebreaker rules

- Have a hard copy of the Code of Conduct and Player/Parent information packages [FAQ] on hand.
- Ensure results are completed properly.
- Ensure that all Squash Ontario policies are enforced throughout the event - Eyeguard Policy, Clothing Policy, and the Code of Conduct. See Squash Ontario website for policy information.
- Make sure there is a Defibrillator in working condition and a First Aid Kit readily available within the facility.

Immediately after event:

- Tournament Chair to send the following by 12:00 PM on Monday:
 - Send photos of winners and the event to Squash Ontario, which will be uploaded to the website. Photos should ideally have the top 3 finishers with a sponsor and/or Tournament Chair. Action shots welcomed.
- Squash Ontario will remit a cheque for total number of paid participants and applicable HST

The Full

Souvenirs & Prizes

Player Package

- (a) Quality tournament souvenir – provided by Squash Ontario
- (b) Quality medals or trophies for first, second and third place finishers – provided by Squash Ontario
- (c) Prizes for first, second and third place finishers – provided by Squash Ontario.

If the Tournament Chair wishes to supply any additional prizes (i.e., 4th place or Cons winner), this would be at their own cost as it is optional.

NOTE: In order for a medal to be provided, an event must have been run with the minimum number of participants as outlined under “Play Format”.

Facility

Courts

Junior Gold events must be played on courts that all World Squash Federation specifications for markings:

Singles 32' x 21'

A minimum of 5 courts in the primary club is necessary. Floors must consist of unsealed, bare hardwood. All courts must provide suitable viewing and allow for good visual and verbal communication between players and officials during matches. Clubs having a closed glass-backed court must agree to provide a microphone for the referee.

Balls

Only Squash Ontario approved double yellow dot balls shall be used in all events.

Athlete Criteria

Athletes must be Competitive Members in good standing with Squash Ontario. Out-of-province and international athletes must be in good standing with their provincial squash association.

Where a player is subject to a sanction imposed by the host club, Squash Ontario shall respect that sanction, including any sanction that may preclude the player from entering the premises and thus participating in the event, provided the sanction was imposed using fair procedures. Specifically, the sanctioned player must have been informed by the Host Club of the nature of the infraction and have been given an opportunity to provide information concerning the incident prior to the sanction being imposed.

Age Eligibility

The eligibility date for all junior age categories is the last day of the event. Juniors must play in their age group, unless they meet the following criteria:

Won any 2 (two) of the following junior events in their current age group:

- National Championships
- Provincial Championships (Open or Closed)
- Junior Gold

Note: If a player won 2 of the required events (as above) in their age group but then moves up an age category, they must then win 2 events in their new category before they can move up again.

Players will have to adhere to this policy each year in each age category that they are qualified to enter. The exception to this rule is when players are required by Squash Canada to play in a Core event in the under 19 age category. In this instance, the top 16 eligible Ontario players in the current National Team cycle can move up.

Local and Out of Province Spots

Gold tournaments and Provincial Championships will be restricted to the following players:

Top ranked entrants in each division registered by the deadline will secure their spot in the main draw. Any additional registrants outside the draw sizes below will be added to a waitlist. This is not a first come, first serve registration process.

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

Players must win 2 golds/provincials/national level events in their age group to be eligible to move up a division. Out of province players must win the equivalent of two gold/provincial/national level events in their province or state to move up.

After Wednesday deadlines have passed, available local and out of province spots will be awarded to next highest ranked players (i.e., #25 in BU17 will be the first player contacted) on the waitlist and they will have until Friday at 4:00pm to confirm their registration.

Tournament Chairs are to submit all players filling Local and Out of Province spots to Squash Ontario for approval by the Junior Committee.

Play Format

Categories

Boys Under 19, Under 17, Under 15, Under 13, Under 11

Girls Under 19, Under 17, Under 15, Under 13, Under 11

Girls Under 19 and Under 17 may be combined except in a national core event where the age categories may not be combined.

Scoring

Par 11 for under 11, under 13, under 15, under 17, under 19

Round Robin

In the event of a tie in matches won, calculate games won. If a tie still exists, calculate the number of games won minus games lost. If there are 3 players tied at this point, calculate points for. If there are 2 players tied, calculate head-to-head results between the two tied players.

Draw Format

All categories of play will use a single elimination with feed-in consolation except if there are 4 to 7 entries, in which case, the format will be round robin. Events with less than 4 entrants may be combined with the next lower age category. Any draws with 33 or more entries, the draw format may include a Classic Plate.

