



Guidelines For Junior Events

Squash New Zealand:

Squash New Zealand may be represented at national events by either an elected official or an employee. If no representative can attend it may appoint a nominee as its official representative. In the event of its representative deciding that no action has been taken by the Tournament Director in respect of a breach of these Rules, he/she shall have the right to exercise the powers of the Tournament Director as defined in Rules 2 and 3 hereof.

General:

1. The Tournament Director at all times shall have the right to take whatever action is reasonably required or considered necessary should any player breach the Drugs or Alcohol rules as set out below or in the Anti-Doping Policy on the Squash New Zealand website. Any action should not be taken however until full consultation has been had with Squash New Zealand, the player, and players Manager or parent, should that person be at the event.
2. The Tournament Director shall also retain the right to take any action reasonably considered necessary against any player(s) misconduct at a tournament either during the competition itself or in any accommodation situation. This includes but is not limited to the policies available on the Squash New Zealand website e.g. Code of Conduct, Member Protection Policy, Disputes and Disciplinary Policy, Anti-Match-Fixing and Sports Betting Policy.
3. The exceptions to items 1 & 2 above is the NZ Junior Age Groups & Inter-District Teams Event, where a player is a member of an Inter District Team. In which case any situation away from the tournament venue itself will be the direct responsibility of the Team Manager and the District Association. Notwithstanding this exception the Tournament Director retains the right to bring to the notice of any Team Manager any "off-site" misconduct and request appropriate action to be taken.
4. All Team Managers and/or personnel in charge of player groups should be clearly aware of their responsibility to ensure that their players uphold all requirements of good conduct at tournaments at all times, at the Tournament playing venue, the accommodation venue and the host town/city in general.

Alcohol:

5. There shall be **no supplying of alcohol** to all players at Junior Events.
6. Host Clubs are reminded of this obligation and that this be advertised on the poster. It is also recommended that it should also be advised at the time of selection. Players would then have the choice to understand the 'playing conditions' and make themselves "available or not". In doing so they are requested to ensure that bar personnel are made clearly aware of the position.

7. Districts are requested to fully brief their Team Managers, or personnel in charge of any Tournament groups, of their obligations to ensure that Junior players do not consume alcohol at Junior Events.
8. Any player caught purchasing alcohol or consuming alcohol may be automatically suspended from the event and immediately sent home from that event.

Drugs:

8. Any player caught in possession of Drugs by any Tournament Director or Squash New Zealand Official or Team Manager will be automatically suspended from the event and immediately sent home from that event.

District Action:

9. It shall be the Districts responsibility to consider and where necessary, take any further disciplinary action against any player, as it sees fit should any situation arise where the Tournament Director, or a Team Manager or person in charge of any group has been required to take disciplinary action during an event.
10. Districts are encouraged to follow the Disputes and Disciplinary Policy on the Squash New Zealand website.
11. Any result and such action taken should be advised to Squash New Zealand for their records.

Note:

Other relevant policies include:

- Host Clubs Alcohol Policy
- Squash New Zealand's Anti-Doping Policy
- Squash New Zealand's Disputes and Disciplinary Policy