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# PSA Tour Rule Book

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## Introduction to the Professional Squash Association

The Professional Squash Association (PSA) was formed on 1 January 1993 as a result of combining the International Squash Players Association (ISPA) and the World Professional Squash Association (WPSA), a North American organisation. On 1 April 2015 the Women's Squash Association (WSA) was incorporated into PSA, unifying both tours under one governing body.

## PSA Tour

The PSA is responsible for the organisation and coordination of the official international squash circuit, called the PSA Tour, which provides the criteria for the PSA World Rankings.

The PSA Tour is played year-long and consists of singles knockout tournaments. It schedules and sanctions professional tournaments and assists clubs, independent promoters and national governing bodies in organising professional squash tournaments in the interests of promoting the sport of squash.

To ensure the orderly and successful presentation of the worldwide squash calendar the PSA makes every effort to coordinate with all relevant stakeholders.

## PSA Mission Statement

PSA's vision is to manage and promote a thriving and sustainable global professional squash circuit for men and women that provides the best players in the world with an equal opportunity to maximize their career potential whilst inspiring an ever-increasing fan base of players and followers worldwide.

PSA's mission is to grow squash globally together with key stakeholders, and it will achieve this through its key objectives, which are:

- Develop the PSA Tour as a showcase of the world's best players
- Raise the global awareness of professional squash
- Support promoters in the delivery of successful tournaments
- Increase the engagement of fans and followers of the sport
- Grow the sport's commercial opportunities
- Provide professional players with support throughout their career
- Improve the consistency of refereeing at the elite level
- Play a leading and influential role in the global squash community

PSA's brand values are Ambitious, Committed, Determined, Innovative, Integrity and Professional.

## PSA Tour Rule Book

The PSA has produced this document, which contains information on the rules and regulations of the PSA Tour, so that players and tournament promoters adhere to the same conditions throughout the world. PSA members and tournaments registered with PSA are bound by the rules, regulations and *PSA Code of Conduct* contained in this PSA Tour Rule Book. PSA reserve the right to update this Tour Rule Book at any point.

## PSA Commitments

PSA and its tournaments are committed to promoting a safe, professional, inclusive and positive environment for all participants in squash. This statement applies to all people involved with the PSA, its tournaments and players including: PSA members, PSA promoters, all members of Player Support Teams (including but not limited to: coaches, parents and medical professionals), all PSA staff, and all other on-site tournament support staff, whether acting in a paid or voluntary capacity, regardless of by whom they are employed.

Involvement in PSA tournaments in any capacity, including but not limited to players, promoters and tournament support staff, means that you agree to:



- Abide by the PSA Tour Rule Book
- Abide by the PSA Code of General Conduct & Ethics
- Be aware of and abide by PSA's Safeguarding Policy
- Be aware of and abide by the WADA Anti-Doping regulations
- Be aware of and abide by PSA's Anti-Corruption Code
- Be aware of and abide by PSA's Data Protection Policy and PSA's Data Processor Policy, all in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) and the Privacy Shield (USA), in particular ensuring that every measure is taken to protect personal data to which you have access. This includes, but is not limited to ensuring you do not give out your username or password to the secure PSA website
- Act with integrity and set a positive example, promoting the reputation of the sport and taking all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute

The PSA will not be held liable if a breach of the above codes is found to be the responsibility of the player, promoter, its employees, representatives or volunteers. Please note that the above list is not exhaustive. All breaches of the above listed codes and policies must be reported to the correct body and the PSA so the correct procedures can be followed in all instances. In the event of a breach that upon investigation is found to be due to the negligence of the promoter/player and/or its representatives, full liability and consequences will be the responsibility of the promoter/player.

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## **PSA Tour**

### **1.1 Tournament Levels**

A PSA player earns PSA World Ranking points based on the level of the tournament. The PSA Tour incorporates the following tournament levels:

#### **PSA World Tour**

- PSA World Championships
- PSA World Tour Finals
- PSA World Tour Platinum
- PSA World Tour Gold
- PSA World Tour Silver
- PSA World Tour Bronze

#### **PSA Challenger Tour**

- PSA Challenger Tour 30
- PSA Challenger Tour 20
- PSA Challenger Tour 10
- PSA Challenger Tour 5

#### **WSF & PSA Satellite Tour**

- WSF & PSA National Championships
- WSF & PSA World Junior Championships
- WSF & PSA Regional Junior Championships
- WSF & PSA National Junior Open
- WSF & PSA National Junior Championships
- WSF & PSA Satellite Tournaments

#### **1.1.2 Defining Tournament Levels**

Tournament levels are determined differently at PSA Challenger Tour and PSA World Tour level:

- PSA Challenger Tour tournament levels are determined by the total compensation offered
- PSA World Tour tournament levels are determined by the on-site prize money offered

All figures are published and calculated in United States Dollars (USD). Tournaments may offer any amount of prize money within its level (excluding WSF & PSA Satellite Tour tournaments).

##### **1.1.2.1 On-Site Prize Money**

The on-site prize money is the gross prize money available for the tournament.

##### **1.1.2.2 Player Prize Money**

Player prize money is the actual sum paid directly to players, after deduction of the player contribution and applicable tournament bonuses. Player prize money payable is indicated on the tournament overview.

##### **1.1.2.3 Total Compensation**

The total compensation for PSA Tour tournaments is the cumulative amount of compensation offered.

For PSA Challenger Tour tournaments this comprises: on-site prize money and applicable bonuses.

For PSA World Tour tournaments, this comprises: on-site prize money, glass court bonus (if applicable) and mandatory accommodation figure.

For WSF & PSA Satellite tournaments this is simply the on-site prize money.

#### **1.1.2.4 Mandatory Accommodation Figure**

The mandatory accommodation figure is worked out as follows:

- Per diem payment: actual figure rounded to nearest \$500\*
- Hotel provided: actual figure rounded to nearest \$500\*
- Billeting provided: \$3,750

\*The 'actual figure' for both the per diem payment and hotel bonus is calculated by multiplying the number of room nights by the hotel nightly room rate. The breakdown of 'room nights' is dependent upon the tournament schedule and can be found in *Appendix III*.

Note that if you are opting to provide a hotel, this 'actual figure' may differ slightly from your actual expenditure depending on your rooming configuration. If you are providing the per diem payment, you will be required to pay the actual figure rather than the rounded figure – this is for display purposes only.

### **1.2 PSA World Tour**

#### **1.2.1 PSA World Championships**

The PSA World Championships is the ultimate tournament on the PSA World Tour and as such is regarded as affording the PSA players the opportunity to aspire to the pinnacle of competitive achievement.

The PSA World Championships can be a standalone men's or women's tournament, or held jointly, and is scheduled to take place annually. The PSA World Championships requires a minimum total compensation of \$300,000 per division.

##### **1.2.1.1 PSA World Championship Qualifying Tournament**

World Championship qualifying tournaments are a select group of PSA Challenger Tour 5 and 10 tournaments chosen by PSA. The winner of these tournaments will be offered a PSA invitee place in the next World Championships, meaning qualification into the most prestigious tournament on the PSA Tour.

##### **1.2.1.2 Tournament Eligibility**

Qualifying tournaments are selected by PSA based on a number of factors, including but not limited to parity, geographical location, World Championship host input, tournament reputation and excellence.

Tournaments must finish during the following window in the PSA calendar:

- A maximum of nine months prior to the start date of the World Championships
- A minimum of five days prior to the start date of the World Championships

#### **1.2.2 PSA World Tour Finals**

The PSA World Tour Finals is the season finale of the PSA World Tour and must feature a men's and women's division of eight players each and on-site prize money of \$150,000 per division. The reigning PSA World Champion and the seven season World Tour Platinum winners will automatically qualify for the PSA World Tour Finals. Any remaining places will be allocated to the next highest ranked player on the PSA Road to Host Leaderboard after the final PSA World Tour tournament in the given season. See *Appendix XIV* for the PSA World Tour Final Rules.

#### **1.2.3 PSA World Tour Platinum**

The PSA World Tour Platinum level consists of a select group of up to eight high profile squash tournaments which are instantly recognisable as the elite level of the tour. They offer one of the largest

prize money purses, attract the world's best players and provide the most demanding competition. They are the main focus of the PSA's global TV coverage and are all broadcast on the online squash channel, SQUASHTV (<https://psaworldtour.com/tv>) and on the platforms of PSA's broadcast partners.

These tournaments require a 64 draw (48 entries, 16 byes) for both the men's and women's division, compensation for accommodation, international standard television, web-streaming and a suitable glass court.

PSA World Tour Platinum tournaments require a minimum on-site prize money of \$165,000 (subject to change at the discretion of the PSA Board).

#### 1.2.4 PSA World Tour Gold, Silver and Bronze

These tournaments showcase some of the best players and biggest tournaments in stunning locations. PSA World Tour Gold, Silver and Bronze tournaments require a 32 draw (24 entries, 8 byes) and may feature a men's and/or women's division.

The minimum on-site prize money levels for these tournaments are:

Level	Minimum On-site Prize Money	
	Without Glass Court	With Glass Court
PSA World Championship	N/A	\$300,000
PSA World Tour Platinum	N/A	\$165,000
PSA World Tour Gold	\$100,000	\$97,500
PSA World Tour Silver	\$70,000	\$67,500
PSA World Tour Bronze	\$47,500	\$45,000

It is mandatory to provide hotel accommodation for all players or a per diem payment to cover accommodation for all PSA World Tour tournaments. This cost is in *addition* to the minimum on-site prize money outlined above.

#### 1.3 PSA Challenger Tour

PSA Challenger Tour tournaments form the backbone of the tour and are the entry point for up and coming professionals progressing through to a more international level of competition. PSA Challenger Tour tournaments can feature a men's and/or women's division.

The minimum on-site prize money levels for these tournaments are:

Level	Minimum On-site Prize Money		
	No Accommodation	Billeting Provided	Hotel Provided
PSA Challenger Tour 30	\$30,000	\$28,000	\$26,000
PSA Challenger Tour 20	\$20,000	\$18,500	\$17,000
PSA Challenger Tour 10	\$12,000	\$11,000	\$10,000
PSA Challenger Tour 5	\$6,000	\$5,500	\$5,000

It is not mandatory to provide accommodation for players for tournaments on the PSA Challenger Tour. Tournaments that do offer billeting or hotel accommodation for the players benefit from an accommodation bonus which reduces the prize fund. The value of the accommodation bonus is deducted from the total compensation to calculate the appropriate on-site prize money.

A \$2,500 glass court bonus will be available to PSA Challenger Tour 30 tournaments played on an all glass court. The glass court bonus will be deducted from the total compensation to calculate the appropriate on-site prize money.

#### 1.4 WSF & PSA Satellite Tour

These tournaments are designed to provide a pathway for junior and national players to join the professional squash circuit. WSF & PSA Satellite Tour tournaments may feature a men's and/or women's division. The entry process should be defined by the promoter and submitted to PSA; this

must be clear and transparent, without prejudice. PSA & WSF reserve the right to refuse or remove sanctioning of a WSF & PSA Satellite Tour at their discretion.

The minimum and maximum on-site prize money levels for these tournaments are outlined below:

Level	Minimum	Maximum
WSF & PSA National Championships	No minimum	No maximum
WSF & PSA Junior tournaments	No minimum	No maximum
WSF & PSA Satellite	\$1,000 (men) / \$500 (women)	\$4,999

## 1.5 PSA Tournament Service

PSA will provide all tournament promoters with support in the administration of all PSA sanctioned tournaments.

The following services are available to all PSA Challenger Tour and PSA World Tour tournaments:

- Advice in the administration and management of all tournaments on the PSA Tour calendar
- Scheduling of dates for best possible player entry
- Circulation to all PSA members of details of all sanctioned tournaments
- Registration and management of all player entries to tournaments through the PSA office
- Assisting tournaments with coordinating player visas
- Making the draws
- Promoter access to a wealth of resources, such as biographies and photographs of players
- PR and communications support and coverage
- Enforcement of the *PSA Code of Conduct* to ensure high standards of professionalism

## 1.6 PSA Tour Calendar

The PSA works closely with all relevant stakeholders to ensure the annual presentation of an effective calendar of tournaments. The PSA holds certain calendar periods free from major PSA sanctioned tournaments to ensure the successful presentation of squash competition as follows:

**Multi-Sport Games:** Protection for two days before and until one day after the squash competition from all PSA World Tour tournaments globally and all PSA Challenger Tour tournaments in the same region.

**World Team Championships:** Protection from all PSA World Tour tournaments globally and all PSA Challenger Tour tournaments in the same region. The designated week for protection is week 51.

**Regional Team Championships:** Protection from all PSA World Tour tournaments globally and all PSA Challenger Tour tournaments in the same region. The designated week for protection is week 18.

**Regional & National Individual Championships:** Protection from PSA World Tour tournaments globally, and all PSA Challenger Tour tournaments in the same region / country (as appropriate). The designated weeks for protection are week 7 and week 24.

Protection is only guaranteed when dates are confirmed with PSA at least 12 months in advance.

PSA reserve the right to sanction tournaments anywhere in the world on any dates.

### 1.6.1 PSA Tour Scheduling

Scheduling of all PSA Tour tournaments will take into account the geographical location of tournaments to minimise travel disruption for players. Maximum efforts are made to schedule all tournaments to ensure the best possible draw.

PSA reserve the right to sanction tournaments anywhere in the world on any dates.

#### 1.6.1.1 PSA World Tour Scheduling

The PSA World Tour season will run from 1 August until 30 June the following year. There will be a short break midway through the season.

There are a limited number of slots for each tier of tournament on the PSA World Tour, defined on a yearly basis by PSA. Tournaments who hold an existing slot on the PSA World Tour must confirm their dates for the following season prior to the start date of their current tournament. Failure to do so will mean that their slot and tier cannot be guaranteed for the following season's schedule.

Two-week slots (from a Monday in week one through to Sunday in the following week) will be reserved for the PSA World Championships and PSA World Tour Platinum. One-week slots will be reserved for all other PSA World Tour tournaments. PSA World Tour Bronze tournaments can take place in the same weeks as PSA World Tour Gold and PSA World Tour Silver tournaments; no other PSA World Tour tournaments may overlap.

PSA will strive to create consistency for fans and followers around the world by encouraging all tournaments to finish on the same day of the week.

#### **1.6.1.2 PSA Challenger Tour Scheduling**

The PSA Challenger Tour season will run from 1 August to 30 July the following year. There will be a short break midway through the season.

There are no limitations on the number of PSA Challenger Tour tournaments that can be scheduled at one time.

#### **1.6.1.3 WSF & PSA Satellite Tour Scheduling**

The WSF & PSA Satellite Tour will run throughout each calendar year. There are no specific breaks within the season.

There are no limitations on the number of WSF & PSA Satellite Tour tournaments that can be scheduled in any given week. Only one National Junior Open, National Junior Championship and National Championship per WSF member may be registered per calendar year, per division (this excludes regional tournaments run by WSF Regional Federations).

All men's and women's WSF Regional and National Championships are encouraged to use the designated protected dates outlined by WSF and PSA as outlined in this guide.

Note: Overlapping dates defined to include the main draw, and one day on either side.

### **1.7 PSA Tournament Format**

All PSA Tour sanctioned tournaments must abide by the Rules of Squash as defined by the World Squash Federation.

A knock-out format will be used for PSA Challenger Tour tournaments, with matches being best-of-5 games point-a-rally scoring up to 11 points with a tiebreak in each game when the score reaches 10-all (where the winning player must win by 2 clear points).

The exception to this is a PSA Challenger Tour 5 tournament where a round-robin with four groups of four players can be used.

A knock-out format will be used for PSA World Tour tournaments, with matches being best-of-5 games point-a-rally scoring up to 11 points with a tiebreak in each game when the score reaches 10-all (where the winning player must win by 2 clear points).

The exception to this is the PSA World Tour Finals where a round-robin system with two groups of four players per division will be used. Seeding for the tournament will be based on the PSA Road to Dubai Leaderboard. Group stage ties and the semi-finals of the PSA World Tour Finals will be best-of-3 game matches with point-a-rally scoring up to 11 points with a tiebreak in each game when the score reaches 10-all (where the winning player must win by 2 clear points). The finals of the PSA World Tour Finals will be best-of-5.

Rules can be found at <http://www.worldsquash.org>. The knock-out format is widely used for PSA tournaments and is mandatory for PSA Challenger Tour 10 tournaments and above, with the exception of the PSA World Tour Finals.



## Tournament Commitment

### 2.1 Commitment to Rules

All PSA Tour tournaments are subject to the jurisdiction of the PSA and shall comply with, be bound by and conduct the tournament in accordance with PSA rules and regulations, including but not limited to all amendments to the PSA Tour Rule Book.

Promoters of tournaments registered with PSA undertake to be fully responsible for the organisation and management of the tournament in accordance with the PSA Tour rules.

Promoters who wish to deviate from any of these rules should submit their specific requests in writing at least six months before the commencement of the tournament. PSA will undertake to make a decision within two weeks of any requests.

#### 2.1.1 Equal Treatment of Players

Tournaments shall treat all players equally with respect to housing, meals, transportation and tournament related activities.

### 2.2 Sanctioning Process

A tournament applying to be sanctioned by the PSA must provide the following:

- Completed registration form and tournament commitment
- Signed tournament contract (PSA World Tour only)
- Registration fee
- PSA player contribution
- Deposit (if applicable)
- Rights / SQUASHTV production fees (if applicable)
- Letter of credit (if applicable)

#### 2.2.1 Tournament Registration

The tournament registration form and agreement must be fully completed, signed and returned with the registration fee, PSA player contribution and deposit (where applicable) for all PSA sanctioned tournaments. No tournament is confirmed on the PSA Tour calendar without the above.

Failure of the promoter to honour any of the obligations prior to or during the tournament may result in the withdrawal of sanction and possible disqualification from future participation as a PSA Tour tournament.

The completed and signed tournament agreement and/or registration form, with the appropriate fees, must be completed according to the following timetable:

<b>Tournament Level</b>	<b>Registration Deadline (Prior to Tournament Start Date)</b>
PSA World Tour Platinum	12 months; multi-year agreement
PSA World Tour Gold	10 months
PSA World Tour Silver	8 months
PSA World Tour Bronze	6 months
PSA Challenger Tour 20 & 30	4 months
PSA Challenger Tour 5 & 10	10 weeks (dependent on closing date)
WSF & PSA Satellite Tour	4 weeks

The PSA may, in exceptional circumstances, sanction tournaments outside the above timetable at their discretion.

#### 2.2.2 Sanction Fees



The sanction fees for each tournament are payable at the time of registration (within seven days of receipt of the invoice) and are made up of the following:

- Registration fee
- PSA player contribution (not applicable to WSF & PSA Satellite Tour)

PSA World Tour tournaments will also be charged the following:

- Deposit (refundable on successful completion of the tournament)
- SQUASHTV production fee where SQUASHTV is utilised

*All fees are quoted in US dollars. VAT is applicable to tournaments in the EU without a VIES number. For a full breakdown of the sanction fees, please see Appendix IV and Appendix V. Registration fee payments not received seven days after registration will be subject to a late fine, deductible from the tournament deposit as outlined in Appendix VI and charged 5% per day after the deadline that the fee remains unpaid unless otherwise agreed with PSA.*

### 2.2.2.1 Deposits

All PSA tournaments on the PSA World Tour will be required to pay a refundable deposit at the time of registration. Deposits comprise a fixed fee appropriate to the level of tournament registered.

Deposits will not be refunded in the case of non-compliance with tournament conditions and commitments as outlined in the PSA Tour Rule Book.

Details of these fees, including breakdown how they are calculated, are outlined in *Appendix VI*.

### 2.2.3 Offers

The PSA offers discounts for multiple tournament registrations and early tournament registration. These are as follows:

Offer	Discount on Registration Fee
Early bird discount (registration 9 months prior to tournament)	10%
Two-year agreement	15%
Three-year agreement	20%
Parity incentive discount	25%
Multiple tournament registration discount (3-4 tournaments)	15%
Multiple tournament registration discount (5+ tournaments)	25%

Discount offers cannot be used for PSA World Championships, PSA World Tour Finals or PSA World Tour Platinum tournaments. Discounts are only applicable to the registration fee and not the player contribution or any other fees outlined at the time of registration. Offers cannot be used in conjunction with one another with the exception of the parity incentive which can be used in conjunction with any other offer. For example, a tournament which has parity for the men's and women's divisions and registers at least 9 months in advance will receive the parity discount (25%) and early registration discount (10%), totalling a 35% discount.

### 2.2.4 PSA Player Contribution

PSA members pay 5% of all gross prize money (on-site prize money) earned in all PSA sanctioned tournaments, with the exception of WSF & PSA Satellite Tour tournaments. This is called the PSA player contribution and is the players' contribution to the association.

This is to be paid to the PSA as part of the sanctioning process and is therefore due alongside the registration fee and tournament agreement when the tournament is registered. The PSA player contribution is then deducted from the on-site prize money payable to the players.

PSA player contribution payments not received five working days after registration will be subject to a late fine, deductible from the tournament deposit as outlined in Appendix VI, and charged 5% per day after the deadline that the fee remains unpaid otherwise agreed with PSA.

