



CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS REGULATIONS

2012

Champion of Champions is a national competition to find the best graded player in each grade (A – F) for Men and Women, with representatives from each of the 11 squash Districts.

1. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

It is intended that each District will host a District Champion of Champions tournament to find the best District player in each grade (men's and women's A- F). The champions of each grade will then qualify for the National Champion of Champions tournament, where they will play off to find the best player in each grade (men's and women's A- F).

Schedule:

District Champion of Champions: 2-4 November 2012.

National Champion of Champions: 23-25 November 2012 at Henderson Squash Club.

2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible a player must be:

- A full financial member of a club (that is affiliated to Squash New Zealand) *in the district they wish to represent*; and
- Registered on the grading list for that club as at **12 October 2012** .

The Grading List produced on **12 October 2012** will determine eligibility for each grade (for both the regional and the national events). Eg: if a player is D1 on the 12 October grading list, he/she would be eligible for the D grade National Champion of Champions event, even if he/she subsequently went up to C2.

NB: Squash NZ reserves the right to alter grade eligibility and seedings should there be evidence of withholding or manipulating results. Note that only results from club, district or national sanctioned events will be considered for grading purposes. Where there is evidence of individual results being entered to manipulate the grading list those results will be deleted.

Players must register for the District Champion of Champions tournament by the district's closing date.

Players must meet the NZ Squash "Citizenship" criteria which states that *he/she must be a New Zealand citizen or, if not, must have been ordinarily resident in New Zealand for fifteen months within the eighteen month period prior to the start of the competition that he/she has entered.*

3. PLAYER REPRESENTATION

For the *National Finals*, the winning players in each grade of the *District Finals* are entitled to enter so that each district is represented at each grade by their best player at that grade.

In any one grade, if the *Regional* winner is unable to participate in the *National Finals* their place shall be offered to the *Regional* runner-up and then the third placing player (and so on).

Players must be available for all three days of the tournament. All entrants are responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from the event and their own accommodation arrangements whilst participating.

4. ENTRIES

Entries for the *District event* will be called for by each home district.

The winning players from the *District event*, who wish to compete in the *National Finals* must send a completed entry form to their district within **48 hours** following the completion of the *District event*. Entries for the *National Finals* will then be coordinated at district level and passed on to Squash New Zealand within five days.

Entry Regulations

- No late entries will be accepted.
- Each grade must have a minimum of four entries to be contested for that year.

5. SUBSTITUTIONS

If a player who has entered the *National Finals* is unable to participate and must withdraw from the competition, the District may send another player in their place (according to Player Eligibility rules outlined above in Regulation 4) but only if the application for change is made in writing (by email) to the Tournament Director no later than 5.00pm on Friday the week preceding the competition. If this has a major implication on the seeding, it may be necessary for changes to be made.

6. SEEDING

The *Regional Finals* will be seeded by the Districts, who will seed the players according to their grading points taken from the **12 October** Grading List.

The *National Finals* will be seeded by Squash New Zealand, who will seed the players according to their grading points taken from the **9 November** Grading List.

7. EVENT FORMAT

The *National Finals* shall be run according to the Rules of Squash (including rules around defaults and injuries). The *Regional event* shall be run according to the regulations of the home district.

All players must adhere to the "Squash NZ Court Attire Standards" (available to view on the Squash NZ website).

Balls will be supplied by Squash New Zealand. The ball to be used will be:

- double yellow dot for A-B grade
- single yellow dot for C grade and below

The draw for the event will be determined by the total number of entries received. The draw (including seedings and draw compilations) will be published and circulated seven (7) days prior to the tournament starting date.

8. SCORING

For grades A-B: each individual match shall be the best of five games with PAR to 11 (must win by 2).

For grades C-F: each individual match shall be the best of five games with PAR to 15 (must win by 2).

9. RESULTS

The host club Tournament Director is required to display the full match scores throughout the event and to forward these to the Squash NZ office immediately after the event concludes. These results will be communicated to the media.

The host club will enter the results onto the Grading List within five (5) days of the event finishing.

10. TROPHIES, MEDALS AND PRIZES

Trophies, medals and/or prizes for the *Regional event* will be awarded by the district associations at their discretion.

For the *National Finals*, Squash NZ will provide a trophy and a medal for the winner of each grade (men's and women's A-F).

11. NATIONAL FINALS

Squash New Zealand will call for expressions of interest to host the national finals each year, as occurs with other national events.