



SQUASH ONTARIO
JUNIOR SILVER &
GRAND PRIX HOSTING
STANDARDS 2023/24

The Timeline

TOURNAMENT CHAIR

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

One month from start date – Squash Ontario will contact Tournament Chair to discuss:

- Prizes, tournament souvenir, etc.
- Any questions regarding event
- Emergency Action Plan including the location of Defibrillator to be sent to Squash Ontario

Wednesday week before start date – Entries close

Tuesday prior to start date – Squash Ontario will send draws and times to Tournament Chair by 12 PM to be reviewed and approved.

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

- Tournament chair to send Welcome Letter to Squash Ontario

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

- Start times and Welcome Letter sent out at 6 PM

Thursday prior to start date- draws to be released online by 6 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.
- 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 inputted to Club Locker.
- Ensure that all Squash Ontario policies are enforced throughout the event - Eye guard 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 will send the following to Squash Ontario by 12 PM on Monday:
 - Photos of winners 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 - The host club must complete a player package consisting of:

- (a) Tournament T-shirt for the Silver events and Harrow souvenir for the Grand Prix events (provided by Squash Ontario).
- (b) Squash Ontario to provide medals or trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers.
 - Squash Ontario to provide prizes for top 3 finishers in Silver events.
 - Host club has the option to provide extra prizes for finishers outside the top 3 at their own cost but it is not mandatory.
 - Prizes are optional for Grand Prix and at the host's expense.

Facility

Courts

Events must be played on courts that all World Squash Federation specifications for markings: Singles 32' x 21'

A minimum of 4 courts in the primary club are 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 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 athletes must be in good standing with their provincial squash association.

Note:

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:

Silver Events

Boys and Girls Under 11 and Girls Under 13:

- The top 2 ranked U11 players are not eligible to play.
- The top 6 ranked in girls U13 are not eligible to play.

Boys and Girls 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 but would like to play up a division, 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 when entries close.

Players must play in the age group that corresponds with their age at the time of the event (i.e., If your child is 11 years old on the day of the tournament, they need to enter the U13 division)

Any player who wins two silver events in their age group MUST move up a division for the remainder of the circuit, irrespective of their ranking. If a player wins two under 19 titles, they are unable to play in any future Silver events until the finale.

All silver tournament champions are eligible for the Silver finale in May.

Grand Prix Events

Boys and Girls Under 15:

- Must be ranked outside the top 10 in this age group to play.

Boys and Girls Under 13:

- Must be ranked outside top 8 in this age group to play.

Boys and Girls Under 11:

- Must be ranked outside the top 3 in this age group to play.

Boys and Girls Under 9:

- All players are welcome to play.

Any player who wins two Grand Prix's in their age group, must move up an age group for the remainder of the season.

Players must play in the age group that corresponds with their age at the time of the event (i.e., If your child is 11 years old on the day of the tournament, they need to enter the U13 division)

Any player who wins two Grand Prix events, no matter their ranking, MUST move up a division for the remainder of the circuit. If a player wins two under 15 titles, they are unable to play in any future Grand Prix events until the finale.

All Grand Prix champions are eligible for the Harrow Grand Prix finale in May.

Appeals to the above restrictions can be made to the Squash Ontario Junior Committee via e-mail to tournaments@squashontario.com BEFORE the entry deadline for each event.

Play Format

Categories

Silver Events: Boys and Girls Under 11, Under 13, Under 15, Under 17, Under 19

Grand Prix Events: Boys and Girls Under 9, Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15

Scoring

PAR to 11 in all events

Round Robin

In the event of a tie in matches won, calculate games won. If a tie still exists, calculate 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

Draw format will be determined based on the number of entrants in each category. Events with less than 4 entrants may be combined with the next lower age category.

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 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

Silver Events: Play will begin on Saturday morning and end on Sunday afternoon.

Grand Prix Events: Play will begin Saturday morning, no earlier than 9:00 am and try to finish play no later than 5:00 p.m.

The Host Committee will use the following guidelines when scheduling matches:

Time scheduled per match.

Grand Prix Events- 20-minutes

Silver Events- 30-minutes

Rest time

Silver events 2 hours between matches

Grand Prix events 40 minutes between matches

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. Tournament chairs should also utilize parents and coaches as officials.

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 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 Silver event is \$65.00 + HST. The host club will receive \$32.00 per player registered plus HST for these events.

The player fee for a Grand Prix event is \$40.00 + HST. The host club will receive \$26.00 per player registered plus HST for these events.

The number of entrants in a Silver or Grand Prix tournament may be limited due to the availability of courts.

Entry Closing Date

The closing date for entries is Wednesday midnight, 10 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 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. for a refund.