### **2.2.5 SQUASHTV Fees / Rights Fees**

Certain tournaments are liable to pay rights fees to the PSA. These will be detailed in individual tournament contracts.

### **2.2.6 Letter of Credit**

New PSA Tour tournaments may be required to lodge with the PSA, six months prior to the commencement of the tournament, an approved irrevocable letter of credit, in form and substance, satisfactory to the PSA, from a PSA approved bank, to the value of 25% of the on-site prize money. Such letter of credit must have an expiration date no earlier than one month after the last scheduled day of the PSA tournament. Please note in the tournament of cancellation a promoter is liable for player compensation claims. The letter of credit does not cover these claims.

This is mandatory for new PSA Tour tournaments PSA Challenger Tour 20 and above that have chosen to pay cash-on-site.

### **2.2.7 Non-Scoring Status**

At the time of registration new tournaments may request a non-scoring player option. The PSA may also consider granting non-scoring status to any tournament should it be seen that there are signs of potential growth in that country.

The non-scoring status allows two players to play a tournament without claiming PSA World Ranking points and can encourage a higher ranked player to play a smaller tournament (see section 4 *The Competition*).

### **2.2.8 Prize Money**

The on-site prize money or total compensation determines the level of PSA World Tour tournament and PSA Challenger Tour tournaments respectively. The minimum figures for each level are outlined in section 1 *PSA Tour*.

#### **2.2.8.1 Player Prize Money**

Player prize money is the actual sum paid directly to players, after deduction of the player contribution and applicable tournament bonuses. Player prize money payable is indicated on the tournament overview.

Prize money not claimed by a player within six months of the tournament finishing will be returned to PSA and the player will no longer be eligible to claim this.

Where a draw is unfilled, PSA reserve the right to retain the unpaid funds.

#### **2.2.8.2 Paying Prize Money: Western Union**

For selected tournaments, players will be paid directly from the PSA through PSA's Western Union Business Solution. The prize money must be paid by promoters at least 10 working days before the tournament commences.

Use of this method is mandatory for PSA World Tour tournaments, unless otherwise agreed at the time of registration.

Use of this method is not recommended for PSA Challenger Tour 5 tournaments outside of the United States; cash-on-site is the preferred method at this level.

Promoters will be given advice on this method when the tournament is registered. All PSA players will have their details stored securely within Western Union Payment Manager ready to accept their prize money payments.

Violation of this section may result in cancellation of the tournament.

#### **2.2.8.3 Paying Prize Money: Cash-On-Site**

Tournaments may request paying cash-on-site as an alternative. PSA will consider each application for this method on an individual tournament basis and recommend this option for PSA Challenger Tour 5 tournaments outside of the United States. New PSA Challenger Tour 20 tournaments and above who are granted permission to pay cash-on-site must provide a letter of credit as outlined previously.

Cash-on-site should be paid in USD. Where the local currency is widely used, PSA do allow on-site payment in local currency. This must be approved by PSA and the amounts must be equivalent to the USD amount. Promoters using this method are responsible for currency conversions which should be undertaken within 48 hours of the tournament start date; PSA strongly recommend using [www.oanda.com](http://www.oanda.com).

Where permission is granted to pay cash-on-site, all payments must be made by the end of the tournament. PSA strongly recommend that all cash-on-site payments are formally recorded with receipt of payment being signed for by each player.

PSA do not allow tournaments to make their own wire transfers or payments by cheque.

Violation of this section may result in action being taken against the tournament.

#### **2.2.8.4 Paying Prize Money: Tournaments in the United States**

Due to tax laws, tournaments in the United States are not permitted to pay cash on-site. These tournaments will pay their prize money directly to US Squash in order to comply with such tax laws; US Squash will act as PSA's clearing house for these payments. Prize money will then be distributed via US Squash and PSA. Instructions of such payment will be sent 90 days prior to the tournament commencing. Please note that there is an administration fee payable for this service, paid directly to and determined by US Squash.

#### **2.2.8.5 Paying Per Diem Payments (PSA World Tour Only)**

For PSA World Tour tournaments that have chosen the per diem payment accommodation option, players will be paid directly from the PSA through PSA's Western Union Business Solution. The per diem payment, confirmed by PSA to the promoter, must be paid by promoters at least 10 working days before the tournament commences.

Violation of this section may result in cancellation of the tournament.

#### **2.2.8.6 Late Payment**

Prize money and per diem payments not received into PSA's specified bank account 10 working days before the tournament commences will be subject to a late fine as outlined in *Appendix VI*, and charged interest on the outstanding funds of 5% per day after the deadline that the fee remains unpaid.

Where a tournament has chosen to pay prize money using the cash-on-site method, players must be paid by the end of the tournament. Failure to do will result in the tournament being subject to a late fine as outlined in *Appendix VI*, and charged interest on the outstanding prize money funds of 5% per day after the deadline that the fee remains unpaid.

#### **2.2.8.7 Local Taxation**

Each PSA Tour tournament is required to give at least 10 weeks' notice to PSA of the percentage of the player income tax deduction (if applicable). No other tax deduction(s) will be permitted from prize money paid to a player. Tournaments are responsible for any additional taxes imposed. Each tournament is responsible for remitting withholding tax.

The tournament must provide the PSA player with an official government tax certificate when they pay them their prize money. The certificate should contain:

Name of Player; Gross Prize Money; Tax Free Allowances; Amount of Tax Percentage; Net Prize Money.

### **2.2.8.8 Prizes and Non-Cash Awards**

A non-cash prize must be a product or service provided by a tournament sponsor. Non-cash awards valued over \$3,000 must be approved by PSA at least 24 hours before the start of the tournament.

Cash prizes are not allowed unless offered as an equivalent to a non-cash award as agreed with PSA.

### **2.3 Tournament Postponement**

A tournament can only be postponed at least three months before the tournament start date.

In the event that any tournament has to postpone (and the reason is acceptable to PSA) at least three months before the due start date of the tournament, they will not lose their fees (registration and PSA player contribution) providing that a new date for the tournament is confirmed within two months of the date of postponement. The tournament must take place within 12 months of the original tournament dates, for example:

Original tournament start date: 1 July 2020

Postponement date: 31 March 2020

New tournament date: New dates must be confirmed before 31 May 2020 and the tournament must take place before the 1 July 2021

A fee of up to £300 including VAT may be payable to PSA to cover administrative costs resulting from any tournament postponement. PSA advise tournaments to take out suitable insurance to cover all cancellation costs.

### **2.4 Tournament Cancellation**

In the event that a tournament is cancelled six months prior to the start date, the registration fee and PSA player contribution will be refunded in full. Any tournament withdrawing from the PSA Tour after the aforementioned deadline, will be subject to the following:

Cancellation four to six months prior to the tournament start date:

- PSA World Tour Platinum: loss of fees including deposit; warning over future conduct; exclusion from running a PSA tournament for a period of one year from the date of cancellation; loss of any future reserved dates
- PSA World Tour Gold, Silver, Bronze: loss of fees; loss of any future reserved dates; warning over future conduct
- PSA Challenger Tour: loss of fees; warning over future conduct

Cancellation within four months of the tournament start date:

- PSA World Tour Platinum: loss of fees; warning over future conduct; exclusion from running a PSA tournament for a period of one year from the date of cancellation; fine of up to \$5,000
- PSA World Tour Gold, Silver, Bronze: loss of fees; warning over future conduct; exclusion from running a PSA tournament for a period of one year from the date of cancellation; fine of up to \$2,500
- PSA Challenger Tour: loss of fees; warning over future conduct; exclusion from running a PSA tournament for a period of one year from the date of cancellation;

Cancellation within two months of the tournament start date:

- PSA World Tour Platinum: loss of fees; warning over future conduct; exclusion from running a PSA tournament for a period of one year from the date of cancellation; fine of up to \$15,000
- PSA World Tour Gold, Silver, Bronze: loss of fees; warning over future conduct; exclusion from running a PSA tournament for a period of one year from the date of cancellation; fine of up to \$7,500
- PSA Challenger Tour: loss of fees; warning over future conduct; exclusion from running a PSA tournament for a period of one year from the date of cancellation; fine of up to \$5,000

Tournaments will also be liable to reimburse evidenced player travel/hotel costs resulting from the cancellation at the discretion of PSA. To be eligible for any compensation claim resulting from tournament cancellation or otherwise, evidence of valid travel insurance must be provided by the player to PSA.

A fee of £300 including VAT will be payable to PSA to cover administrative costs resulting from any tournament cancellation.

## **2.5 Indemnification and Insurance**

The promoter agrees to indemnify and hold harmless PSA, from and against any and all losses, costs, actions, proceedings, claims, damages, expenses or liabilities suffered or incurred directly or indirectly arising out of or in connection with the hosting of the tournament.

PSA World Tour Platinum and PSA World Championship tournaments shall provide public liability insurance of at least \$2 million USD with the PSA being added as an insured. All other tournaments must provide public liability insurance of at least \$1 million USD (unless otherwise agreed, in writing, with PSA). PSA do not need to be named on such policies.

Evidence of such insurance coverage shall be provided to PSA at least five working days prior to the tournament closing date\*.

\*Note: in countries where such insurance is not available, PSA will make it clear to players before entries close that this is the case and that any player entering does so at their own risk.

## **2.6 PSA Tour Marks and Logos**

Each PSA Tour tournament shall identify itself clearly to the public as being part of PSA Challenger Tour or PSA World Tour (as appropriate) and shall cooperate fully with the PSA in furthering public awareness of the PSA Tour.

PSA will provide the tournament with PSA logos relating to the level of the tournament and the tournament promoter agrees to adhere to the appropriate *PSA Branding Rules*, as amended from time to time (see section 3 *Tournament Conditions* for further information). *PSA Branding Rules* can be accessed via the secure promoter area.

Violation of *PSA Branding Rules* will incur a charge as outlined in *Appendix VI*.

PSA retain the right to amend the aforementioned branding rules in the event of securing a PSA Tour headline sponsor. Further to this, PSA retain the right to affix a logo of a PSA Tour sponsor on the front wall of all match courts used with a minimum dimension of 3,600 square centimetres, provided that the PSA Tour sponsor does not conflict with a primary tournament sponsor (PSA and the tournament will have to be in mutual agreement that there is no conflict between the PSA Tour sponsor and primary tournament sponsor). In case of a dispute, both parties agree to appoint an independent third-party mediator to resolve the situation.

## **2.7 PSA Disclaimer**

The PSA, its board of directors or staff, does not accept liability for the welfare or safety of players travelling to and participating in tournaments. Whilst the association will take all reasonable steps to advise players on this matter, it remains the responsibility of players to confirm their own appropriate insurance cover and for the promoter of the tournament to ensure full and adequate safety, security and insurance measures being in place for players.

The PSA will not be held liable if a breach of the codes in the Tour Rule Book and associated policies are found to be the responsibility of the player, promoter, its employees, representatives or volunteers. Please note that the above list is not exhaustive. All breaches of the PSA's codes and policies must be reported to the correct body and the PSA so the correct procedures can be followed in all instances. In the event of a breach that upon investigation is found to be due to the negligence of the promoter or player and/or its representatives, full liability and consequences will be the responsibility of the promoter or player.

## **2.8 Jurisdiction**

The Tournament Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law and the parties irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of English courts in respect of all matters arising out of this Agreement.

## **2.9 Force Majeure**

Neither party shall be liable for any failure in the performance of any obligations under this agreement caused by circumstances beyond the reasonable control of a party to this agreement including, but not limited to, an act of war, extreme weather, a state of emergency or an act of terrorism in the region of the host city within 60 days of the commencement of the tournament. Force Majeure will not include any financial difficulties the tournament promoter or sponsor may find themselves in.

The party claiming the Force Majeure event shall promptly notify the other party in writing of its reasons for the delay or stoppage of the tournament. If the party claiming the Force Majeure event has complied with the obligation of notifying the other of it the requirement for their performance under this Agreement shall cease.

In the event of the Force Majeure tournament any monies paid to the PSA for the tournament in accordance with the contract are non-refundable in accordance with section 2 *Tournament Commitment*.

## **2.10 Restriction of Liability**

In the event that the PSA accept that they have breached any clauses in this agreement or are found to have in a Court within the Jurisdiction as detailed in section 2 *Tournament Commitment* such damages shall be limited to the monies the PSA have received from the other contracting party in connection with the individual PSA Tour tournament. Nothing within this agreement limits in any way the damages that the PSA shall be entitled to recover against the other contracting party in the event that the other contracting party has breached their obligations in the contract.

## **2.11 Law**

The laws of England and Wales will regulate the laws governing this agreement.

## **2.12 Conduct**

The favourable reputation of the PSA, its sanctioned tournaments and players is a valuable asset and creates tangible benefits for all PSA members. Accordingly, it is an obligation for PSA Tour tournaments, owner(s), promoter(s), operator(s) or representative(s) thereof, to refrain from engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash. Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game shall include, but not be limited to, comments to the news media that unreasonably attack or disparage a tournament, sponsor, player, official or the PSA. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with PSA policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that one of the stated persons above knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interests of a tournament, player, sponsor, official or the PSA are expressly covered by this section. Violation of this section shall subject a tournament to loss of its PSA sanction in future years.

### **2.12.1 Wagers**

No-one associated with a PSA tournament shall wager, cause to wager or benefit from the wagering of anything of value in connection with any PSA Tour sanctioned tournament.



## Tournament Conditions

Please note that the tournament conditions for tournaments on the WSF & PSA Satellite Tour are outlined in section 9 WSF & PSA Satellite Tour of the PSA Tour Rule Book. Section 3 applies to PSA World Tour and PSA Challenger Tour tournaments only.

PSA are committed to ensuring all PSA tournaments are delivered to the highest standard; all PSA tournaments must be staged in a first-class professional manner and all standards within this section are required unless otherwise noted or approved. Tournaments should apply to PSA in writing six months before the commencement of the tournament. PSA may use their discretion to extend this timescale.

Violation of any of section 3 *Tournament Conditions* will incur a charge as outlined in *Appendix VI* and may also lead to PSA's refusal to sanction future tournaments.

### 3.1 Tournament Information

It is strongly recommended that as much information is provided at the time of registration with the PSA office notified of any potential changes at the earliest possible time. Information that is not available at this time must be submitted to PSA at least 10 working days before the entry closing deadline.

After the entry deadline, any changes are at the sole discretion of PSA.

### 3.2 Venue and On-Site Facilities

The following information must be specified at the time of registration and must meet the criterion outlined in the following sections.

- Venue's full address
- Tin height
- Court specification, e.g. glass court, number of courts used, spectator viewing
- Ball and branding delivery address

#### 3.2.1 Venue

The tournament promoter must specify on the registration form if the tournament is to be held in an indoor or outdoor arena, e.g. squash club, arena, shopping mall etc. The tournament should normally be held in one centre unless a glass court is being used at a more appropriate venue for later rounds.

If more than one centre is being used, approval must be obtained from the PSA. Additional venues *should* be within the same city boundaries and with the same tin height and court quality as the primary venue. If PSA perceive excessive travel disruption may be caused to players, PSA may not sanction a split venue or may require the tournament to provide transportation for players.

PSA World Tour Platinum and SQUASHTV tournaments must confirm all venues 10 working days before entries close; other tournaments must confirm this information 5 working days before entries close.

#### 3.2.2 Court

The tournament promoter must specify on the registration form whether a portable court will be used and which type it is. All courts should be clean, well-lit and with suitable air-conditioning. The tin should be at the appropriate height for the tournament:

- All PSA World Tour tournaments and PSA Challenger Tour 30 tournaments are to be played on a 17-inch tin (PSA reserve the right to waive this in exceptional circumstances. Any requests to play a PSA Challenger Tour 30 or above on a 19-inch tin must be made in writing to PSA at the time of registration and approved by PSA).
- Other PSA tournaments have the option of using either 17-inch or 19-inch tin.

The height of the tin must be the same for all matches throughout the tournament.

All court specifications must adhere to the guidelines imposed by the World Squash Federation. Further information can be found via the following link [WSF Specification for Squash Court](#) and also on the WSF official website.

### **3.2.2.1 Floors**

The court floors that are used for any PSA tournament must be uncoated or sealed.

PSA tournaments will not be sanctioned on coated floors\*.

PSA stress that the safety of players is paramount; thus, it is essential that you read carefully the PSA court specification document and adhere to the guidance outlined.

\*For the distinction between coated, sealed and uncoated, please refer to the PSA court specification document.

### **3.2.2.2 Walls**

Walls should be of a surface and colour approved by the WSF, and to be of a standard to ensure good playability, for example in good condition and free of condensation.

### **3.2.2.3 Ventilation and Temperature**

It is strongly recommended that all squash courts used and any adjacent areas shall be provided with a heating and/or air conditioning system which is capable of maintaining a temperature between 10 and 25 degrees Celsius, with an ideal range of 15 to 20 degrees Celsius.

Local variations in external temperature and humidity may results in temperatures outside of the above ranges being acceptable to players. Contact PSA for further advice if this may affect your court.

### **3.2.2.4 Lighting**

The lighting level of match courts is to be high enough and spread evenly throughout the court for the benefit of players and spectators alike. There should be a minimum 500lux lighting level one metre above the floor all over the court.

The standard required for LED installation is 600lux. It is recommended that the LED lamps be in the colour temperature range of 3,500 degree K or above commonly referenced as 'cool white'.

In courts with transparent walls, the level of illumination outside of the court will need to be adjusted to suit specific site conditions. In normal circumstances, a glass back wall needs lighting levels to be the same both side of the glass whereas in 4-sided courts the lighting level inside the court needs to be higher than immediately outside the court. A difference of approximately 30% is considered to be a normal installation.

Lighting for TV transmission should be 1200lux as a minimum, although consultation with TV providers is recommended.

### **3.2.2.5 Maintenance**

All surfaces should be cleaned and wiped/swept as necessary to provide suitable conditions for practice and play. Floors should be swept prior to and after each practice and play session, as well as between games/matches as necessary.

### **3.2.3 Glass Court Bonus**

The glass court bonus is designed to offer monetary relief in recognition of the costs associated with setting up a full glass court. To be eligible for the glass court bonus tournaments must meet the following conditions:

- Only available to PSA Challenger Tour 30 tournaments and PSA World Tour Gold, Silver and Bronze tournaments



- Full four-sided WSF accredited glass court, details of which must be provided to PSA at the time of registration
- The majority of matches must be played on the portable glass court\*
- The court must not be a permanent or fixed glass court

\*This is at the discretion of PSA and must be discussed with PSA and authorised before registering.

### **3.2.4 Practice Courts**

Practice courts must be made available free of charge to all players 48 hours before the start of the tournament and must be of the same standard as the competition courts. The promoter should allocate practice courts according to the draw, i.e. first match on gets the earliest practice slot.

If using a glass court this should be made available for practice at least 24 hours before the start of the matches. Any potential issues with this ruling must be brought to the PSA attention at least one week before the start of the main draw, and alternative arrangements agreed with PSA.

Players are entitled to at least 20 minutes of allocated practice court time on a glass court and at least 30 minutes of allocated practice time on a traditional court on any playing day.

### **3.2.5 Player Lounge**

It is strongly recommended that all tournaments provide a suitable space appropriately equipped for players and their support teams. The Player Lounge should only be accessible to tournament staff and players/support teams. Tournaments with SQUASHTV must make the live action available in the player lounge. Where space allows this is a mandatory requirement for PSA World Tour Platinum tournaments and SQUASHTV tournaments.

If players are not provided with a suitable player lounge, a courtside player viewing area should be provided. Such instances will be dealt with on an individual basis.

### **3.2.6 Locker Room**

It is mandatory that all tournaments provide players with a suitably equipped and secure locker room with shower, changing and toilet facilities. Where possible, these facilities should be separate from those used by members of the public.

A secure locker should be available for use by each player; if the locker requires a separate lock, then this must be provided to each player upon arrival. If the lockers do not have a suitable lock, the tournament promoter should provide an alternative security measure for players' belongings.

### **3.2.7 Venue Security**

It is mandatory for all tournaments that take place in a public space to complete PSA's security questionnaire upon registration. This also applies to all SQUASHTV tournaments and other tournaments as deemed necessary by PSA's security consultants.

Such tournaments must provide any additional information as requested by PSA's security consultants and ensure any requirements outlined as a result of the above assessment are implemented accordingly. Costs associated with venue and tournament security are the responsibility of the tournament.

## **3.3 Accommodation**

The tournament must provide the following information at the time of registration:

- Hotel's name and full address\*
- Hotel rating
- Bed and breakfast guide price
- Any special tournament rates
- Details of private hospitality/billeting where appropriate

If no accommodation is being provided (PSA Challenger Tour level only), PSA require that the promoter lists at least one nearby hotel option for players' convenience.

\*If billeting is provided it is not necessary to provide details of a hotel.

### **3.3.1 Accommodation Options PSA Challenger Tour**

At PSA Challenger Tour level tournaments, providing accommodation for players is optional. Tournaments can therefore choose from the following options:

- No accommodation provided
- Hotel provided
- Billeting provided

Tournaments that choose to provide a hotel or private billeting will be granted prize money relief, shown as an accommodation bonus, the value of which is outlined in the section below.

Where a hotel or billeting is provided, all PSA players participating are entitled to accommodation.