Guarantee of Matches

Athletes will be guaranteed 3 matches.

Defaults

The 15 -minute default rule will be imposed from the scheduled online draw time at the discretion of the tournament director. The time may only be extended upon the agreement of the "late" player's opponent and subject to court availability.

Players defaulting from any Squash Ontario sanctioned event after 4 PM the day before the start of the event will be subject to losing regular head-to-head points for the match in question regardless of doctors note. Squash Ontario's will use their discretion to complete a re-draw if there is time to do so if the player defaulting is a seeded entry.

Defaults throughout the event will result in regular head-to-head points for the first match defaulted regardless of a doctors note; subsequent matches are not subject to the default policy and considered "not played". If a player retires after the commencement of a match, they will lose head-to-head points for the retiring match and the next subsequent match (if applicable).

Defaulting players with just cause may continue to play consolation rounds at the discretion of the tournament director.

Scheduling of Matches

Play shall start no earlier than 2:00 p.m. on Friday when size of draw necessitates and make every effort to schedule people geographically closest to the host club first. Try to finish playing no later than 4:00 p.m. on Sunday and try to schedule a particular division on the same courts where possible so referees are of equal level of players.

Squash Ontario will use the following guidelines when scheduling matches:

Time per match

Under 11, Under 13, Under 15

- (i) Prior to quarterfinals 30 minutes
- (ii) Quarter finals 40 minutes
- (iii) Semi-finals and finals 45 minutes

Under 17, Under 19

- (i) Prior to quarterfinals 35 minutes
- (ii) Quarter finals 40 - 50 minutes
- (iii) Semi-finals and finals 45 - 60 minutes

Rest Time

A minimum of 12 hours must be allowed between a competitor’s last match of one day and his/her first match the next day. Competitors should not have to play more than 3 matches per day. When playing more than 1 match on the same day, the following timelines should be observed:

- (i) no less than 2 hours between the start time of one match and the commencement of the next in any draw, prior to the quarter finals
- (ii) no less than 2 hours between the start time of a quarter final match and a semi-final match in the main draw
- (iii) no less than 2 hours between the start time of the semi-final match and the final match in the main draw
- (iv) no less than 2 hours between the start time of a quarter final match and a semi-final match in the consolation draw
- (v) no less than 2 hours between the start time of a semi-final match and final match in the consolation draw

Draws and Seeding

The draws and seeding will be done by Squash Ontario and provided to the host tournament chair. 25% or 4 players (whichever is greater) shall be seeded.

Officiating

The winner of the match must referee a match as directed by the tournament chair or face defaulting their next scheduled match.

Eyeguards

All players competing must appropriately wear eyeguards made of polycarbonate or similar materials designed for protection in sports.

Clothing

Competitors shall wear appropriate squash attire of any colour. Playing clothing for boys shall consist of a short-sleeve shirt, shorts, socks and playing shoes. Playing clothing for girls shall consist of a shirt worn with a skirt or shorts, or a dress, socks and playing shoes. Long sleeve shirts and long pants are also accepted. Other garments, such as part of all of a tracksuit, may be worn during play with the permission of the Tournament Chair.

The wearing of headwear is permitted provided it is not so conspicuous or brightly reflective as to distract or insights an opponent and shall not be potentially dangerous.

If a host club maintains an “all-white” clothing requirement, it will include this information as part of its application to host.

Registration & Set Up

Athlete Fees

The player fee for a Gold event is \$85.00 + HST. The host club will receive \$40.00 per player registered plus HST for Gold events. The host club may not change the number of registrations.

Entry Closing Date

The closing date for entries is Wednesday midnight, 16 days prior to the first day of the event. Players wishing to play but who have not entered by the deadline date shall be placed on a waiting list. Extended deadlines may be requested by the Tournament Director and authorized at the discretion of the Squash Ontario.

Start Times

Start times will be emailed to athletes and posted on the Squash Ontario website by Wednesday at 6:00 pm the week of the event. The draw will be published on Thursday at 6:00 pm the week of the event.

Refunds

An 85% refund will be given for withdrawals before the closing date. There will be no refunds after this point.

Withdrawal Due to Injury

Players defaulting from an event for medical reasons must submit a doctor's note to Squash Ontario by the Friday, (5 business days) following the last day of the tournament, on or before 4:00 p.m. to receive a refund.