#### **3.3.1.1 Accommodation Bonuses PSA Challenger Tour**

Prize money relief is available at PSA Challenger Tour tournaments for those tournaments that choose to provide players with accommodation. The relevant minimum on-site prize money required when providing accommodation can be found in section 1.3 *PSA Challenger Tour*.

#### **3.3.1.2 Hotel Bonus (PSA Challenger Tour)**

To qualify for the hotel bonus, the hotel must be provided for all players from the night before the round in which the player is scheduled to play commences, until two nights after the player loses. The latest departure is the morning after the final. Players can be asked to move to adhere to these rules, although no semi-finalist or finalist shall be asked to move or to share with a new player.

In addition, any PSA Challenger Tour tournament wishing to utilise this bonus must ensure the accommodation meets the hotel conditions outlined later in this section.

#### **3.3.1.3 Billeting Bonus (PSA Challenger Tour)**

To qualify for the billeting bonus, accommodation must be provided for all players from the night before the round in which the player is scheduled to play commences, until two nights after the player loses. The latest departure is the morning after the final.

In addition, any PSA Challenger Tour tournament wishing to utilise this bonus must ensure the accommodation meets the billeting conditions outlined later in this section.

### **3.3.2 Accommodation Options PSA World Tour**

At PSA World Tour level tournaments, it is mandatory to provide accommodation for players. Tournaments can choose one of the following options:

- Per diem payment
- Hotel provided
- Billeting provided (on request up to PSA World Tour Silver)

#### **3.3.2.1 Per Diem Payment (PSA World Tour)**

The per diem payment is a figure paid by the tournament promoter directly to PSA alongside the prize money, which is then distributed to the players according to the PSA breakdown. Players are required to make their own accommodation bookings when this method is chosen.

The figure is reached by calculating the number of nights required for the tournament schedule and multiplying this by the tournament hotel rate (where no tournament hotel is found by the promoter, the rate used will be a PSA approved city average). PSA will provide the tournament with this figure upon registration. The number of room nights required can be found in the table in *Appendix III*.

The tournament hotel used for the per diem rate must meet the hotel conditions outlined later in this section.

### **3.3.2.2 Hotel (PSA World Tour)**

Should a tournament choose to provide hotel accommodation for players, this must be provided for all players from the night before the round in which the player is scheduled to play commences, until two nights after the player loses. The latest departure is the morning after the final. Players who remain in the tournament cannot be *required* to move rooms and may not have a new room-mate accommodated with them. Players eliminated from the tournament can be moved, but may not be moved into a new room with a player who remains in the tournament.

The tournament hotel provided must meet the hotel conditions outlined later in this section.

### **3.3.2.3 Billeting (PSA World Tour)**

Billeting is available on a tournament-by-tournament basis and should be provided for the duration of the tournament. If you wish to consider this approach, please speak with PSA before registering your tournament.

In addition, any PSA World Tour tournament wishing to utilise this bonus must ensure the accommodation meets the billeting conditions outlined later in this section.

### **3.3.3 Hotel Conditions**

Hotels must meet the minimum requirements outlined below:

- Minimum of three-star rating for PSA Challenger Tour tournaments
- Minimum of four-star rating for PSA World Tour tournaments
- Double occupancy twin room
- Bed and breakfast basis
- Junior players must not share with an adult (over 18) unless written parental consent is provided
- A maximum of 30 minutes' drive from the venue
- Scheduled, regular and free transport must be provided if the hotel is not within walking distance of the venue (defined as within 1.5km walkable route from the hotel to each venue)

These conditions apply to all tournament hotels where one of the following is used:

- Per diem payment (stated tournament hotel) PSA World Tour
- Hotel provided PSA World Tour
- Hotel bonus utilised PSA Challenger Tour

### **3.3.4 Billeting Conditions**

Billeting must meet the minimum requirements outlined below:

- Provided for all players from the night before the main draw commences, until two nights after the player loses. The latest departure is the morning after the final
- Single occupancy with bathroom facilities
- One meal per day (normally breakfast)
- A maximum of 30 minutes' drive from the venue
- All hosts must be aware of and abide by the *PSA Code of General Conduct & Ethics* and *PSA's Safeguarding Policy*, paying close attention to the guidance for hosts
- Female players should not be billeted with single male hosts unless agreed directly with the player
- Junior players must have written parental consent for billeting and should be housed with an appropriate family. No junior can be billeted in a single-person household
- Reasonable transport to the venue if not within walking distance (defined as within 1.5km walkable route from the hotel to each venue)

### **3.4 Tournament Personnel**

A contact name, telephone number and email address must be provided for at least one designated tournament contact to enable us to administer the tournament successfully, including the delivery of tournament materials. This person will be the main point of contact for PSA staff, players and spectator enquiries.

All tournament personnel, such as on-site staff, coaches, medical professionals and volunteers, must adhere to the standards outlined in this section and the *PSA Code of General Conduct & Ethics*.

### **3.5 Player Services**

#### **3.5.1 First Aid and Physiotherapy**

Each tournament must have a first aid team present on-site at all times, for public and player emergencies.

It is strongly recommended that tournaments provide a treatment room for players, centrally located to the courts and locker room. The room must be private and fully equipped to deal with medical treatment; it is mandatory that an automated external defibrillator ('AED') is available at PSA World Tour tournaments and strongly recommended for PSA Challenger Tour tournaments.

PSA World Tour Platinum tournaments and televised/SQUASHTV tournaments must provide an on-site physiotherapist free of charge to players. It is also recommended that a doctor should be on-site during these tournaments. The on-site physiotherapist should attend to any emergencies during match play and are authorised to charge for subsequent treatment. All charges for additional treatment and payment methods should be clearly communicated prior to the tournament.

The cost of medical personnel is entirely the responsibility of the tournament.

#### **3.5.2 Transportation**

Scheduled, regular and free transport must be provided for all players if the tournament hotel is not within 1.5km of the venue.

If a split venue is being used, player transport must be provided from the tournament hotel at the start and end of play (as a minimum).

For any player obligations that are not on-site at the venue, at the tournament hotel or within 1.5km of tournament hotel, promoters must organise free transport for the players.

#### **3.5.3 Stringing Service**

Provision of a stringing service is strongly recommended for all events. It is mandatory for PSA World Tour tournaments to make available to players a stringing service of a professional standard throughout the duration of a tournament.

#### **3.5.4 Player and Staff Accreditation**

It is mandatory for PSA World Tour Platinum and SQUASHTV tournaments to accredit staff and players. It is strongly recommended that this is administered through PSA's accreditation portal so that on-site staff's credentials can be verified, and PSA have clear records of attendance of player support teams, volunteers and medical staff.

Accreditation is also strongly recommended for all other PSA World Tour tournaments. All tournaments must be able to supply, on request from PSA, a list of on-site staff, including their role and appropriate credentials.

It is strongly recommended that players are issued with a reasonable number of passes/credentials for their use while competing in the tournament. Player guest passes must not allow access to the player lounge or treatment room; all other access is given at the discretion of the tournament promoter.

#### **3.5.5 Player Subsistence**

Promoters are not obligated to provide meals for competing players, however they must ensure that appropriate food is available at or very close to the venue for player purchase so that their dietary needs in relation to competing can be satisfied.

### **3.5.6 Drinking Water**

The promoter must ensure that readily available, cooled pure drinking water is conveniently located for player refreshment between games and immediately after matches. This must be provided free of charge.

### **3.5.7 Functions**

Tournaments may, if they so wish, organise player functions or outline player commitments, such as a tournament dinner, clinics with junior players or a sponsor function. PSA strongly recommend that all tournaments try and organise a welcome reception for all players where they have the opportunity to meet the tournament promoter.

PSA require the following information to be submitted to support the listing of functions:

- Date, time and venue for function
- Dress code if applicable
- Whether the function is mandatory, strongly recommended or optional
- Who the function is for, for example a Champions' Dinner may apply only to finalists

\*Mandatory functions must be confirmed before entries close; after this time, functions can only be made mandatory at the discretion of PSA. Player clinics may be made mandatory but only when on non-playing days, and should be limited to a maximum of one hour.

## **3.6 Additional Information**

### **3.6.1 Local Tax**

Each tournament is responsible for remitting withholding tax and providing the appropriate documentation when applicable. This information should be stated at the time of registration and include:

- Percentage of local tax to be deducted from player prize money (if applicable)
- This must be confirmed before entries close (see section 2 *Tournament Commitment* for further information)
- Official government tax receipts must be provided if local tax is taken. Where possible, this tax certificate should be for each individual player, although PSA will accept a collective prize money deduction government tax certificate where accompanied by stamped individual letters from the tournament

Note: local tax can only be deducted from the player prize money figure and not the on-site prize money figure.

### **3.6.2 Payment Method**

Each tournament must clearly specify the payment method for the prize money, taking into account the following rules and guidance:

- Western Union payment is mandatory for all PSA World Tour tournaments who opt for the per diem payment accommodation option. For all other PSA World Tour tournaments, payment through Western Union is mandatory unless otherwise agreed due to exceptional circumstances
- Western Union payment or cash-on-site payment (USD or local currency where approved) is available for PSA Challenger Tour tournaments, although PSA recommend cash-on-site payments for PSA Challenger Tour 5 tournaments
- Tournaments in the United States must pay via US Squash / Western Union for tax compliance

### **3.6.3 Airport**

Each tournament must specify the most convenient airport or transport links for players to access the venue. This information must include:

- Nearest airport, including airport code
- Whether or not players will be collected on arrival, and the deadline for providing this information

#### **3.6.4 Directions**

Each tournament must advise of directions to the venue from the nearest airport, station and, where provided, tournament hotel. This information should include approximate distance, duration and cost. Where transport is provided for players due to the distance between the venue and tournament accommodation provided, details of this must be outlined to PSA, such as the method of transport (shuttle, UBER credit) and schedule/frequency of the transport.

Note: transportation options between hotel and venue are only necessary when players are provided with hotel accommodation courtesy of the tournament, or when the per diem payments option is utilised.

#### **3.6.5 Visa Requirements**

Where appropriate, promoters should indicate those countries where visas are required to gain entry (a link to immigration policies would be helpful). Where players apply for visa through the promoter, the details required, including deadlines for submitting documentation, should be clearly stated.

#### **3.6.6 Special Requirements**

This may include, but is not limited to, meal packages, media coverage, pre-qualification, draw release date, or any other important information the promoter thinks may be relevant to players.

All PSA World Tour Platinum and SQUASHTV tournaments must confirm the above information at least 10 working days before entries close. All other tournaments must confirm this information at least 5 working days before entries close.

### **3.7 Refereeing and Referees**

All tournament promoters of PSA Tour sanctioned tournaments must serve as, or appoint, a tournament referee. The details (name, address etc.) of the tournament referee must be forwarded to the PSA office prior to the tournament.

The tournament promoter is responsible for the arrangement, supervision and allocation of match referees, although responsibilities may be passed to the appointed tournament referee.

#### **3.7.1 Tournament Referee**

The tournament referee's duties are as laid down in the tournament referee's guidelines. It is essential to the smooth running of the tournament that the tournament referee adheres to these guidelines.

The tournament referee or tournament promoter must make every effort not to use, in a match, a referee of the same nationality as either competitor. Tournament promoters must fulfil PSA guidelines for the provision of on-site referees and schedule such individuals so as to prevent a conflict of interest between referees and players. Should no other qualified referee be available, referees of the same nationality are permitted.

PSA strongly recommend that tournaments use a Tournament Referee that does not have a conflict of interest in the tournament (such as a referee that is refereeing individual matches at said tournament).

When PSA representatives are in attendance, the Tournament Referee appointed should be one of the following: PSA's Refereeing Director, Chief Operations Officer or PSA's appointed Event Director.

#### **3.7.2 Single Referee System**



The use of the single referee system is recommended for all PSA tournaments, particularly where a portable court is used, personnel permitting.

At SQUASHTV tournaments, single referee with video referee (VR) support is recommended.

For non-televised events, single referee is recommended for experienced referees, however PSA do permit use of referee / marker system for less experienced referees.

The following is based on days with multiple matches so that referees can rotate and rest. Number of referees per court may decrease as refs are released when less matches are played per day, e.g. the semis or finals, although it is always good to have a reserve referee.

Non-STV	Single referee	2 referees per court
STV	Single referee with VR	3 referees per court
Less experienced referees	Referee / marker	3 referees per court

Exact number of referees is dependent on an individual tournament's schedule and number of courts being used. Advice should be sought from PSA when your schedule is known. PSA will assist in allocation of WSF referees.

All tournaments must confirm with PSA the refereeing arrangements at least five days before entries close.

### 3.7.3 Player Referees

If requested at the time of registration of the tournament, on-site PSA players may serve as referees for PSA Challenger Tour tournaments. This policy will only be supported and enforced by PSA if the players are made aware of this condition at the time of entry.

For early rounds, the losing player of a match shall be required to referee the following match. Such player is responsible for finding a qualified replacement should he or she be unable to fulfil his refereeing obligation. Failure to do this will result in the player being reported to PSA and disciplinary action may be taken at PSA's discretion.

### 3.7.4 PSA World Tour Platinum Tournaments and PSA World Championship

The PSA requires that a minimum of two PSA approved referees attaining a "World" level attend PSA World Tour Platinum tournaments and a minimum of three PSA approved referees attaining a world level attend the PSA World Championships in order to maintain high standards at the top tier tournaments.

At least two referees are required per court being used each day to ensure the highest level possible is sustained throughout the day's play; referees can then be rotated to allow sufficient rest. Where the video review system is in use, an extra referee must be allocated to the court.

### 3.7.5 PSA Approved World Referees: Remuneration

PSA approved World referees invited to officiate at any tournament level should receive as a minimum:

- Return travel from home to the tournament venue (including travel to airport on outward and return journeys) and all necessary travel between the hotel and tournament venue
- Hotel accommodation – referees should be housed in the same hotel as the players if possible. If not possible, their hotel must be of an equal standard to that of the players
- All meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Visa fees
- Cost of any injections/medication considered necessary for travel to the country where the tournament is taking place
- All expenses to be paid in full prior to departure from tournament\*

- Additionally, PSA referees are to be paid \$110 USD per tournament play day, to cover out of pocket expenses. For travel days and any agreed days on site prior to start, \$100 USD per day will be payable; these daily allowances must be paid prior to departure

\*To enable promoters to budget, any total travel, medical or fees over \$100 need to be pre-authorised by the PSA office.

### **3.7.6 Disciplinary Reports**

Any on or off court violation of the PSA Tour Rule Book rules and regulations by a player should be detailed by the match referee or tournament promoter in the official *PSA Code of Conduct* report form and forwarded to PSA, within five working days of the completion of the tournament (late submissions may be accepted at PSA's discretion). PSA will act on the submission of the official *PSA Code of Conduct* report form; no other forms will be accepted from the tournament. The *PSA Code of Conduct* form can be found in the promoter resource area on the PSA secure promoter site.

PSA may take disciplinary action at their discretion without submission of a Code of Conduct report from the tournament.

Any violation of the PSA Tour Rule Book rules and regulations by a member of a player support team or tournament attendee be detailed by the tournament promoter and reported to PSA.

## **3.8 Media**

Media is an integral part of the promotion of the PSA Tour and its tournaments. As such, PSA have a dedicated PR and Communications Manager who promoters should liaise with pre, during and post tournaments. PSA also strongly recommend all tournaments appoint their own dedicated PR and Media Officer to communicate with the press.

It is a requirement that the tournament provide PSA with full results of all matches, including times, and a quote from the winner of each match within four hours of the end of each day's play. It is strongly recommended for PSA Challenger Tour tournaments that the promoter supplies PSA with imagery from each round, in focus, not taken on a smartphone and at a minimum resolution of 150kb, and detailed reports from the day's play.

PSA World Tour tournaments are required to send PSA one image from each main draw match, in focus, not taken on a smartphone and at a minimum resolution of 150kb. It is recommended that imagery for print are at a minimum resolution of 1.5mb. Photographs must be sent within two hours of the end of each day's play.

Failure to supply the required information will hinder the media coverage of your tournament. Where the quality of communications is inadequate, PSA reserve the right to relinquish media coverage of the tournament.

All tournaments where PSA media personnel are present must provide adequate media facilities, such as a dedicated media room and free internet access.

### **3.8.1 Television Rights and Broadcasting**

It shall be the promoter's express responsibility to ensure that no filming (including video) whatsoever takes place at the tournament. Terrestrial coverage of the tournament, restricted to the country in which it is played, may be undertaken by the tournament. Permission for such filming may be granted upon written application to the PSA no later than one month before the commencement of the tournament.

All international television rights, including satellite and video news, are owned in their entirety and managed by the PSA.

### **3.8.2 Video and Filming**

No live action video filming whatsoever, including by spectators, may take place at the tournament without the express written permission of the PSA.



### 3.8.3 Video Review

The video review system is strongly recommended for all PSA World Tour Platinum and SQUASHTV tournaments. PSA reserve the right to enforce the use of the video review system. Where the video review system is used, an extra referee must be allocated to the court. In addition, suitable venue screens should be available to enhance spectator experience.

### 3.8.4 Web Streaming and Internet / SQUASHTV

All internet and other media rights, both domestic and international, are owned in their entirety by the PSA, and no filming whatsoever for such purposes may take place at the tournament without the express written permission of the PSA. Tournaments may not authorise web-streaming via websites, television or any other medium.

Tournaments must provide a minimum 25 Mbps upload speed dedicated internet line.

The tournament organiser will need to comply with the PSA's web-streaming requirements detailed below:

- A dedicated hardwired access point (not a wireless access point) CAT5 Internet connection with RJ45 connectors to the workstation area
- A minimum 25 Mbps Upload speed (not download speed)
- An open connection without any logins, usernames or passwords and direct to the Internet with no home page or payment re-direction features
- An un-contended link with a non natted Public IP Address with no intervening firewall

SQUASHTV tournaments must provide a seat next to the centre referee for Tri-Ref technician at all main draw matches.

## 3.9 Tournament Promotion

All PSA tournaments must adhere to the *PSA Branding Rules* which can be accessed via the secure promoter website.

### 3.9.1 PSA Tour Partners

PSA reserves the right to certain branding benefits for PSA Tour partners and approved third parties.

PSA retain the right to amend the PSA branding requirements in the event of securing a PSA Tour headline sponsor.

#### 3.9.1.1 Dunlop Official Ball of the PSA

The tournament will be provided with PSA tin stickers and balls for use during the tournament. The '*Dunlop Official Ball of the PSA*' tin sticker must be affixed to the left of the tin on all courts used for the tournament including the glass court. The stickers will be dispatched at least one month before the tournament commences. Please see the *Appendix IX* for each tournament's allocation of promotional materials.

Photographic evidence must be sent to PSA at least two working days before the commencement of the tournament to confirm the correct court branding.

### 3.9.2 PSA Court Branding

In addition to the Dunlop tin sticker, all courts must display a PSA tournament tier sticker on the right-hand side of the tin. Additional branding requirements apply for tournaments using a glass court and televised/SQUASHTV tournaments. These are specified in the *PSA Branding Rules*.

Photographic evidence must be sent to PSA at least two working days before the commencement of the tournament to confirm the correct court branding.

Please note, PSA retain the right to affix a logo of a PSA Tour sponsor on the front wall of all match courts used with a minimum dimension of 3,600 square centimetres, provided that the PSA Tour sponsor does not conflict with a primary tournament sponsor (PSA and the tournament will have to be in mutual agreement that there is no conflict between the PSA Tour sponsor and primary tournament sponsor). In case of a dispute, both parties agree to appoint an independent third-party mediator to resolve the situation.

### 3.9.3 PSA Advertisement and Programme

All PSA sanctioned tournaments shall accept, at no charge, a full-page colour PSA advertisement and a 'Dunlop Official Ball of the PSA' advertisement into the tournament programme (or any similar publication), if so produced, with such advertisements to be provided by the PSA to the tournament promoter. In addition, the PSA tournament tier logo must be included as per the *PSA Branding Rules*. The PSA Tour logo must be included in the partners' section of the programme.

Proofs must be sent through to PSA before the programme is published.

### 3.9.3.1 PSA Welcome Message

The tournament can be provided with a PSA welcome message, on request, for the tournament programme.

### 3.9.4 Promotional Materials

Player biographies are available on the PSA website and may be used for promotional information for the tournament.

Promoters must ensure that only information available to the public is utilised for promotional materials. Personal data such as contact details, passport information and medical information should not be used for promotional purposes. A promoter should seek guidance from PSA office if they are unsure what they are able to use.

Player photographs are available via the gallery on the secure promoter site. Alternatively, PSA can provide, on request, appropriate photographs for your level of tournament. PSA advise against using recognisable imagery of players that are not playing in your tournament to avoid misleading spectators.

Additional promotional materials including but not limited to posters, banners, tournament passes must adhere to the *PSA Branding Rules*. Proof copies must be provided to PSA at least two working days before the tournament commences, and preferably before any promotional materials are published to prevent unnecessary reprinting costs for the tournament.

### 3.9.5 Tournament Website

Please inform the PSA office of the official tournament website. All websites must adhere to the *PSA Branding Rules*.

### 3.9.6 Results

Tournaments must provide daily results to the following people within two hours of the end of each day's play:

- Media team Email: [results@psaworldtour.com](mailto:results@psaworldtour.com)
- PSA office Email: [office@psaworldtour.com](mailto:office@psaworldtour.com)

Promoters must include full scores, length of match and a short description or report including a quote from each match winner. Sending a link to tournament software or Facebook site does not meet PSA's requirements.

For PSA World Tour Platinum and SQUASHTV tournaments it is mandatory to use PSA's live scoring system, unless otherwise agreed with PSA.

### **3.9.7 Tournament Feedback**

The tournament feedback report is available to fill in online and should be returned to PSA within one week of receiving it. Player feedback can be obtained on request.

### **3.10 Spectators**

The promoter must make suitable arrangements for spectator seating and viewing, and additional facilities at the venue. Appropriate risk assessments, insurance and personnel must be in place. The health and safety of spectators at the venue is solely the responsibility of the tournament.

The promoter is responsible for controlling crowd movement and ensuring that, as far as possible, spectators do not interrupt the flow of play when moving to and from their seats. If spectators are impeding the progress of the match, the match referee should address them respectfully and request their cooperation.

### **3.11 Ticket Conditions**

Each promoter is responsible, as occupier of the tournament venue, for the admission of the public to the venue. Each promoter shall therefore be responsible for ensuring that members of the public are admitted to the venue on ticket conditions which ensure, insofar as legally possible, safe and orderly admittance.

#### **3.11.1 National Squash Federation Tickets**

The PSA requires that the tournament issues a formal invitation for the President of its National Squash Federation to be present at, at least, the semi-finals and finals of the tournament. PSA encourages the tournament to apply the logo of its National Squash Federation on all printed material connected with the tournament.

### **3.12 PSA Personnel**

All PSA World Tour tournaments must provide suitable facilities for any PSA personnel on-site. As a minimum, PSA expect the following:

- Suitable workspace/office for PSA staff and officials
- A constant high-speed internet connection is to be provided at the venue, free of charge to PSA personnel
- All PSA Staff to be provided with a tournament pass to all on-site areas, clearly stating their name and job title
- Suitable refreshments for PSA staff and officials, to include but not limited to, tea, coffee and water

#### **3.12.1 VIP Passes**

A tournament shall provide a maximum of four complimentary rear-walled tickets and VIP passes per day to PSA. Accredited PSA staff on-site should also be allowed to access all areas.

#### **3.12.2 Hotel Rooms (SQUASHTV Tournaments Only)**

An appropriate number of hotel rooms must be provided on a bed and breakfast basis for PSA SQUASHTV personnel, to be agreed within each tournament contract (at least four twin-bedded rooms must be provided for PSA World Tour Platinum tournament).

The accommodation should be a minimum of three stars and no further than 10 minutes' walk to the venue. The PSA may allow the hotel to be a further distance from the venue as long as suitable transport is provided, at a cost to the tournament.

### **3.13 Promoter Online Resources**

Once a tournament is registered on the PSA calendar, the promoter will receive a unique login to the PSA secure promoter site. Here, promoters have access to the calendar of tournaments and can see

their own tournament information, entry list and draw once it has been published. Promoters will also get access to players' contact and biography details once the entries are confirmed.

Promoters have access to a wealth of resources including but not limited to player photographs, branding information, PSA and partner logos, feedback forms, Code of Conduct forms, referee application forms and a useful FAQs section.

Please contact the PSA Office if there is anything you do not understand or for a demonstration / guidance of the PSA website.

### **3.14 Tournament and Promoter Responsibility**

The tournament promoter agrees to be responsible for the organisation, administration, security and safety of the tournament's venue and to ensure that the venue complies in all respects with applicable health and safety laws and regulations.

The tournament promoter agrees to act in good faith and in the best interests of the PSA and its members and in the best interests of the game of squash at all times. This includes, but is not limited to, understanding the importance of *PSA's Safeguarding Policy, Code of General Conduct & Ethics, PSA Anti-Corruption Code and WSF rules for the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions* and *PSA's Data Protection and Data Processor policies* and ensuring these are implemented and understood by all tournament personnel.

The tournament promoter agrees to abide by the PSA Tour Rule Book in all respects and by the final decisions made by the PSA Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer or Tour Director.

In the absence of the above, the promoter-of-record, as determined by signature of the tournament contract form, is authorised to make any and all necessary on-site judgements, changes and decisions regarding the effective presentation of a PSA Tour tournament. However, he or she should make every effort to contact the PSA office before making a decision regarding PSA rules and regulations.

The tournament promoter shall, during the course of a tournament, make a note of any incident that he or she believes constitutes a violation of the PSA Tour Rule Book. The tournament promoter shall also, at the conclusion of the tournament, furnish a written report to the PSA office, regarding any such occurrence. This must be submitted to PSA within seven days of the conclusion of a tournament.

## The Competition

All PSA World Tour and PSA Challenger Tour sanctioned tournaments must abide by the Rules of Squash as described by the World Squash Federation. Rules can be found at <http://www.worldsquash.org>.

In addition to these rules PSA have the following amendments:

- There will be a two-minute rest between all games
- There will be a four-minute warm-up before the first game, followed by a one-minute interval. The warm-up interval may be increased to 90 seconds if the player areas are situated in what is deemed to be an excessive distance from the court door. This determination can only be made by the PSA Representative, Tournament Promoter or Tournament Referee
- When using a white ball, either player may request a new ball at the end of the third game (the new ball must be requested as a player leaves the court at the end of the third game and cannot be requested when returning to court for the start of the fourth game)

### 4.1 PSA Fees

No PSA Challenger or PSA World Tour tournaments may charge an entry fee for a PSA player.

### 4.2 Entries

Players are accepted into an entry list for a PSA Tour tournament in order of their position on the PSA World Rankings. Players with identical rankings will be ordered as follows:

- Number of tournaments played (excluding zeros)
- Ranking last month
- Number of tournaments last month (excluding zeros)
- Random (token assigned once per player per tournament)

#### 4.2.1 Online Tournament Entry

All PSA players are given individual access codes for the members' area of the PSA website. These codes are for players' own personal use and must not be given to other persons. The members' area will allow players to perform the following functions:

- Enter a tournament
- Withdraw from a tournament
- Review the current entry lists for tournaments
- See tournament information in the tournament overview
- Check the calendar
- Review the PSA World Rankings
- Review their personal data
- Renew their membership
- Amend their username and password

Players must enter tournaments through this online system. No verbal entries will be accepted under any circumstances. If a PSA member is given a wildcard place in a tournament, then he/she must make sure he enters that tournament through the online system.

PSA office cannot be held responsible for non-receipt of entries. It is the responsibility of the entering player to make sure that their entry has been successful via the secure site.

PSA reserves the right to have discretion on all finalised entries, including wildcard players, invitees and non-scoring players.

#### 4.2.2 Closing Deadline

Entries for a tournament will close at 12:00 UK time. This is normally the first Tuesday of the month but can vary from time to time. Closing deadlines are always shown on the members' secure site. No PSA entries will be accepted after this time.

#### **4.2.2.1 Entry Confirmation Deadline**

Players will be confirmed in the tournament three hours after the closing deadline, e.g. by 15:00 UK time on the same day as the tournament closes for entries. This is known as the entry confirmation deadline. After this time, a player cannot withdraw without informing the office; this will then be classed as a 'late withdrawal' and may incur a penalty (see section 4.5 *Withdrawals*).

#### **4.2.3 Involuntary Initiated Withdrawal**

If the PSA office is notified immediately of a withdrawal after the closing deadline due to a system error, PSA reserve the right to reinstate the player into the entry list at their discretion.

#### **4.2.4 Wildcards**

Wildcards are players included in the main draw at the discretion of the promoter and as agreed by PSA. The number of wildcards a tournament is entitled to nominate is dependent on the level of the tournament; the allocation can be found in section 4.3 *Draws*.

The PSA board expects that a tournament promoter utilises the use of a wildcard place in a reasonable and responsible manner. PSA reserve the right to have final discretion on any wildcard nomination.

##### **4.2.4.1 Wildcard Eligibility**

The following conditions apply for all wildcards:

- A wildcard must be a PSA member
- A wildcard must be nominated by the tournament promoter prior to the closing deadline
- A wildcard player must enter a tournament as per 4.2.1 *Online Tournament Entry*
- A player may have up to two wildcards per 12-rolling month period, a maximum of one of which can be used in a PSA World Tour tournament\*
- A wildcard may be a winner of pre-qualification competition^^

^^PSA will allow a maximum of one wildcard per tournament to be chosen as a result of pre-qualification competition. To be eligible for the wildcard through this method, the other requirements outlined above for all wildcards must be met and PSA must approve the date, size and format of the pre-qualification competition prior to the closing deadline.

##### **4.2.4.2 PSA World Tour Additional Wildcard Criteria**

In addition to the above, wildcard nominations for PSA World Tour tournaments must also meet one of the following criteria (a winner of a pre-qualification competition is exempt):

- Former tournament champion of the tournament for which the application is made^
- A top eligible national or junior player from the country where the tournament is held
- A top world junior as per the PSA World Rankings or WSF & PSA Junior Rankings
- Former top 50 player returning from injury^

^Players who meet such criterion must have retained an active / unbroken PSA membership in the interim.

\*A PSA player offered a wildcard for the same tournament in the following year may be eligible if the tournament has moved earlier in the calendar at PSA's discretion. However, the points will be excluded from the ranking until the previous year's wildcard points expire.

##### **4.2.4.3 Reserve Wildcards**

Tournaments can, if they so wish, nominate a reserve/alternate wildcard to take the place of an original wildcard nomination(s) in case that player makes the main draw by virtue of their own ranking before entries are confirmed.



Once the main draw withdrawal deadline has passed and the entries have been finalised, the wildcard(s) cannot be changed. At this stage, the nominated wildcard player is deemed to have accepted the wildcard, regardless of whether they would have made the main draw by virtue of their own ranking before the tournament starts. The wildcard is still applicable to the nominated player if their ranking is below the lowest ranked player in the main draw, but above the ranking of the highest placed reserve at the time entries are confirmed.

Once entries are confirmed, the reserve wildcard can only be utilised in the event that the confirmed wildcard withdraws from the tournament for a legitimate reason as approved by PSA, such as illness or injury.

#### 4.2.4.4 Wildcard Withdrawal

Any withdrawal from a tournament by a wildcard must be made in writing to the PSA office. It is the player's sole responsibility to confirm this has been completed successfully. The late withdrawal procedure applies to wildcard withdrawals.

Where a wildcard withdraws for a legitimate reason, such as illness or injury, the reserve wildcard will be utilised. Should no reserve wildcard be available, places will be offered in the following order:

1. Reserve PSA invitee (non-PSA invitees **cannot** replace a wildcard)
2. Next reserve PSA player
3. Non-PSA invitee (PSA Challenger only)
4. Where no player is available, a bye is awarded to next highest seed

#### 4.2.5 Invitee

Invitees are players included in the main draw at the discretion of the promoter and as approved by PSA. Invitees are only able to compete in PSA Challenger Tour 5 and 10 levels, and the PSA World Championships. The number of invitee places available depends on the tier of the tournament and size of the draw; the allocation can be found in section 4.3 *Draws*.

No non-PSA players are accepted into a PSA World Tour tournament even as a last-minute reserve.

##### 4.2.5.1 World Championship Invitee Eligibility

Up to seven invitee places will receive direct entry into the PSA World Championship. To be eligible, the player must hold a PSA membership.

Two places per division will be determined by WSF. One place per division will be automatically given to the winner of the preceding WSF World Junior Championship. Should the World Junior Championship winner make it on their own ranking, WSF will retain this invitee place for their use.

The remaining five invitees will be decided by World Championship qualifying tournaments. All PSA participants in the designated World Championship qualifying tournament are eligible to receive the PSA invitee place, which is given to the winner of the tournament. Once a player has qualified, they will be offered the place in the PSA World Championship. The place will be awarded upon the player's acceptance and their entry into the PSA World Championship.

Any World Championship invitee that qualifies after the PSA World Championship closing deadline and is entered into tournaments that clash with the PSA World Championship, will be removed from the clashing event without penalty on acceptance of their place in the PSA World Championship. However, they must have entered the PSA World Championship prior to the closing deadline to be eligible to accept the place.

The World Championship invitee place may be deferred only to the runner-up of a World Championship qualifying tournament. This may occur in the event of the following scenarios:

- The winner of a World Championship Qualifying tournament has already qualified for an invitee place through another World Championship qualifying tournament
- The winner of a World Championship Qualifying tournament declines the invitee place

- The winner of a World Championship Qualifying tournament makes the PSA World Championship entry list on their own ranking by the entry confirmation deadline
- The winner of a World Championship qualifying tournament withdraws from the PSA World Championship before the commencement of the tournament, through bona fide medical withdrawal

To be eligible for a deferred place, the player must have entered the PSA World Championship prior to the closing deadline. This remains true in the instance the deferred place becomes available after entries have closed, due to the original invitee making the tournament on their own ranking prior to the entry confirmation deadline, or through bona fide medical withdrawal.

Acceptance of the place will not count towards a player's wildcard entitlement.

#### **4.2.5.2 PSA Challenger Tour Invitee Eligibility**

An invitee can be a PSA or non-PSA player. However, where an invitee is a PSA player, it will be counted as one of the player's wildcard entitlements.

An invitee should meet one of the following criteria

- Should be a national or multi-national of the country where the tournament is held
- If a non-national they should have legitimate attachment to the club, sponsor or tournament promoter

A non-PSA player who is made eligible to be an 'invitee' shall, throughout the duration of the player's participation in the tournament, be deemed to be a temporary PSA member and shall comply with all the sections of the PSA Tour Rule Book including but not limited to the *PSA Code of Conduct*. PSA reserves the right to have the final discretion on the invitee list.

A tournament promoter must submit a full list of invitee names, including any reserves, to the PSA office in writing by the stated closing date of entries.

If a tournament promoter chooses to have a pre-qualification tournament in order to award their invitee places they should submit the names of all the participants in the pre-qualification tournament, within the above time schedule.

Notwithstanding the above the PSA board may grant invitee status in special circumstances. Any such requests must be made in writing stating reasons and circumstances for the request.

#### **4.2.5.3 PSA Challenger Tour Reserve Invitees**

Tournaments can, if they so wish, nominate reserve invitees to take the place of an original invitee nomination(s). Once the entries have been finalised, the invitee(s) cannot be changed unless there is a legitimate reason for withdrawal of the invitee, such as illness or injury.

#### **4.2.5.4 PSA Challenger Tour Invitee Withdrawal**

Any withdrawal from a tournament by an invitee must be made in writing to the PSA office. Where no reserve invitee is available, places will be offered in the following order:

1. Reserve wildcard
2. Next reserve PSA player
3. Where no player is available, a bye is awarded to next highest seed

PSA reserve the right to fill draws with invitees in the event the tournament is not full. This only applies to PSA Challenger Tour tournaments. No non-PSA players are accepted into a PSA World Tour tournament even as a last-minute reserve.

#### **4.2.5.5 Invitee Prize Money**

Invitees are eligible for prize money. For tournaments paying via Western Union, players must follow the same enrolment process as PSA members.



### 4.3 Draws

All PSA tournaments will have a seeded draw using the latest PSA World Ranking as at the closing date for entries. Players are placed into the draw according to the PSA World Rankings.

Players are placed into draws in order of ranking. The draw is then made in accordance with the schedule in *Appendix VII* which is called the 'random draw method'. All PSA Tour tournaments must use this method.

#### 4.3.1 Draw Size Options and Draw Seeding

The following draw sizes are available:

	Draw Size	Total Entries	Direct PSA Entries	Wildcards	Invitees
World Championship	64-draw	<b>64</b>	56	1	7
World Tour Platinum	64-draw	<b>48</b>	46	2	0
World Tour Gold	32-draw	<b>24</b>	23	1	0
World Tour Silver	32-draw	<b>24</b>	23	1	0
World Tour Bronze	32-draw	<b>24</b>	22	2	0

	Draw Size	Total Entries	Direct PSA Entries	Wildcards	Invitees
Challenger Tour 30	32-draw	<b>24</b>	22	2	0
Challenger Tour 20	32-draw	<b>24</b>	22	2	0
Challenger Tour 10	32-draw	<b>24</b>	21	2	1
	16-draw	<b>16</b>	15	1	0
Challenger Tour 5	32-draw	<b>32</b>	24	4	4
	32-draw	<b>24</b>	20	2	2
	16-draw	<b>16</b>	15	1	0

Where an invitee is a PSA player this will be counted as one of their wildcard entitlements, with the exception of PSA World Championship invitees where this does not apply. Where the wildcard and/or invitee allocations are not filled by the tournament, the number of PSA entries will increase accordingly.

Tournaments will be seeded as follows:

16 draw	seed 1-8
32 draw (24 entries)	seed 1-16 in R1 (1-8 seeds receive a bye)
32 draw (32 entries)	seed 1-16
64 draw (48 entries) (men)	seed 17-32 in R1 (players 1-16 receive a bye); seed 1-8 in R2
64 draw (48 entries) (women)	seed 1-32 in R1 (1-16 seeds receive a bye)
64 draw	seed 1-16 (men); seed 1-32 (women)

Where additional byes are necessary, these will be allocated in order of ranking.

#### 4.3.2 Publishing the Draw

All draws will be published on the PSA website (and members' secure site); players and promoters associated with the tournament will be emailed once this has been published.

#### 4.3.3 Main Draw

PSA will publish the main draw by 16:00 UK time on the Friday following the closing deadline. Promoters may request a draw be embargoed at PSA World Tour level and above so that a press release can be coordinated with PSA.

Match times must be submitted to PSA within a week of publishing, in accordance with the guidelines in section 4.4 *Playing Schedule*.

#### **4.3.4 Reserve Players**

PSA will produce for the tournament promoter a list of reserve players, based on ranking, to replace any player who withdraws late.

In the event of a late withdrawal, the PSA will email or telephone the designated reserve. If the player does not respond by the stated deadline, they will forfeit their place and the next reserve will be contacted. Once a reserve player has committed to the tournament they will be subject to all PSA rules for confirmed entries, including but not limited to section 4.5.2 *Late Withdrawals*.

Reserves who do not intend to play a tournament should withdraw themselves at the earliest possible moment. This will be without penalty.

Reserve players must update their availability\* via the secure members' site when prompted by an automated email, five days before the tournament begins. Players failing to update their availability will be automatically withdrawn at 00:00 UK time and cannot be reinstated. PSA reserve the right, in exceptional circumstances, to reinstate a player.

\*A player will be withdrawn at 23:59 UK time on the date they have chosen.

#### **4.3.5 Unfilled Draws**

Where any draw remains unfilled, the PSA office may, with the support of the tournament promoter, extend the tournament closing date by a further seven days and canvass entries for the tournament.

PSA reserve the right to fill draws with invitees in the event the tournament is not full (PSA Challenger Tour only).

### **4.4 Playing Schedule**

PSA Challenger Tour 5 tournaments may play up to two rounds on one day of the tournament. Such tournaments must schedule a minimum of three days; exceptions to this will be allowed at PSA's discretion if requested in writing by the promoter. It is strongly recommended that the semi-final and final are not played on the same day; PSA will only allow this when the main draw of a tournament is played over two days as approved by PSA.

PSA Challenger Tour 10 tournaments and above will play only one round a day. Under special circumstances, this may be changed at PSA's discretion.

All SQUASHTV tournaments must agree the match schedule with PSA before tickets go on sale. For all other tournaments, match schedules must be sent to PSA five working days after the main draw has been made.

Where the tournament has more than one tournament category, for example men's and women's, the promoter shall make best efforts to schedule matches so that both draws receive equal exposure on the primary viewing court. Where the tournament levels differ considerably, this does not apply.

Where a tournament has split rounds, the number one seed will be scheduled to play on the first day of the tournament's main draw. Should a promoter make a special request to change this, PSA may alter the schedule accordingly at their discretion.

Promoters who choose to sell tickets prior to the final schedule being agreed with PSA, do so at their own risk and understand that this may be subject to change. PSA reserve the right to have the final decision on tournament schedules.

#### **4.4.1 Schedule Examples**

A 16-draw round robin (PSA Challenger Tour 5 only) will have the following:

This format is designed to provide more playing and development opportunities for players just starting out on the professional tour; all players will be guaranteed at least three matches.

There will be four groups of four players (Group A, B, C and D) with the top player in each group progressing to the semi-finals. Players will be seeded from 1-8 in a 16-player draw, and the draw will be conducted as follows:

Seed 1 will be drawn in Group A

Seed 2 will be drawn in Group D

Seed 3 and 4 will be drawn randomly into Group B and C

Seeds 5-8 will be drawn randomly into Group A-D

Players 9-16 will be drawn randomly into Group A-D (format used for draw should be A-D, repeated twice until all 8 players are drawn)

The top player in each group will progress to the semi-final as follows:

Semi-Final 1: Winner Group A vs. Winner Group B

Semi-Final 2: Winner Group C vs. Winner Group D

Final: Winner Semi-Final 1 vs. Winner Semi-Final 2

A 16-draw knock-out tournament will have the following rounds:

Round	Players	Matches
Round 1 (9/16)	16	8
Quarter-finals (5/8)	8	4
Semi-finals (3/4)	4	2
Final (1/2)	2	1

A 32-draw (24 entries) knock-out tournament will have the following rounds:

Round	Players	Matches
Round 1 (16/24)	24	8 (and 8 byes)
Round 2 (9/16)	16	8
Quarter-finals (5/8)	8	4
Semi-finals (3/4)	4	2
Final (1/2)	2	1

A 32-draw knock-out tournament will have the following rounds:

Round	Players	Matches
Round 1 (16/32)	32	16
Round 2 (9/16)	16	8
Quarter-finals (5/8)	8	4
Semi-finals (3/4)	4	2
Final (1/2)	2	1

A 64-draw (48 entries) knock-out tournament will have the following rounds:

Round	Players	Matches
Round 1 (33/48)	48	16 (and 16 byes)
Round 2 (17/32)	32	16
Round 3 (9/16)	16	8
Quarter-finals (5/8)	8	4
Semi-finals (3/4)	4	2
Final (1/2)	2	1

A 64-draw knock-out tournament will have the following rounds:

Round	Players	Matches
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Round 1 (33/64)	64	32
Round 2 (17/32)	32	16
Round 3 (9/16)	16	8
Quarter-finals (5/8)	8	4
Semi-finals (3/4)	4	2
Final (1/2)	2	1

#### 4.4.2 Start Times

In all PSA tournaments, play should not commence before 12:00 noon local time, unless approved by PSA. In PSA Challenger Tour 5 tournaments, where two rounds are scheduled on one day, play may begin at 10:00 local time.

An order of play must be produced for matches with match timings allowing at least 45 minutes for each match.

Players cannot be made to play before their scheduled time but must be available to play as soon as their scheduled court is available at or after their scheduled time, subject to an allowable ten-minute delay on a scheduled match time.

Play can start earlier or on another court only by mutual agreement of both players.

#### 4.4.3 Rest Between Matches

Where a player is playing two matches in one day, these matches should be scheduled so that there is a minimum of 4 hours and 45 minutes rest time between the start of matches. For instance, if a player plays their first-round match at 12:00 noon and there are two rounds scheduled that day, their next match cannot start before 16:45.

The minimum rest time between matches on different days is 18 hours between the start of each match. For instance, if a player plays their first-round match at 20:00 hours, their next match should not be scheduled before 14:00 hours the next day. Where this cannot be avoided, this should be discussed with PSA who may sanction alternative match schedule at their discretion.

Tournaments are encouraged to make rest times as even as possible throughout the draw. It is mandatory that semi-finals in the same division are played no more than two hours apart to ensure fair rest time for both players ahead of the scheduled final.

#### 4.4.4 Split Rounds

A split round is defined as a single round of play played over two days. PSA World Tour tournaments may include split days of main draw play up to and including the quarter-finals, however they should discuss with PSA prior to confirming dates.

PSA World Tour 48-draw tournaments must be played over a minimum of seven and maximum of ten days. Tournaments may choose from the following schedules:

7-day World Tour Platinum	One split round (R2 or R3)
8-day World Tour Platinum	Two split rounds (any <b>two</b> of R2, R3 and quarter-finals)
9-day World Tour Platinum	Three split rounds (R2, R3 and quarter-finals)
10-day World Tour Platinum	Four split rounds (R1, R2, R3 and quarter-finals)

Where a tournament has split rounds, the number one seed will be scheduled to play on the first day of the tournament's main draw. Should a promoter make a special request to change this, PSA may alter the schedule accordingly at their discretion.

Challenger Tour tournaments may not have split rounds unless complimentary accommodation is offered to the players.

#### 4.4.5 SQUASHTV Scheduling

All SQUASHTV tournaments must agree the match schedule with PSA before tickets go on sale. This should be done well in advance of the tournament closing deadline. PSA reserve the right to schedule matches at tournaments with SQUASHTV, as required for broadcast and will work directly with the tournament to draw up a suitable schedule.

SQUASHTV tournaments must be able to schedule a minimum of four matches on the glass court on each day that it is utilised. On days where the number of matches being played is fewer than four, tournaments must be able to schedule all matches on the glass court. Where applicable, there must also be a suitable break between the afternoon and evening matches to give the SQUASHTV crew rest time during the day's play.

It is not mandatory for the top eight seeds to play their matches on the glass show-court if otherwise requested by the promoter or as directed by PSA.

Promoters who choose to sell tickets prior to the final schedule being agreed with PSA, do so at their own risk and understand that this may be subject to change. PSA reserve the right to have the final say on scheduling of all SQUASHTV matches.

#### **4.4.6 Play-Offs**

Tournaments shall not have third/fourth place play-offs.

#### **4.4.7 Match Rescheduling**

A tournament promoter or PSA may reschedule a match to accommodate travel difficulties but should only do so if the delayed player has requested a rescheduling at least two hours prior to his match time and if the reason for the delay is legitimate. Only in exceptional circumstances should a match be rescheduled to start more than six hours past the original starting time.

Any players affected by a match rescheduling should be informed as soon as possible. PSA office must also be informed so that the draw can be updated online.

### **4.5 Withdrawals**

Withdrawals can be made up until the entry confirmation deadline without penalty. After this time when entries are confirmed, any late withdrawal from a tournament will be dealt with in accordance with the guidance below and penalised as per the disciplinary action outlined in the *PSA Code of Conduct*.

#### **4.5.1 Online Tournament Withdrawal**

Online withdrawals are allowed without penalty before the tournament closing deadline. In addition, online withdrawals are allowed, without penalty, in the three-hour window between the closing deadline and entry confirmation deadline. Once the entry confirmation deadline has passed, all entries are confirmed and finalised.

After the above timelines, all withdrawals must be submitted in writing to PSA office; no verbal withdrawals are accepted. Players should extend this courtesy to promoters. Players on the reserve list can withdraw at any time without penalty if they are not in the final confirmed entry list through the members' secure site.

For clarity, the closing deadline for entries is normally 12:00 UK time on the date of closing. The entry confirmation deadline is three hours after this (therefore, normally 15:00 UK time on the date of closing).

#### **4.5.2 Late Withdrawals**

Any withdrawal after the entry confirmation deadline is considered a "late withdrawal". Should a player need to withdraw, it is their responsibility to inform PSA, in writing, as soon as possible. The responsibility is always on the player to check that their withdrawal has been received in time and that the automated withdrawal email has been received.

All late withdrawals will be dealt with in accordance with the guidance below and penalised as per the disciplinary action outlined in the *PSA Code of Conduct*. In addition, any late withdrawal that should result in the awarding of a disciplinary zero or penalty zero score, will be subject to an administration fee of £20 GBP, to be charged to the player on the first day of the month in which the zero score is counted towards a player's ranking.

If the withdrawal is within five days of the tournament, players must also copy in the following:

- PSA office office@psaworldtour.com
- Hannah Ridgard-Mason hannah@psaworldtour.com
- The tournament promoter

If a late withdrawal occurs within 48 hours of the tournament commencing, players may be asked for additional supporting documentation to be provided within 24 hours of the withdrawal being actioned, including but not limited to confirmed flight tickets and accommodation bookings. Failure to supply this documentation without reasonable explanation will be penalised as per the *PSA Code of Conduct*.

Any withdrawal that takes place within one hour of the start of the main draw, or after the commencement of the tournament, regardless of whether the player has a bye in the first round, will be treated as a 'no show' and penalised in accordance with the *PSA Code of Conduct*.

The tournament promoter has the authority to action the withdrawal, as long as it is received in writing, should the PSA office be closed. The tournament promoter should make every effort to contact a member of PSA; if PSA cannot be reached, the tournament promoter can undertake the withdrawal in accordance with PSA's withdrawal guidelines found in *Appendix IX*.

#### **4.5.3 No Shows and Defaults**

Any player not ready to play within 15 minutes after his match is called will be defaulted. Also known as a 'no show', a default means a bye is given to their opponent. This also applies to any player that withdraws within one hour of the start of the main draw, or after the commencement of the tournament, regardless of whether a player has a bye in the first round. Players will be penalised for this in accordance with the *PSA Code of Conduct*.

#### **4.6 Zero Scores**

Players will be given a zero score counting towards their PSA World Ranking for late withdrawals. The following rules will determine the type and duration of zero score given.

##### **4.6.1 Disciplinary Zero Scores**

A disciplinary zero score is automatically given for the following:

- Late withdrawal
- Defaults and no shows
- Disciplinary matters

This disciplinary zero score will stay on a player's record as a tournament played for the following 12 months. Disciplinary zeros will always count as a 'best result' tournament played and will not be used in reducing the divisor. A disciplinary zero will be awarded for each tournament a player withdraws from, even if the withdrawals occur at one time. An appeal against a disciplinary zero will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and this should be done so in writing to the PSA office within 48 hours of the awarding of the zero. Disciplinary zero scores will not be changed after the next published ranking that includes the disciplinary zero score.

An administration fee of £20 will be incurred for disciplinary zero scores allocated as a result of late withdrawals, defaults or no shows.

##### **4.6.2 Penalty Zero Scores**



A player will receive a three-month penalty zero for failing to withdraw before the entry confirmation deadline due to an exceptional circumstance, providing they advise the PSA office by 09:00 UK time the day after the withdrawal deadline. The penalty zero will be awarded for each tournament the player withdraws from within this time-scale.

An administration fee of £20 will be incurred for penalty zero scores.

#### **4.6.3 Clashing Tournaments Procedure**

A player may not play in two PSA tournaments where main draw dates overlap; these are known as 'clashing tournaments'. Players confirmed in two clashing tournaments when the entry confirmation deadline has passed will receive the following sanctions:

First time offence:

- 3-month penalty zero for each clashing tournament the player is withdrawn from
- Removal from the tournament in which they are highest seeded
- Warning about future conduct

Subsequent offences:

- 12-month disciplinary zero for each tournament the player is withdrawn from
- Removal from both clashing tournaments
- Prevention from entering any clashing tournaments for the next 12 months, taken from the date of closing

Players confirmed in a tournament when entries are finalised will be removed from a reserve list of any clashing tournament and, should a place become available, cannot under any circumstance choose to swap tournaments.

An administration fee of £20 as outlined in the disciplinary zero and penalty zero score sections will apply to a player removed from clashing tournaments.

#### **4.6.4 Cumulative Commitment and Entry Offences (Late Withdrawals)**

A player who accumulates three or more counting zeros (this includes penalty zeros and medical zeros that count towards a player's ranking) on their ranking within a 12-month rolling period will be penalised in accordance with *PSA Code of Conduct*.

#### **4.6.5 Medical Zero Score**

If a player is unable to play a tournament through illness or injury they may be considered eligible to be awarded a medical zero score for their late withdrawal.

A player is entitled to one medical zero within a 12-month period. The first medical zero awarded will count as a tournament played but will be included as one of the lowest scores for the calculation of the player's ranking. The medical zero can be extended to include any subsequent withdrawals resulting from the same injury, providing sufficient supporting medical history is supplied. Once a player returns to playing any PSA tournaments, the extension of the medical zero becomes obsolete.

A medical zero score will only be awarded upon proof of bona fide injury through submission of a medical certificate, which must meet the requirements set out in section 4.6.5.1 Medical Certificates.

Any further withdrawals due to injury or illness within the 12-month period will incur a 'counting' medical zero which will count towards the player's ranking for the following 12 months.

##### **4.6.5.1 Medical Certificates**

If a player has to withdraw from a tournament because of illness or injury they must supply a medical certificate. The PSA will advise the player of the deadline date for receipt of this document. A medical zero will only be awarded on receipt of an approved document.

Where the medical withdrawal is within 48 hours of the start of the tournament, the player is expected to have sought medical advice prior to the withdrawal. Hence, the medical certificate will be required by 09:00 UK time the day following the receipt of the withdrawal. The player may also be required to supply additional documentation as outlined in section 4.5.2 *Late Withdrawals*. Where a player is unable to make an immediate medical appointment, PSA may grant an extension of up to three working days but will require proof of the upcoming appointment by the initial deadline for this to be considered.

For all other medical withdrawals, the player must submit their medical certificate within five working days of the withdrawal, or before the end of the tournament, whichever is sooner (where multiple tournaments are withdrawn from at the same time, this date is taken from the earliest tournament withdrawal).

PSA may use their discretion to contact medical professionals to verify medical certificates and may refuse to accept it if evidence is not substantiated.

Note: When a player retires injured during a tournament, please refer to the rule outlined in section 5.6.5.2 *Match in Progress*.

PSA will only accept a medical certificate if it meets the following requirements:

- Statement of injury, treatment and likely absence from the PSA Tour
- Sent on headed paper with the company name, address and date
- Signed by the medical professional authorising the document

Note: As English is the working language of the PSA, all medical certificates should be submitted in English. Any medical certificates that are submitted in another language must be accompanied by an officially certified translation into English.

Failure to provide satisfactory documentation will be penalised in accordance with the *PSA Code of Conduct*.

#### **4.6.5.2 Match in Progress**

Any player withdrawing from a match in progress must acquire a medical certificate or tournament letter attesting to the cause. Where this is a PSA World Tour Platinum or SQUASHTV tournament, the player must be assessed by the on-site physiotherapist / doctor who should provide PSA with the medical certificate. Evidence must be submitted to the PSA office within five working days of the retirement.

Failure to provide satisfactory documentation for an in-match retirement will be penalised in accordance with the *PSA Code of Conduct*.

#### **4.6.5.3 Involuntary Initiated Withdrawal (Medical)**

Where it is obvious to the tournament referee or a PSA representative that a player has an injury or illness which would jeopardise the quality of a match, and where it would not be in the best interests of professional squash to allow the match to proceed, they may rule the player ineligible to compete and withdraw the player. This should be done under strict consultation with the PSA. The subsequent gap will result in a walkover unless it is second round match of a tournament with a 24 or 48 draw and a lucky loser is available. In such instances, where it is one hour before the start of the appropriate round, a lucky loser will replace the withdrawal and players will receive points and prize money in accordance with section 4.6.6.1 *Lucky Loser Prize Money and Points*. If it is any other round in the tournament, the injured/ill player who is withdrawn shall still be entitled to receive PSA World Ranking points and the appropriate prize money.

#### **4.6.6 Lucky Losers**

A lucky loser is a replacement for a withdrawn player in the main draw's second round after the commencement of first round of the main draw. They can be included in the second round of the main

draw up to three hours before the start of this round. A lucky loser will not be applicable for tournaments with a 16-player, 32-player or 64-player main draw.

Players who lose in the first round of a tournament with 48 or 24 entries are eligible to be lucky losers. A player must complete their match to be eligible; any player who does not finish their match for reasons including but not limited to retirement through injury or illness will not be eligible to be given a lucky loser position.

Lucky losers should be drawn, at random, at the conclusion of the first round of the tournament. This should be done in the presence of a PSA member or at least two PSA players from different nations wherever possible. The first name drawn out will be lucky loser number one and so on. They will go into the main draw as follows:

- The first vacant place is filled by lucky loser number one
- Should any other withdrawals occur these are filled by the next in line
- If simultaneous withdrawals occur, then these are filled in the draw from top to bottom

Note: It is the responsibility of the designated lucky loser(s) to keep the promoter and PSA informed of their whereabouts so that they can be contacted immediately should there be a withdrawal. PSA reserve the right to defer to the next lucky loser in the event confirmation cannot be obtained from the nominated lucky loser within a reasonable time period.

#### **4.6.6.1 Lucky Loser Prize Money and Points**

A lucky loser will only be entitled to receive one prize money payment.

Where a lucky loser is as a result of an on-site involuntary initiated withdrawal (medical), the lucky loser will receive the first round prize money. In addition, the lucky loser will receive the prize money for their final finishing position minus the second round prize money paid to the player who has withdrawn on-site. By default, this means the lucky loser will only receive additional prize money should they progress beyond the second round.

Where the withdrawal was not as the result of an on-site involuntary initiated withdrawal, the withdrawn player receives no prize money and the lucky loser receives the prize money for their final position only. The additional prize money from the lucky loser's original finishing position will be split evenly amongst the remaining losers within that original finishing position bracket.

The lucky loser is entitled to the points from the final round they reach regardless of the prize money they earn / withdrawal scenario. Where the withdrawal is deemed an involuntary initiated one on-site, the withdrawn player will also receive points.

*Example 1: PSA World Tour Bronze, involuntary initiated withdrawal on-site, LL finishes 9/16*

The tournament referee deems that seed 4 has to withdraw through injury on-site at a PSA World Tour Bronze tournament with on-site prize money of \$47,500. The main draw first round has already started, but it is the night before the second round is due to begin. A lucky loser from the first round replaces seed 4 in the second round of the main draw. The lucky loser loses their second round match. The prize money is distributed as follows:

LL received prize money for 17/24 finishing position = \$789.69

LL receives additional payment of 9/16 finishing position minus 9/16 finishing position (position of withdrawn player) = \$1,240.94 - \$1,240.94 = \$0.00

Total payment to LL is therefore \$789.69 + \$0.00 = \$789.69

Total payment to withdrawn player is 9/16 = \$1,240.94

Both players receive the points for finishing 9/16.

*Example 2: PSA World Tour Bronze, involuntary initiated withdrawal on-site, LL finishes 5/8*

The tournament referee deems that seed 4 has to withdraw through injury on-site at a PSA World Tour Bronze tournament with on-site prize money of \$47,500. The main draw first round has already started, but it is the night before the second round is due to begin. A lucky loser from the first round replaces seed 4 in the second round of the main draw. The lucky loser wins their second round match but loses in the quarter finals. The prize money is distributed as follows:

LL received prize money for 17/24 finishing position = \$789.69

LL receives additional payment of 5/8 finishing position minus 9/16 finishing position (position of withdrawn player) = \$2,030.63 - \$1,240.94 = \$789.69

Total payment to LL is therefore \$789.69 + \$789.69 = \$1,579.38

Total payment to withdrawn player is 9/16 = \$1,240.94

Withdrawn player receives points for 9/16 finish, LL receives points for 5/8 finishing position

*Example 3: PSA World Tour Bronze, withdrawal off-site, LL finishes 9/16*

Seed 4 withdraws due to visa issues from a PSA World Tour Bronze tournament. The main draw first round has already started, but it is the night before the second round is due to begin. A lucky loser from the first round replaces seed 4 in the second round of the main draw. The lucky loser loses their second round match. The prize money is distributed as follows:

LL receives position 9/16 prize money (\$1,240.94)

17/24 total prize fund of \$6,317.52 is now split 7 ways. All remaining first round losers therefore receive \$902.50 each (normally \$789.69)

Withdrawn player receives no prize money and no points. LL receives points for 9/16 finishing position.

#### **4.6.7 No Penalty**

Late withdrawals, in exceptional circumstances, may incur 'no penalty'; this score will not count towards a player's ranking. Accepted exceptional circumstances includes, but is not limited to, the sections outlined below.

##### **4.6.7.1 Visa Issues**

If a player requires a visa to play a tournament, they may withdraw without penalty if the visa is not granted in time, provided they have applied for the documents in reasonable time of the entry confirmation deadline as defined and approved at the discretion of PSA. As a guide, PSA define reasonable time as within five working days of being confirmed in a tournament. Players will be asked to supply supporting evidence of their visa application to receive no penalty for the late withdrawal.

It is a player's responsibility to ensure that they have sufficient time to apply for the visa, taking into account the visa processing time for the country for which they are applying, along with any existing or pending travel arrangements. Furthermore, it is a player's responsibility to ensure that their passport has sufficient validity when applying for a visa. Should a player fail to obtain a visa for these reasons, they will be given a disciplinary zero for a resulting withdrawal.

Failure to provide satisfactory documentation will be penalised in accordance with the *PSA Code of Conduct*.

##### **4.6.7.2 Travel Advice and Issues**

If a player receives written advice from their foreign office that it is advisable not to travel to a certain country, then the player may withdraw from the tournament without penalty. The player must supply official documentation to support such late withdrawal from a tournament. This only applies in instances where travel advice has changed since the player's entry was confirmed in the tournament.

Where players can evidence travel disruption beyond their control, PSA may consider granting no penalty for a late withdrawal.

#### 4.6.7.3 Bereavement

A player who withdraws because of a bereavement will not receive a zero score and have the tournament count as played where the relationship to the bereaved is a spouse or long-term partner, parent, parent-in-law, step-parent, grandparent, sibling, step-sibling or child. Documentation to confirm any such bereavement may be requested by PSA. Any other requests will be at the discretion of PSA.

#### 4.6.8 Multiple Tournament Withdrawal

Where a player withdraws from more than one tournament at the same time on medical grounds, only the first tournament will count as played providing the player submits a valid medical certificate as outlined in section 4.6.5.1 *Medical Certificates*.

A player will receive a penalty zero or disciplinary zero (as appropriate) for each tournament they withdraw from if an acceptable reason / evidence is not provided as outlined in section 4.5 *Withdrawals*.

#### 4.7 Pegged Ranking

A PSA member who has not competed for a minimum of 6 months in any PSA Tour tournament (but has been absent on the tour for no more than 18 months) may be eligible to utilise a pegged ranking (PR) based upon their ranking. Players must notify PSA as soon as possible if they wish to utilise PR.

This elevated ranking will enable them to be placed in tournament entry lists higher than their actual ranking (AR) at the time, and so be placed draw at a level closer to their AR at the point at which they stopped competing. This benefits the returning player and other tournament entrants.

PR is only available on the basis of medical or other related situation, as approved by PSA. PSA may refuse an application if they feel that the medical or related criteria are not applicable or that the player has been fit enough to compete as evidenced by activity other than in PSA registered tournaments.

The six-month minimum is pegged to start from the date PSA receive the medical documentation for the injury which results in the prolonged absence from the PSA Tour\*. The medical documentation must meet the criterion outlined in section 4.6.5.1 *Medical Certificates*.

The injury period is deemed to have ended at the start of the next competition they enter.

The player concerned must have retained unbroken PSA membership during the period of inactivity.

\*In the case of pregnancy, the PR may still be utilised and will be pegged to start from the end date of the last tournament in which the player participated. All other rules relating to PR apply.

##### 4.7.1 Pegged Ranking System

The PR is determined by taking the player's ranking from when it was pegged to start as above, and adding ranking places as follows:

Ranking	Add
1-16	+ 5
17-32	+10
33-64	+15
65+	+20

If the pegged ranking is the same as that of an entered player, the PR player will be placed lower than the player with the actual ranking in the tournament order.

A player is permitted to use a maximum of four PRs.

The use of PRs must be completed within a period of four months, the start of which is taken from the first day of the first tournament a player competes in on their return from injury (regardless of whether the PR is used for this tournament). Eligible tournaments must be completed within four months of this start date.

Example: A player returns from injury and plays their first tournament which begins on 10 March. Their PR can therefore be used in up to four tournaments which end before 10 July.

Note: the first day of the tournament is taken from the first day of first round of the tournament. A completed tournament refers to the last day of the main draw of a tournament (and not the date a player gets eliminated).

Should a player withdraw from a tournament or remain on the reserve list for the tournament where the PR has been used, PSA may consider rescinding the tournament as one of the player's PRs. Such examples include, but are not limited to, visa problems or medical reasons which are evidenced appropriately.

A player is not obliged to use any or all available PRs.

PRs and ARs may be used interchangeably but the player must notify the PSA prior to the tournament closing date and may not alter their status after the entry deadline.

#### **4.7.2 Operation**

A member wishing to be considered for PR must apply to the PSA office no later than seven days before the entry deadline of each tournament they wish to utilise their PR for following their lay off.

### **4.8 Non-Scoring Players**

New tournaments that have not appeared on the previous year's PSA Tour may request a non-scoring player option whereby up to two non-scoring PSA entries are allowed.

#### **4.8.1 Conditions for Non-Scoring Players**

- No more than two non-scoring players are allowed per tournament
- A maximum of one player may be chosen at the discretion of the tournament
- The additional non-scoring option will be allocated to the highest ranked player to apply
- Any non-scoring player who withdraws from the tournament after the closing date will be subject to all the *PSA Code of Conduct* penalties
- In the event of more than two players applying for non-scoring status, the player not granted non-scoring status shall be notified of the fact and may withdraw from the tournament up to 24 hours after the closing date for entries with no penalty
- A player will only be allowed to play two non-scoring tournaments in a season
- Any player who is granted non-scoring when tournament entries close does not have the option to take the points from the tournament
- Any player who loses to a non-scoring player in the tournament, has the option of not taking ranking points for that tournament. They must confirm this within 24 hours of the completion of the tournament

#### **4.8.2 Operation**

A member wishing to be considered for non-scoring must apply to the PSA office no later than seven days before the entry deadline of the tournament.



## Player Commitment

### 5.1 Player Commitment

All PSA players commit to following the rules set forth in the PSA Tour Rule Book.

#### 5.1.1 Membership and Entry Declaration

*"By submitting my membership form to PSA, I acknowledge and understand that it is my responsibility to:*

- *Abide by the policies, rules and regulations set forth by the PSA Tour Rule Book and key PSA policies.*
- *Inform promoters / tournaments of any medical conditions or previous injuries that may affect my safe participation in the sport.*
- *Ensure I have adequate insurance, including but not limited to travel insurance and health insurance (including sports injury).*
- *Provide parental consent if I am under 18.*

*By submitting this membership application form, I agree that the PSA may collect, use and disclose my personal data as provided in this application form (or obtained by the organisation as a result of my membership) for the following purposes, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018 and PSA's Data Protection Policy:*

- *The processing of this membership application.*
- *The administration of the membership within our organisation.*
- *The administration of tournaments including sharing of data with tournament organisers. Information that is shared securely with promoters includes: passports for visa purposes, contact details including email and telephone number, emergency contact details, biography information on your PSA profile and relevant medical information. By the global nature of the sport, this will at times, be shared outside of the European Economic Area, although PSA will ensure that all data is securely transferred via the encrypted password protected website.*
- *The administration of the PSA website and social media channels whereby some data may be published to the general public. This data includes: name, date of birth, place of birth, place of residence, interests, sponsors, coach, social media handles and tournament data and statistics*
- *The administration of compliance with WADA Anti-Doping rules.*

*By entering, I (the player) declare that I am medically fit to participate in the tournament and will abide by the PSA Tour Rule Book. I understand that I enter at my own risk and will not hold PSA or the tournament promoter responsible for any injury, illness or accident to my person, or damage to or any loss of property, resulting from my participation in the tournament provided, however, unless caused by the gross negligence of the tournament promoter. Furthermore, I hereby indemnify PSA fully with respect to any such claims as are made against PSA, the promoter and sponsors in relation to matters arising under this sub-paragraph.*

*By entering a tournament, I understand and agree that my personal data will be shared with the named promoter and appropriate members of the tournament organisation team, such as the medical team or player liaison. These persons must abide by our Data Protection Policy and terms and conditions as outlined in the Player Privacy Notice and PSA Tour Rule Book.*

*Data shared includes:*

- *Biography information and statistical data on PSA profile*
- *Contact and emergency contact information on your PSA profile*
- *Medical information*
- *Passport information (where required to assist visa applications)*

- *PSA are committed to protecting your personal information. Data is stored securely within the encrypted password protected website and promoters agree to PSA's data protection terms and conditions."*

A player who is made eligible to be an 'invitee' shall, for the duration of the player's participation in the tournament, be deemed to be a temporary PSA member and shall comply with all the sections of the PSA Tour Rule Book including but not limited to the *PSA Code of Conduct*.

#### **5.1.2 Conduct**

A PSA player shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. Players should act with integrity and set a positive example, promoting the reputation of the sport and taking all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.

A PSA player must abide by the PSA Tour Rule Book, paying particular attention to the *PSA Code of Conduct*. It is expected that PSA players also take the time to ensure they are familiar with and abide by key PSA policies and rules.

Players must also make every effort to ensure their player support team, including but not limited to coaches, parents and medical professionals, are aware of the *PSA Code of General Conduct & Ethics* and supporting documentation.

#### **5.1.3 Best Efforts**

A PSA player shall use their best efforts to win a match when competing in a PSA Tour sanctioned tournament.

#### **5.1.4 Anti-Corruption**

A PSA player shall be bound by the *PSA Anti-Corruption Code and WSF rules for the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions*. It is the responsibility of all participants to make themselves aware of the code.

Violation of this code shall subject the player to the PSA and/or WSF Disciplinary Procedure and the range of permissible sanctions.

#### **5.1.5 Anti-Doping Policy**

To harmonise anti-doping policies at the world level of squash, the World Squash Federation (WSF) has signed an agreement with the Professional Squash Association (PSA). All are signed up to the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) code. The PSA is unequivocally opposed, on ethical and medical grounds, to the practice of doping in sport and fully supports the position of the International Olympic Committee/World Anti-Doping Agency (IOC/WADA) against the use of banned substances and methods. The use, possession and/or trafficking of banned substances, methods, or the encouragement/counselling to use banned substances, or methods; and/or taking measures to mask the use of banned substances, or methods by any participant in competitions over which the WSF and/or PSA has jurisdiction is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. The WSF policy on doping is to ensure fair and equal competition among athletes and by concern for the health of athletes participating in such competition. This policy shall apply to all participants in competitions over which the WSF and/or PSA has jurisdiction and provides for sanctions against any player found guilty of doping offense. All PSA players are subject to doping controls (urine analyses, blood tests and other authorised techniques for detecting prohibited substances or methods). It is intended that all participants be subject to year-round out-of-competition testing and that the code not apply solely to in-competition testing. It is every PSA player's obligation to be familiar and compliant with the WADA code. A copy of the WADA code is available in the member section of the PSA website.

#### **5.1.6 Gambling and Wagers**

No PSA player shall wager, cause to wager or benefit from the wagering of anything of value in connection with any tour sanctioned tournament. Violation of this section shall subject the player to a fine up to £10,000 GBP and/or suspension from play in the tour for a period up to three years.

#### **5.1.7 Promotional Activities**

A PSA player is obliged to attend all off-court group promotional events arranged by the tournament. The PSA board will take strong disciplinary action against those players who refuse or do not make themselves available to participate in promotional activities.

A detailed plan of promotional activities must be communicated with PSA for their approval. Promotional activities, as agreed with PSA, can be made mandatory if confirmed at least five days before tournaments close for entries. After this time, mandatory promotional activities will be specified at the discretion of PSA and cannot be guaranteed.

#### **5.1.8 Player Publicity**

All PSA members agree to waive in full all their individual claims on performers' and intellectual property rights.

PSA membership means that all members grant PSA and PSA Tour tournaments the right to use their name, photograph, likeness, biography, logo, artwork, voice or other similar identification for the purposes of promoting the PSA Tour. This includes but is not limited to pictures, programmes, broadcasts and telecasts and all other publicity and promotional materials and media, including publicity and promotion in connection with a commercial product, as long as such publicity and promotion is directly related to the publicity and promotion of the PSA Tour, its sponsors and tournaments, and does not constitute a direct individual endorsement of such commercial product.

Each member transfers to PSA any television rights they may own in all PSA Tour tournaments in which the player participates.

#### **5.1.9 Interviews**

PSA players should set aside 15 minutes immediately following each match regardless of outcome to speak to the media, if required.

#### **5.1.10 SQUASHTV and TV Interviews**

Players will be required to make themselves available for interviews whilst at the tournament by PSA's media partners. In the event that a player fails to make themselves available at the appropriate time, the player will be in breach of the *PSA Code of Conduct*. PSA players who make it through to the semi-final and final stages of tournaments that are being filmed by SQUASHTV will make themselves available for 15 minutes immediately following each match or at the practise session the following morning to do their TV interview for the SQUASHTV/TV production.

#### **5.1.11 Social Media**

All players competing on the PSA Tour agree to behave in a manner befitting the organisation when posting and commenting on social media channels and in accordance with the *PSA Code of Conduct*.

#### **5.1.12 Playing Another Tournament (PSA)**

A PSA player may not play in two PSA tournaments where draw dates overlap.

Players may request for a clash to be lifted for two tournaments where the main draw dates may slightly overlap. This must be done in writing to the PSA office at least one week before the tournament closes. Any clash lift will be at the PSA office's discretion, and decisions on such requests will be made after assessing each individual case.

##### **5.1.12.1 Playing Another Tournament (Non-PSA Tournament)**

No player who has been confirmed in a PSA tournament shall play in any other competitive squash tournament during the period of such tournament, without the express written consent of the PSA. This rule still applies should a player withdraw from a tournament due to injury or illness.

#### **5.1.12.2 Exhibition Tournaments**

A PSA player will not play an exhibition or tournament of any sort in a 50 mile (80 km) radius of a sanctioned PSA tournament within seven days on either side or during that tournament without written permission of the tournament promoter or PSA.

#### **5.1.12.3 Rival Tours**

No player will play in a rival tour whilst he is a member of the PSA. A rival tour is a tour, championship or series of tournaments that the PSA consider may damage or affect the good standing of the PSA, its members and own tour.

#### **5.1.13 Mandatory Tournament Appearance**

A player is obligated to commit to playing mandatory tournaments, as outlined in the PSA Tour Rule Book.

Where a player is unable to adhere to this commitment due to bone fide injury or exceptional circumstances, as validated and approved by PSA, the player may be removed from the tournament without further penalty. Any such withdrawal must be done in writing to PSA office. All other rules as outlined in section 4.5 *Withdrawals* applies.

Where non-participation is not approved by PSA, a player will be subject to be penalised in accordance with the *PSA Code of Conduct*.

##### **5.1.13.1 PSA World Tour Platinum Tournaments\***

The top eight players in the PSA World Rankings, as defined at the time of the tournament closing date, are committed to playing all PSA World Tour Platinum tournaments with the exception of players who have reached the age of 35 before the start of the first PSA World Tour Platinum tournament of the season. Players aged 35 and above are entitled to miss one PSA World Tour Platinum tournament per season.

##### **5.1.13.2 PSA World Tour Finals\***

The top eight players in the PSA World Tour Ranking, as defined on completion of all World Tour tournaments in a given season, is committed to participating in the PSA World Tour Finals.

##### **5.1.13.3 PSA World Championships\***

The top sixteen players in the PSA World Rankings, as defined at the time of the tournament closing date, are committed to playing the PSA World Championships.

\*Note: players for whom it is mandatory to compete are automatically entered into these tournaments on the first day of the month in which the tournament closes for entries.

#### **5.1.14 Performance Waivers**

All PSA members on subscribing to the association agree to waive, in full, their entire individual claims on performer and intellectual property rights.

#### **5.2 PSA Representative**

If the PSA Chief Executive or PSA Chief Operating Officer is present at a tournament he is the official PSA representative. If not, then a board member can act in that capacity, if so appointed.

## **Player Conditions**

### **6.1 Player Eligibility**

To compete in a PSA Tour sanctioned tournament a player must be a member of the PSA (see section 8 *PSA Membership*) or PSA approved invitee.

All players entering PSA Tour sanctioned tournaments must be in good standing with the PSA. In particular, all outstanding fees and fines must be fully paid prior to entering a tournament. PSA reserves the right to bar a player from participating in a sanctioned tournament for non-compliance with any disciplinary action.

### **6.2 Payment of Fees and Fines**

Every PSA member shall pay to the PSA an annual subscription in each calendar year of their membership. This is, from time to time, determined by the board. A member shall not be entitled to exercise any of the rights or privileges of membership until they have paid all monies payable to the association upon becoming a member. If any member shall fail to pay to the association any amount owing from such member in respect of:

Membership fees and subscription for a period of one month following the due date thereof

Or

Fines or penalties imposed under the *PSA Code of Conduct* for a period of 30 days following the date upon which written notice of the same was duly given to such member.

Then all rights and privileges exercisable by the player as a member of the association shall be immediately suspended. In the event of a member being suspended, resigning their membership or the association otherwise terminating the membership, their subscription shall be payable in full for the year during which such suspension, resignation or termination of membership occurs. If they have already paid such subscription they shall not be entitled to recover such payment or any part thereof from the association. PSA may consider allowing a suspended player to retain their PSA membership, and therefore PSA World Ranking, pending the outcome of any ongoing investigation or disciplinary action. This is fully at the discretion of the PSA.

Any fully paid up member for the previous two consecutive years who is unable to compete on the PSA Tour for a period of 12 months or more, and who provides a medical certificate that evidences that, will be granted a credit of 50% of the then current annual membership fee against future fees.

#### **6.2.1 Membership Renewals**

A current PSA member must renew their membership one month prior to the lapse of their existing membership to guarantee retention of their PSA World Ranking points.

### **6.3 Conduct**

A PSA player shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others.

A PSA player must comply with the *PSA Code of Conduct*. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

#### **6.3.1 Disciplinary Action**

PSA reserve the right to take disciplinary action for circumstances which the PSA consider a breach of the conditions set forth in this PSA Tour Rule Book; such action will be taken in conjunction with the *PSA Code of Conduct*. PSA's disciplinary procedure can be found in *Appendix XII*.

PSA reserve the right to use SquashRef statistics, as published on the PSA secure site, to take disciplinary action against players. This may include, but is not limited to:



- Action against both players in any one match where there has been a significantly high number of decisions
- Action against any individual player who consistently has a high number of decisions per match

### **6.3.2 Mutual Recognition of Disciplinary Penalties**

The World Squash Federation (WSF) and PSA have entered into an agreement for the mutual recognition of disciplinary penalties. Each party had a disciplinary system comprising a set of rules and administering instituting and determining disciplinary matters, including the imposition of penalties.

PSA agree to uphold any disciplinary action taken by the WSF International Disciplinary Action, as outlined in the 'Agreement for the mutual recognition of disciplinary penalties' between the WSF and PSA.

Members must comply with and not be in breach of the rules and processes contained in the rules of WSF, Regional Federations, each player's member nation, and any member nation in which a player plays a squash tournament. PSA will provide the imposition of penalties for a breach of any such rule.

See the *PSA Code of Conduct* for further details.

### **6.3.3 Player Communication and Bonus Entitlement**

Players are expected to respond to PSA and promoters in a timely and professional manner. Where a player fails to submit information requested by a given deadline to a promoter or PSA, the player may lose the right to the service being offered. This includes but is not limited to accommodation bonuses, transport and visas services.

Violation of this section will be dealt with in accordance with the *PSA Code of Conduct*.

## **6.4 Clothing Regulations**

Every player shall dress and present themselves for play in a professional manner.

### **6.4.1 On-Court**

The following clothing rule shall apply without exception to all PSA Tour tournaments.

In all matters of judgement or opinion arising from the interpretation of this clothing rule, the decision of the tournament referee or on-site PSA representative shall be final, except that they may not rule illegal or unacceptable an item of clothing or a design which has been approved by the PSA.

In addition to the above, clean and customarily acceptable squash attire shall be worn.

Unacceptable attire shall include:

- Sweatshirts
- Tracksuits (tracksuit trousers may be worn for religious regions after approval from PSA)
- Long sleeved tops
- Promotional t-shirts
- Training tops
- Leggings
- Aerobic bodysuit of any description
- Long sleeved compression garments
- Full length compression stockings (leggings)

Playing clothing shall consist of:

For men - a short-sleeved polo shirt with an attached collar or non-cotton t-shirt and shorts outfit, sleeveless playing top and shorts outfit, shorts, socks and non-marking indoor court shoes.



Compression shorts above the knee are allowed to be worn under playing shorts. Compression socks up to the knee are allowed.

For women – A short-sleeved polo shirt with an attached collar or non-cotton t-shirt, sleeveless non-cotton vest top, dress, shorts, skirt, socks and non-marking indoor court shoes.

Compression shorts above the knee are allowed to be worn under playing shorts, skirts and dresses. Compression socks up to the knee are allowed.

Players may wear clothing of any colour or combination of colours.

All clothing shall conform to the accepted standards of decency and cultural/religious tradition of the country in which the competition is taking place, as adjudged by the tournament referee.

Both players shall be obliged to wear distinctly different coloured clothing. The higher seeded player will have first choice. This colour/style must be worn for the duration of the match. If a player has to change his/her top during a match he/she must make sure that they wear the same colour and style of shirt as they started the match. It is the responsibility of the players to comply with this rule. As the PSA is very serious about its media obligations, non-compliance of this rule will result in application of the *PSA Code of Conduct*.

Headwear, other than that normally worn for religious, cultural or medical reasons, is not permitted, with the exception of headbands, bandannas and straps for approved eye-guards.

All members aged U19 on the day that their match takes place are obligated to wear protective eyewear (manufactured to an approved national safety standard) properly over the eyes at all times during practice and match play. It is the responsibility of the individual player to ensure that the quality of the product worn is satisfactory for the purpose. The list of WSF Certified Eyewear allowable at the time of participation can be viewed on the WSF website.

Any jewellery or watches worn by a player shall not be so conspicuous or brightly reflecting as to distract or un-sight an opponent and shall not be potentially dangerous. The tournament referee may require the removal of any piece of jewellery deemed to violate the above.

Referees are given the authority not to allow any player, breaching these rules, back on court and the player may be disqualified.

Any violation of this section will be dealt with in accordance with the *PSA Code of Conduct*.

#### **6.4.1.1 SQUASHTV Clothing**

In addition to the above, for any match covered by television or SQUASHTV, players' clothing shall conform to the advertising regulations published and generally applied by the appropriate television authority of the country in which the match is being played.

Any violation of this section will be dealt with in accordance with the *PSA Code of Conduct*.

#### **6.4.1.2 Clothing Logos and Marks**

Playing tops may carry marks and logos as defined in PSA's Clothing Regulations document.

#### **6.4.2 Off-Court**

The following dress code will apply to all PSA sanctioned tournaments:

Court venue: Neat trousers, polo or dress shirt, tie street shoes or loafers or professional athletic gear, including warm-ups and tracksuits. Only smart jeans will be allowed (e.g. no faded jeans, or those with holes or rips).

Tournament hotel: Neat trousers, smart jeans, polo or dress shirt, tie street shoes or loafers or professional athletic gear, including warm-ups and tracksuits.

Tournament functions: Neat long trousers, polo or dress shirt, tie shoes or loafers with sport jacket or neat sweater (you must check the player information sheet to confirm what dress is required). All dress should be appropriate to the environment.

Any violation of this section will be dealt with in accordance with the *PSA Code of Conduct*.

### **6.5 Player Grievances**

Tournament promoters are required to follow the PSA Tour Rule Book. Any player feeling an injustice has been done should report their grievance immediately to PSA office. PSA endeavour to investigate all player grievances as full as possible.

## PSA World Rankings

### 7.1 PSA World Rankings

PSA World Rankings are calculated and published on the first day of each month. PSA World Ranking points are allocated based on tournament level and remain on a player's ranking for 12 months, this period commencing from the next published ranking after the tournament is completed. Players automatically receive ranking points appropriate to their final placing in a tournament, with the exception of WSF & PSA Satellite Tour tournaments, where points must be claimed via the secure members' site by the player.

The points table showing the breakdown of points awarded for each tournament can be found in *Appendix X*.

The PSA World Ranking is used for selection of entries and the determining of seeds in each PSA Tour tournament.

The total number of points a player accumulates in any 12-month period is divided by the number of tournaments played to give an average score (the minimum is currently 10 tournaments for men and 9 for women). The average score is the factor that dictates where a player is placed in the PSA World Rankings. Until a player plays 10 tournaments (men) or 9 tournaments (women), their total points' accumulation will be divided by this minimum divisor (10 for men, 9 for women) and after that it will be determined by the formulae below:

#### 7.1.1 Men's World Ranking Divisors

<b>Tournaments played</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Divisor</b>	10	10	10	10	11	11	12

<b>Tournaments played</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Divisor</b>	12	13	13	14	14	15	15

#### 7.1.2 Women's World Ranking Divisors

<b>Tournaments played</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Divisor</b>	9	9	9	9	10	10	11

<b>Tournaments played</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Divisor</b>	11	12	12	13	13	14	15

Example: a player who has competed in 13 tournaments will have selected their best 10 scores which will be accumulated and divided by 10 to give the player's average.

#### 7.1.3 PSA World Tour Finals Ranking Points

Players who qualify for the PSA World Tour Finals will automatically receive PSA World Ranking points should they win one or more matches during the tournament. These points will remain on the player's ranking for 12 months, taken from the date of the next published ranking. However, unlike in other PSA tournaments, the PSA World Tour Finals will not count as a tournament played and therefore will not be used in increasing a player's divisor.

### 7.2 Equal Rankings

Players who have the same average when the PSA World Rankings are calculated are deemed to be of 'equal ranking'. Players with equal rankings are ordered in the published PSA World Ranking list as follows (in order of priority):

1. Tournaments played (most first)
2. Ranking last month
3. Tournaments played last month (most first)

#### 4. Name (alphabetical)

Note: A different ordering process is applied in tournament entry lists for players who are of equal ranking (see section 4 *The Competition*).

### 7.3 WSF & PSA Junior Rankings

WSF & PSA Junior Rankings are calculated and published on the first day of each month for both U17 and U19 age groups. Points are awarded based on the schedule in *Appendix X*. Rankings will be based on the same divisor method as the PSA World Ranking.

Points from WSF & PSA World Junior Championships, WSF & PSA Regional Junior Championships, WSF & PSA National Junior Opens and WSF & PSA National Junior Championships are automatically added to the WSF & PSA Junior Rankings for all competitors.

In addition, PSA World Ranking points earned are automatically added to the WSF & PSA Junior Ranking for U19 and U17 PSA members.

Note: All players in the U17 category will automatically be included in the U19 rankings. Once a player turns 17 or 19, they will no longer appear in the respective WSF & PSA Junior Ranking. For example, if a player's 19th birthday is on the 15 August, the last time they will appear in the WSF & PSA U19 Junior Rankings would be the 1 August. They would no longer be eligible to be in the September rankings.

### 7.4 PSA World Tour Finals: Road to Host Leaderboard

PSA have a separate PSA World Tour Finals ranking, known as the "Road to Host Leaderboard", which operates on a seasonal basis (1 August to 30 June the following year).

These standings are calculated by using the cumulative total of points earned in PSA World Tour tournaments taking place in the given season.

The reigning PSA World Champion and the seven season PSA World Tour Platinum winners will automatically qualify for the PSA World Tour Finals. Any remaining places will be allocated to the next highest ranked player on the Road to Host Leaderboard after the final PSA World Tour tournament in the given season.

Players who qualify for this tournament are obligated to participate.

#### 7.4.1 Road to Host Leaderboard: Rankings

A player's unique ranking number will be determined using the following ordering system:

1. Highest cumulative total of points from PSA World Tour tournaments within the season
2. Highest number of PSA World Tour tournaments played within the season
3. Furthest rounds reached within the season in PSA World Tour tournaments, starting with highest number of finals reached (if no differentiation can be made by number of finals, then the calculation moves onto semi-finals, then quarter-finals and so on and so forth)

Any player with exactly the same values for all three of these, will have the same joint ranking.

#### 7.4.2 Road to Host Leaderboard: Entry List Rankings

Where players have the same joint ranking on the Road to Host Leaderboard at the end of the season (as determined in section 7.4.1 *Road to Host Leaderboard: Rankings*), their position in the entry list for the PSA World Tour Finals draw will be determined by a randomly assigned token.

#### 7.4.3 Road to Host Leaderboard: Seeding

Players who qualify for the PSA World Tour Finals, including those that have qualified automatically, will be seeded according to section 7.4.2 *Road to Host Leaderboard: Rankings* ordering system.

### **7.5 Satellite Points**

Ranking points from PSA & WSF Satellite Tour tournaments are only awarded if a player claims them. This must be done via the members' secure site within 24 hours of the completion of the tournament. No late requests are accepted.

## PSA Membership

### 8.1 Membership Categories

Membership of the PSA binds an individual to the policies, rules and regulations set forth by the PSA board in the PSA Tour Rule Book.

Members may only apply for one category of membership of the association. A member cannot join two or more categories of membership. PSA membership is open to male and female players. The minimum age is 15 years old as of the date of joining. It is mandatory for PSA members to hold a valid WSF SPIN.

The PSA has the following classes of membership:

- World member
- Regional member
- Country member
- Junior member
- Honorary member

Each membership category is separated into men and women. Prices between men and women's memberships may vary.

World, regional, country and junior members of the association are liable for payment of the PSA player contribution to the association on prize money earned in PSA Tour tournaments.

A half yearly membership applies from 1 January to 30 June, or 1 July to 31 December.

#### 8.1.1 World Member

A world member is entitled to:

- Enter PSA sanctioned tournaments and be awarded PSA World Ranking points
- A position in the PSA World Ranking list
- Receive regular updates on PSA tournaments and tour issues
- Two votes at any meeting of members of the association
- Nominate members for election in accordance with Article 50 (b) of the constitution
- Exercise votes on a voting list in accordance with Article 50 (f) of the constitution

A world member may downgrade to a regional membership should their PSA World Ranking fall outside of 1-100.

#### 8.1.2 Regional Member

The regions of membership for a regional member are:

- Oceania, Asia and Africa
- Europe
- Pan America

A regional member is entitled to:

- Enter PSA sanctioned tournaments in their nominated region only and be awarded PSA World Ranking points
- A position in the PSA World Ranking list
- Receive regular updates on PSA tournaments and tour issues
- One vote at any meeting of members of the association
- Nominate members for election in accordance with Article 50 (b) of the constitution
- Exercise votes on a voting list in accordance with Article 50 (f) of the constitution



A regional member must upgrade to a world member on reaching the top 100 in the PSA World Rankings for two consecutive ranking lists. The member must pay the difference in membership fees on reaching such a ranking.

### **8.1.3 Country Member**

A country member is entitled to:

- Enter PSA sanctioned tournaments in their nominated country only and be awarded PSA World Ranking points
- A position in the PSA World Ranking list
- Receive regular updates on PSA tournaments and tour issues
- One vote at any meeting of members of the association
- Nominate members for election in accordance with Article 50 (b) of the constitution
- Exercise votes on a voting list in accordance with Article 50 (f) of the constitution

A country member must upgrade to a world member on reaching the top 100 in the PSA World Rankings on two consecutive ranking lists. The member must pay the difference in membership fees on reaching such a ranking.

### **8.1.4 Junior Member**

A junior member is entitled to:

- Enter PSA sanctioned tournaments and be awarded PSA World Ranking points
- A position in the PSA World Ranking list
- Receive regular updates on PSA tournaments and tour issues
- A junior member is not entitled to vote at any meeting of members of the association, nor nominate members for election nor exercise votes on a voting list.

To qualify as a junior member, he or she must be under the age of 19 years on the 1 January of the membership calendar year. A junior member must upgrade to a world member on reaching the top 100 in the PSA World Rankings on two consecutive ranking lists. The member must pay the difference in membership fees on reaching such a ranking.

PSA take the welfare and safeguarding of its junior members seriously and therefore require consent from a parent or guardian where a player is under 19 years of age upon signing up. In addition, PSA have a robust set of policies, procedures and guidance in place to safeguard junior athletes; see the *PSA Code of General Conduct & Ethics* for guidance and supporting documents.

## **8.2 Honorary Member**

An honorary member shall be a person elected by the board to be a member of the association for a specific period or for life. The board has an absolute discretion in determining whether a person shall be elected as an honorary member, but it shall consider the extent of that person's contribution to the objects of the association. An honorary member shall be entitled to those rights and privileges which the board may from time to time determine, provided that no honorary member shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of members of the association, nominate members for election or exercise votes on a voting list as set out in these articles.

## **8.3 WSF & PSA Satellite Tour Players**

All players competing in PSA sanctioned WSF & PSA Satellite tours must register with PSA their full name, date of birth, a contact email address and representative country. Whilst competing in a PSA sanctioned tournament, all players are bound by the *PSA Code of Conduct*.

## **WSF & PSA Satellite Tour**

In partnership, WSF and PSA are integrating sanctioned world, regional, national and junior tournaments into the PSA World Rankings, designed to create a pathway for up-and-coming players to join the professional circuit.

### **9.1 Category of Tournaments**

The following tournaments fall within the WSF & PSA Satellite Tour:

- WSF & PSA National Championships
- WSF & PSA World and Regional Junior Championship
- WSF & PSA National Junior Open
- WSF & PSA National Junior Championships
- WSF & PSA Satellite tournaments

#### **9.1.1 WSF National Championships**

All WSF & PSA National Championships tournaments are entitled to register with PSA free of charge. Entry into these men's and women's tournaments must be open to any citizen or resident of the country, as allowed by the eligibility rules of the host WSF member.

There are no prize money restrictions for this level of tournament.

Note: Only one WSF National Championship may be registered per country, per division, per 12-rolling months. WSF & PSA National Championships men and women's divisions may be registered separately if not held together, and it is not a requirement that both divisions are held and registered.

##### **9.1.1.2 Eligibility to Play**

Entries are determined by the national federation hosting the tournament.

#### **9.1.2 WSF World and Regional Junior Championship**

WSF World and Regional Junior Championships will be registered free of charge as WSF World or Regional Junior Championships as appropriate (U17 and U19) e.g. European Junior Championships, Asian Junior Championships etc. Other age groups may be run alongside these age groups, but points are only available for U17 and U19 categories and will not register additional age groups.

There are no prize money restrictions for this level of tournament.

##### **9.1.2.1 Eligibility to Play**

WSF & PSA World and Regional Junior Opens must be open to any junior player. All players competing must have a WSF SPIN membership.

To play in a junior tournament, the player must be under 19 on the final day of the tournament (U19 category) or under 17 on the final day of the tournament (U17 category).

#### **9.1.3 WSF & PSA National Junior Open**

All WSF & PSA National Junior Open tournaments are entitled to register with PSA free of charge (U17 and U19).

There are no prize money restrictions for this level of tournament.

Only one WSF & PSA National Junior Open may be registered per country, per division, per 12-rolling months. Note: U17 and U19 tournaments may be registered separately if not held together, and it is not a requirement that both age groups are held and registered.

##### **9.1.3.1 Eligibility to Play**

WSF & PSA National Junior Opens must be open to any junior player. All players competing must have a WSF SPIN membership.

To play in a junior tournament, the player must be under 19 on the final day of the tournament (U19 category) or under 17 on the final day of the tournament (U17 category).

#### **9.1.4 WSF & PSA National Junior Championships**

All WSF & PSA National Junior Championships are entitled to register with PSA free of charge (U17 and U19).

There are no prize money restrictions for this level of tournament.

##### **9.1.4.1 Eligibility to Play**

Entries are determined by the national federation hosting the tournament.

To play in a junior tournament, the player must be under 19 on the final day of the tournament (U19 category) or under 17 on the final day of the tournament (U17 category).

#### **9.1.5 WSF & PSA Satellite Tournament**

Satellite tournaments must feature a draw with minimum prize money of \$1,000 for men and \$500 for women, and a maximum purse of \$4,999. It is not a requirement that both a men's and women's division are held.

The registration fee is \$100 (+ VAT where applicable) regardless of whether one or both divisions are held.

These tournaments must be managed by a local promoter that has been recognised as being in good standing with PSA or WSF. PSA and/or WSF reserve the right to refuse or remove sanctioning of a WSF & PSA Satellite Tournament at their discretion. Unless otherwise agreed, PSA do not require the endorsement of a national federation for a WSF & PSA Satellite tournament.

##### **9.1.5.1 Eligibility to Play**

Both PSA and non-PSA players are eligible to compete in WSF & PSA Satellite tournaments.

WSF & PSA Satellite tournaments must have a clear, transparent and inclusive entry process, disclosed to PSA on request. PSA members may compete in as many WSF & PSA Satellite tournaments as they please but may only claim points if the tournament falls within their PSA membership eligibility. All PSA members competing must have a WSF SPIN membership.

Any PSA player receives priority according to ranking on entering a WSF & PSA Satellite tournament, as long as it is prior to the closing date.

#### **9.2 Registration Procedure**

All WSF & PSA Satellite Tour tournaments must submit a completed registration form at least 4 weeks (28 days) prior to the start of the tournament. WSF & PSA Satellite tournaments must also complete payment of the registration fee by this deadline; all other tournaments are registered free of charge on submission of the complete registration form.

The PSA offers discounts for multiple WSF Satellite tournament registrations and early tournament registration. These are as follows:

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| • Registration of a minimum of three tournaments | 10% discount |
| • Registration of a minimum of six tournaments   | 15% discount |
| • Registration of a minimum of nine tournaments  | 20% discount |

### 9.3 Delivery

All WSF & PSA Satellite Tour tournaments are run by WSF members or sanctioned independent promoters. The PSA will provide administrative support to all tournaments to ensure that the tournaments will count towards the PSA World Rankings and WSF & PSA Junior Rankings.

The minimum draw size is 16 players. A tournament should, wherever possible, have a complete draw. Tournaments should run over a minimum of two days. Tournaments may use whichever format they like (recommended: knock-out, round robin or monrad), however this must be made clear at the point of player entry and cannot be changed after the entry closing deadline.

Finishing positions must be able to be determined as follows to meet the PSA criteria:

Winner; Runner-up; [3/4]; [5/8]; [9/16]; [17/32]; [33/64]

Tournaments are required to use the current PSA World Rankings / WSF & PSA Junior Rankings for seeding participants when making the draw. In special circumstances, a dispensation on this rule may be granted on request, to allow national rankings to be used.

The draw must be made according to the random draw method outlined in Appendix VI, and should be sent, along with the seeding list, to PSA at least five days before the tournament commences.

### 9.4 Prize Money

WSF & PSA Satellite tournaments have a minimum prize money of \$1,000 (\$500 for women) and a maximum purse of \$4,999. No tournament on the WSF & PSA Satellite Tour is permitted in any way to offer player guarantees or incentives other than prize money. All other tournaments within this category do not have any prize money restrictions.

The tournament can determine the prize money breakdown and payment method. However, they must inform PSA and all entrants before the tournament commences of how the prize money is to be distributed.

Non-payment of prize money by a tournament may mean suspension from running WSF & PSA tournaments indefinitely.

### 9.5 Points

Points are awarded based on the schedule in *Appendix X*.

Points from the following tournaments will be automatically added to the WSF & PSA Junior Ranking for all competitors but will not be added to the player's PSA World Ranking unless claimed separately via the members' secure site within 24 hours of the end of the tournament.

- WSF World and WSF & PSA Regional Junior Championships
- WSF & PSA National Junior Opens
- WSF & PSA National Junior Championships

Points from the following tournaments must be claimed by a player via the members' secure site and, once claimed, will be added to both the WSF & PSA Junior Rankings and PSA World Rankings (a player cannot choose to simply add them to one or the other). To be eligible to claim points, the player must hold the correct PSA membership:

- WSF & PSA National Championships
- WSF & PSA Satellite tournaments
- PSA World Championship

Points from the following tournaments will be automatically added to the WSF & PSA Junior Rankings and PSA World Rankings for players who hold a PSA membership:

- PSA Challenger Tour tournaments

- PSA World Tour tournaments

## 9.6 WSF & PSA Junior Rankings

WSF & PSA Junior Rankings are calculated and published on the first day of each month for both U17 and U19 age groups.

WSF & PSA Junior Rankings will be calculated using the divisors outlined in section 7 *PSA World Rankings*. This is the same method as used for the PSA World Rankings.

Note: All players in the U17 category will automatically be included in the U19 rankings. Once a player turns 17 or 19, they will no longer appear in the respective WSF & PSA Junior Ranking. For example, if a player's 19th birthday is on the 15 August, the last time they will appear in the WSF & PSA U19 Junior Rankings would be the 1 August. They would no longer be eligible to be in the September rankings.

## 9.7 Tournament Conditions

The tournament promoter must supply each player, on application, with the details of any rules and regulations of the tournament. These details should clearly state if there is an entry fee, amount of prize money offered and breakdown, draw dates, draw format, closing deadlines for entries and any other relevant information.

Tournaments must supply PSA with a copy of the draw, including seeding, at least one week prior to the start of the tournament and full results within 24 hours of completion of the tournament. All tournaments must provide results and finishing positions in the format outlined by PSA to enable points to be automatically awarded where applicable. Integration is possible with the following software: Ranked In, SportyHQ, Tournament Software, Club Locker

All courts used must adhere to the specifications and guidelines imposed by the World Squash Federation. Further information can be found via the following link [WSF Specification for Squash Court](#) and also on the WSF official website.

Tournaments must use the Dunlop pro squash ball as this is the exclusive ball of the PSA Tour, unless otherwise advised, PSA can provide tournaments with Dunlop balls and will only charge for the cost of shipment.

Tournaments must adhere to the *Tournament Commitment* set out within this Tour Rule Book.

## 9.8 Tournament and Promoter Responsibility

The tournament promoter agrees to be responsible for the organisation, administration, security and safety of the tournament's venue and to ensure that the venue complies in all respects with applicable health and safety laws and regulations.

The tournament promoter agrees to act in good faith and in the best interests of the PSA and its members and in the best interests of the game of squash at all times. This includes, but is not limited to, understanding the importance of *PSA's Safeguarding Policy, Code of General Conduct & Ethics, PSA Anti-Corruption Code and WSF rules for the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions* and *PSA's Data Protection and Data Processor* policies and ensuring these are implemented and understood by all tournament personnel.

The tournament promoter agrees to abide by the PSA Tour Rule Book in all respects and by the final decisions made by the PSA Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer or Tour Director.

In the absence of the above, the promoter-of-record, as determined by signature of the tournament contract form, is authorised to make any and all necessary on-site judgements, changes and decisions regarding the effective presentation of a PSA Tour tournament. However, he or she should make every effort to contact the PSA office before making a decision regarding PSA rules and regulations.

The tournament promoter shall, during the course of a tournament, make a note of any incident that he or she believes constitutes a violation of the PSA Tour Rule Book. The tournament promoter shall also, at the conclusion of the tournament, furnish a written report to the PSA office, regarding any such occurrence. This must be submitted to PSA within seven days of the conclusion of a tournament.

## 9.9 Summary

Category	Registration fee	Eligibility / age	Full PSA membership required*	SPIN required*	Prize money
World / Regional Junior Championships^	Free	Entries from: Worlds: WSF Full Member Nations Regional: Regional Member Nations	Optional	Required for all entries in all age groups	As decided by WSF / Regions
National Championship (Senior)	Free	Decided by the National Federation	Optional	Optional	Optional
National Junior Championship^	Free	Decided by the National Federation / age categories	Optional	Optional	Optional
National Junior Open^	Free	International entry / age categories	Optional	Required for all entries in U19/17 age groups. Other ages optional	Optional
Satellite Tournaments	\$100 (+VAT)	International entry	Optional	Optional	Minimums: Men: \$1,000 Women: \$500 Maximum: \$4,999

^Only U17 and U19 age categories are registered and eligible for points

PSA membership and SPIN are required by all players for all tournaments if they wish to earn PSA World Ranking points



## **PSA Code of Conduct**

### **Article 1. General**

#### **A. Purpose**

The purpose of this code is to ensure the orderly and fair administration and conduct of PSA Tour sanctioned tournaments.

The PSA Code of Conduct will constitute the basis for disciplinary action against any PSA player. The PSA also agree to uphold any disciplinary action taken by the WSF International Disciplinary Action, as outlined in the 'Agreement for the mutual recognition of disciplinary penalties' between the WSF and PSA. As determined by the PSA Board, PSA may also agree to uphold any disciplinary action taken by a National Federation or an international recognised sporting committee.

All fines are to be paid in Pounds Sterling (GBP). PSA also issue suspended fines which will be held on a player's record for 12 calendar months from the date of issue. Any other breach of the PSA Code of Conduct within the next 12 months will mean the player is liable for any suspended fines and any further fines issued by the disciplinary committee.

PSA publish details of all player violations of the PSA Code of Conduct on a quarterly basis.

#### **B. Applicability**

This code is applicable as stated herein to all PSA Tour sanctioned squash tournaments should the players participating therein prior to or after its conclusion.

A match referee, tournament referee, tournament promoter or any PSA representative may initiate action under this code.

#### **C. Further Action**

Where a player's offence(s) is particularly harmful to the success of a tournament, PSA or the sport of squash, the player may be found in violation of Article 6. Player Major Offences.

Where a player violates the PSA Code of Conduct on multiple occasions, regardless of severity, they may also be found in violation of Article 6. Player Major Offences.

#### **D. Spot Fines**

Denoted with an asterisk (\*), a spot fine will be imposed immediately by PSA for a breach of the Code of Conduct. Spot fines cannot be appealed through the PSA Disciplinary Board, but exceptional circumstances may be considered by PSA. The normal appeals route still applies.

#### **E. Administration Fees**

An administration fee of £20 will be automatically applied by PSA for a breach of the Code of Conduct 3A. This will apply for each breach of this code, regardless of whether they occur at the same time. The fee will be applied on the first (working) day of the month where the breach is denoted on a player's PSA World Ranking.

### **Article 2. Professional Behaviour**

PSA members must conform to the highest standards of professional conduct at all times.

#### **A. Unprofessional Conduct**

Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a professional manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators, PSA staff and others. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £1,000 GBP and the possible suspension of the player for up to 12 months.

For the purpose of this rule, unprofessional conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to PSA, officials, opponents and/or the sport of squash, but that does not fall within the prohibition of any specific offence contained herein.

#### B. Public Relations

No player or official of the PSA shall at any time give, make, issue, authorise or endorse any public statement which will have, or design to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the PSA or the sport of squash. Any breach of this could lead to a maximum fine of up to £1,000 GBP and a possible suspension of up to 12 months at the discretion of the PSA Board.

#### C. Public Communications

All PSA Tour players are required to refrain from publishing any information before official PSA communication is released, relating to, but not limited to the following:

- Any withdrawal from a PSA World Tour tournament
- Release of embargoed draws
- Any disciplinary matter
- PSA Tour tournament news, such as new PSA tournaments

Any breach of this could lead to a maximum fine of £1,000 GBP.

#### D. Social Media Code

All PSA Tour players are bound by the particulars of the PSA Social Media Code as detailed below<sup>^</sup>.

Breach of the Social Media Code will result in disciplinary action being taken against a player at the discretion of the PSA Management team.

No person subject to the PSA Social Media Code shall publish or cause to be published (by whatsoever medium);

Criticism of the character of a tournament referee or official or criticism of the manner in which an official has handled a match in which the player has taken part, or any other game under the control of the PSA.

Criticism of PSA Tour tournaments based on location, prize money, directors, staffing or any other element which can be interpreted as having a negative reputational impact on the prestige of the tournament in question.

Discriminatory or prejudicial comments about any individual involved in the PSA Tour, be it players, administrators, volunteers or staff, based on the grounds of age, ethnicity, gender, disability, religion, sexual orientation or race or any other comments which may be interpreted as bullying or victimising.

Comments which can be interpreted as bringing the PSA Tour, an individual tournament or the sport of squash, into disrepute.

<sup>^</sup>For the purpose of this document the term social network site refers to, but is not limited to; Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Google+ and LinkedIn.

Any breach of this could lead to a maximum fine of £1,000 GBP.

### Article 3. Player Commitment and Entry Offences

Entry Obligations: No player confirmed in a tournament may withdraw after the withdrawal deadline or not appear at the tournament without penalty as described below.

PSA shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding any such entry offence and, upon determining that a violation has occurred, shall specify the penalty and/or fine.

#### A. Late Withdrawals\*

Withdrawal by the player after the entry list confirmation deadline (entry confirmation deadline defined as 3 hours after the closing deadline. This does not apply to players in the reserve list).

- 1) Withdrawal within 18 hours of the confirmation deadline

The player scores a penalty zero score towards their PSA World Ranking and the tournament counts as played.

- 2) Withdrawal 18 hours after the confirmation deadline and 48 hours before the commencement of the tournament

The player scores a disciplinary zero score towards their PSA World Ranking and the tournament counts as played.

- 3) Withdrawal within 48 hours of the commencement of the tournament and up until one hour before the commencement of the tournament

The player scores a disciplinary zero score towards their PSA World Ranking and the tournament counts as played. In addition, the player will be subject to a spot fine of up to £1,000 GBP.

Any withdrawal after this time will be penalised in accordance with Article 4A. *Non-Appearance (No Show)*.

- 4) Clashing tournament withdrawal

For a first-time offence, the player scores a penalty zero score towards their PSA World Ranking and the tournament counts as played.

For any subsequent offences, the player scores a disciplinary zero score towards their PSA World Ranking and the tournament counts as played. This applies to each clashing tournament therein the player is withdrawn from.

An administration fee of £20 GBP will also be automatically applied for any late withdrawal where a disciplinary zero or penalty zero score is incurred.

#### B. Playing Another Tournament

No player who has entered and been accepted into the draw of PSA Tour tournaments shall play in any other squash tournament during the period of such tournament, without the express written consent of the PSA.

This rule still applies should a player withdraw from a PSA tournament.

Where this refers to two overlapping PSA Tour tournaments, the player shall be subject to the penalties imposed under *Article 3A. Late Withdrawals*.

In addition, where this is a first-time offence, the player will also be withdrawn from the tournament in which they are highest placed. For subsequent offences, the player will be withdrawn from both overlapping tournaments and prevented from entering overlapping tournaments for a period of 12 months thereafter.

Violation of this section shall result in a fine up to £1,000 GBP and the possibility of suspension of up to 12 months in addition to any other fines provided in the code.

#### C. Playing a Rival Tour

No player will play in a rival tour whilst he is a member of the PSA. A rival tour is a tour, championship or series of tournaments that the PSA consider may damage or affect the good standing of the PSA, its members and own tour. Violation of this section shall result in a fine up to £1,000 GBP and the possibility of suspension of up to 12 months in addition to any other fines provided in the code.

#### D. Mandatory Tournament Appearance

No player who is obligated to play in a specific PSA tournament as outlined in the PSA Tour Rule Book and including but not limited to PSA World Tour Platinum tournaments, PSA World Tour Finals and PSA World Championship, shall withdraw from such a tournament without consent from PSA.

Violation of this section will include disciplinary zero and a fine of up to £1,000 GBP and the possibility of suspension of up to one year in addition to any other fines provided in the code.

Where a withdrawal is particularly harmful to the success of the tournament, an additional fine up to £1,000 GBP and the possible suspension for up to 12 months may be imposed.

#### E. Repeal of Withdrawal Penalties & Fines\*

##### 1) Medical Withdrawal

A player will not be subject to a disciplinary zero if evidence of bona fide injury or illness, as verified and approved by PSA, is provided by the deadline given by PSA upon actioning the withdrawal. Documentation to support a medical withdrawal must meet the standards outlined in the section 'Medical Certificates'.

Where the withdrawal is within 48 hours of the start of the tournament, the player will not be subject to a spot fine if evidence of bona fide injury or illness, as verified and approved by PSA, and any additional documentation or information requested by PSA, is provided within 24 hours of the withdrawal being actioned.

A player withdrawing for medical reasons cannot compete in any tournament, PSA or non-PSA, that takes place prior to the tournament from which they have withdrawn. A medical withdrawal will only be accepted where there is an unbroken period of absence from all competitive squash.

Failure to notify PSA satisfactorily or provide satisfactory documentation may result in a further fine in accordance with *Article 3F. Unsatisfactory Documentation*.

##### 2) Visa Withdrawal

A player will not be subject to a disciplinary zero if evidence of bona fide visa documentation, as verified and approved by PSA, is provided by the deadline given by PSA upon actioning the withdrawal.

Documentation accepted may include, but is not limited to, evidence of a correct visa application within reasonable time of confirmation of a tournament, and/or visa refusal notification. It is a player's responsibility to ensure they have sufficient time to lodge a bona fide visa application before confirming their place in a tournament. This includes taking into consideration existing and/or pending travel commitments along with the advised visa processing time for the visa and country for which they have applied.

Where the withdrawal is within 48 hours of the start of the tournament, a player will not be subject to a spot fine if evidence of bona fide visa documentation, as verified and approved by PSA, and any additional documentation requested by PSA, is provided within 24 hours of the withdrawal being actioned.

Failure to notify PSA satisfactorily or provide satisfactory documentation may result in a further fine in accordance with *Article 3F. Unsatisfactory Documentation*.

##### 3) Exceptional Circumstances Withdrawal

A player will not be subject to a disciplinary zero and/or fine should there be exceptional circumstances for their withdrawal. This may include but is not limited to bereavement of immediate family members, security advice from a player's foreign office or travel disruption beyond one's control.

In such cases, PSA may require submission of supporting evidence to corroborate the withdrawal reason. Failure to notify PSA satisfactorily may result in a further fine in accordance with *Article 3F. Unsatisfactory Documentation*.

#### 4) Match Retirement

A player will not be subject to a disciplinary zero and/or fine should they need to retire from a match with a valid medical reason. In such cases, PSA may require submission of supporting evidence to corroborate the retirement reason. Failure to notify PSA satisfactorily may result in a further fine in accordance with *Article F Unsatisfactory Documentation*.

#### 5) Suspension

Suspension of a player as a result of the Integrated Disciplinary Rules and/or action taken by PSA will supersede mandatory tournament appearances wherein the entries of the mandatory tournament have not been confirmed. In this instance, the player will not receive a disciplinary zero score towards their ranking, although a fine of up to £5,000 GBP may still be applied if the player's non-appearance is particularly injurious to the tournament.

For all other scenarios, suspension does not constitute a repeal and will not supersede this code; where any player is already confirmed in a mandatory tournament or otherwise, a suspension of their PSA membership will result in immediate withdrawal from any tournaments in which their entry is confirmed, and a resulting disciplinary zero and/or fine as outlined in this code.

PSA will consider repeal of any fines within this code should a player be cleared of any wrongdoing whilst serving a provisional suspension at a later date.

#### F. Unsatisfactory Documentation\*

Any player that fails to supply documentation that PSA deem satisfactory to support their withdrawal will receive a spot disciplinary zero. PSA reserve the right to investigate any documentation submitted as is reasonable.

In addition, violation of this section shall result in a fine up to £5,000 GBP and the possibility of suspension of up to 12 months in addition to any other fines provided in the code.

#### G. Cumulative Player Commitment and Entry Offences\*

Any player who accumulates three counting zeros on their ranking within a rolling 12-month period will receive a spot fine of up to £500.

Any player who accumulates in excess of three counting zeros on their ranking within a 12-month rolling period will receive a spot fine in the form of an automatic three-month suspension. This will be enforced on the publishing of monthly rankings which includes the counting zeros. PSA reserve the right to lift a suspension at their discretion.

Any additional singular *Player Commitment and Entry Offence or Non-Appearence violation* within this code will be penalised in accordance with *Aggravated Behaviour*.

### Article 4. Player On-Site Offences

On-site refers to any official tournament area. This includes but is not limited to the tournament venue including on-court, the tournament hotel, tournament functions, tournament transport, tournament media conferences and tournament ceremonies.

#### A. Non-Appearence (No Show)\*

This is also known as a 'no show'. If a player enters a tournament and fails to withdraw or inform PSA of his/her withdrawal, or if they withdraw within one hour of the draw or after the commencement of the tournament, the player will be issued with a spot fine, in way of an immediate suspension from all PSA Tour tournaments for 45 days. A player 'no show' will incur a disciplinary zero score and the tournament will count as played towards their PSA World Ranking.

PSA reserve the right to waive this action in exceptional circumstances including but not limited to *Involuntary Initiated Withdrawal (Medical)* on-site and/or in conjunction with section E. *Repeal of Withdrawal Penalties & Fines*.

Any additional singular *Player Commitment and Entry Offence or Non-Appearence violation* within this code will be penalised in accordance with *Aggravated Behaviour*.

#### B. Punctuality

Any player not ready to play within 15 minutes after their match is called shall be fined up to a maximum £250 GBP. Where the tournament referee allows a discretionary relaxation of this time limit, the penalty may be waived.

Where the tournament referee defaults the player from a set match time that player scores zero points towards their PSA World Ranking and the tournament counts as played. For a second offence in any 12-month period, the player shall be fined up to a maximum £500 GBP.

#### C. Dress and Equipment

##### On-Court\*

All players must dress and present themselves for play in a professional manner and abide by the rules set forth within section 6.4 *Clothing Regulations*. This includes, but is not limited to, clean and customarily acceptable squash attire, eye guards for players aged U19 and distinctly different coloured clothing.

Any player who violates this section will face a spot fine of up to £250 GBP and will be ordered by the tournament referee, promoter or PSA official to change their attire or equipment immediately. In addition, in any tournament, refusal to change may result in immediate default. In this tournament, the player scores zero points towards their PSA World Ranking and the tournament counts as played.

##### Off-Court

For a second offence in any 12-month period, the player shall be fined up to a maximum £500 GBP.

#### D. Leaving Court\*

A player shall not open the court door or leave the court during a match without the permission of the referee. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a spot fine of up to a maximum £250 GBP. In addition, the player may be defaulted thus leading to zero points towards PSA World Ranking.

For a second offence in any 12-month period, the player shall be fined up to a maximum £500 GBP.

#### E. Best Efforts

A player shall use their best efforts to win a match when competing in a tour-sanctioned tournament. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine of up to a maximum £1,000 GBP, up to a 6-month membership suspension and/or zero points towards a player's PSA World Ranking.

For a second offence in any 12-month period, the player shall be fined up to a maximum £2,000 GBP.

#### F. Failure to Complete Match

A player must complete a match in progress unless they are reasonably unable to do so. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £1,500 GBP, up to a 3-month suspension and/or zero points towards their PSA World Ranking.

#### G. Media Conference

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player must attend the post-match media conference organised immediately or within 15 minutes after conclusion of each match whether the player was the winner or loser, unless such time is extended by the tournament promoter for a good cause.



Players will be required to make themselves available for TV interviews whilst at the tournament by PSA's media partners. In the event that a player fails to make themselves available at the appropriate time the player will be in breach of this section of the PSA Code of Conduct.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £750 GBP.

For a second offence in any 12-month period the fine shall be up to a maximum of £1,000 GBP.

#### H. Ceremonies

A player participating in the finals of a tournament must attend and participate in the finals ceremonies after the match unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to a maximum of £750 GBP.

For a second offence in any 12-month period, the fine shall be up to a maximum of £1,000 GBP.

#### I. Audible Obscenity

Players shall not use an audible obscenity within the precinct of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £1,500 GBP for each violation.

For the purpose of this rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the Referee or spectators.

#### J. Visible Obscenity

Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £1,500 GBP for each violation.

For the purpose of this rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his hands and/or racket or ball that commonly have an obscene meaning or import to reasonable people.

#### K. Abuse of Ball

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger, hit, kick or throw a squash ball within the precincts of the tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to a maximum of £150 GBP for each violation.

For the purpose of this rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting/throwing a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

For a second offence in any 12-month period the fine shall be up to a maximum of £300 GBP.

#### L. Abuse of Racket or Equipment

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a racket within the precincts of the tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match/warm up. Violation of this section will result in a code of conduct breach and players will be subject to a maximum fine of £500.

For the purpose of this rule, abuse of rackets or equipment is defined as intentionally, dangerously and violently destroying or damaging a racket or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the court during a match out of anger or frustration.

#### M. Verbal Abuse

Players shall not at any time, verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to a maximum of £1,000 GBP with the possibility of suspension of the player for up to 12 months.

For the purpose of this rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty, is derogatory, is insulting or is otherwise abusive.

#### N. Physical Abuse

Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to a maximum of £1,000 GBP and the possibility of suspension of up to 12 months.

For the purpose of this rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of an official, opponent, and spectator or other person.

#### O. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £1,000 GBP and the possible suspension of the player for up to 12 months.

For the purpose of this rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport but that does not fall within the prohibition of any specific on-site offence contained herein.

In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement having or designed to have an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament and/or the officiating thereof and shall include failure to complete all promotional activities associated with the player commitments (see section 5 *Player Commitments*).

#### P. Defaults\*

A player may be defaulted by any PSA tournament promoter, official tournament referee, PSA Chief Executive, PSA Chief Operating Officer or PSA Tour Director for any violation of this code. If a player appeals such default then either the PSA Chief Executive, PSA Chief Operating Officer or PSA Tour Director may overrule such decision if either is available within 15 minutes of the default. Where the PSA representatives identified are not available within 15 minutes, the official tournament referee is permitted to make the final decision regarding the default. The final decision with regard to the default shall not be able to be appealed.

Any player who is defaulted as herein provided may be fined up to £1,000 GBP in addition to any or all other fines levied with respect to the offending incident.

The player involved, however, may still appeal to the PSA board after the tournament.

#### Q. Cumulative On-Site Offences

If any player has received fines for two or more offences within a three-year period totalling more than £1,000 GBP, the association have the power to levy a further fine of up to £500 GBP for the further offence such fine to be in addition to the fine that is appropriate for the breach of that further offence.

If any player has received fines for two or more offences within a three-year period totalling more than £1,500 GBP, the association have the power to levy a further fine of up to a maximum of £1,000 GBP for the further offence such fine to be in addition to the fine that is appropriate for the breach of that further offence.

If any player has received fines for two or more offences within a three-year period totalling more than £2,000 GBP, the association have the power to levy a further fine of up to a maximum of £1,500 GBP for the further offence such fine to be in addition to the fine that is appropriate for the breach of that further offence.

#### R. Accommodation

The good name of squash and the competitive preparation of players should not be compromised by boorish, rowdy behaviour in hotels and abuse of hospitality in billets. Hotel or billet accommodation that is provided to a player is discretionary. Should the player breach any PSA Code of Conduct in respect of the accommodation provided to them the PSA have the discretion to disallow a player from residing in hotel and billet accommodation either for a fixed term or permanently.

A player must officially check out of the hotel when involved in a tournament and must pay their room bill (if applicable) and their own hotel extras (i.e. phone, drinks, food etc.).

The player will be liable for a fine up to £500 GBP for the failure to settle a room account. They will be liable for a fine up to £250 GBP if they should leave the hotel without paying all other outstanding expenses incurred (i.e. phone, drinks etc.). Should the player leave without checking out or informing the promoter of their departure, the PSA authorise the promoter to withdraw from any prize money owed for the cost of the room plus any/all outstanding expenses.

Should a player fail to send the information requested by a promoter or PSA within two weeks of the closing date (or alternative deadline specified by the tournament promoter), the player will lose their right to the accommodation bonus being offered.

Should a player commit a second offence in any 12 months in respect of this section of the PSA Code of Conduct the player may be suspended for up to 6 months and will have to show cause why their host accommodation and/or billets shall not be permanently withdrawn.

#### S. Tournament Function

The players are provided with a tournament planner and regular information concerning functions at tournaments. The player acknowledges his duty to attend official functions. Failure to attend tournament functions as specifically designated on the player information sheet will incur fines of up to £1,000 GBP and possible suspension of up to one year.

#### T. Anti-Corruption

All players must adhere to the PSA Anti-Corruption Player, Support Staff & Officials On-Site Guidelines. Any player that breaches these guidelines will be subject to a fine of up to £800 GBP.

### Article 5. Drug Offences

All references to this article are to be made to the World Squash Federation's Anti-Doping Code, a common anti-doping policy for squash, signed in April 2004 between WSF and PSA. Due to the length of the code, it is impractical to repeat the language in the PSA Code of Conduct and members may, upon request, obtain a copy of the code from the WSF or PSA office.

### Article 6. Player Major Offences

#### A. Applicability

The provision of this article shall apply to all players who commit to enter or who enter PSA Tour tournaments.

#### B. Wagers

No player shall wager, cause to wager or benefit from the wagering of anything of value in connection with any tour sanctioned tournament. Violation of this section shall subject the player to a fine up to £10,000 GBP and/or suspension from play on the tour for a period up to three years.

#### C. Bribes or Other Payments

No player shall offer, give, solicit or accept or agree to offer, give, solicit or accept, anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any players' efforts in any tour-sanctioned tournament. Violation of this section shall subject the player to a fine up to £10,000 GBP and/or suspension from play on the tour for a period of up to three years.

#### D. Aggravated Behaviour

No player shall engage in aggravated behaviour which is defined as follows:

One incident of behaviour that is deliberate and particularly harmful to the success of the tournament or PSA or is singularly outrageous.

One incident of behaviour that is deemed to bring the sport, PSA, tournament or player into disrepute.

A series of two or more violations in this code which singularly do not constitute aggravated behaviour but when viewed together, establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or harmful to tour sanctioned tournaments, PSA or the sport of squash.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £10,000 GBP and suspension from play on the tour for a period up to three years.

#### E. Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game

No player shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash. If a player is convicted of the violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment for which includes possible imprisonment, they may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash. In addition, if a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, they may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash and be in violation of this section.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £10,000 GBP and/or suspension from play in tour sanctioned tournaments or squash tournaments for a period up to three years.

### Article 7. Discipline

A. The board shall be entitled to request that a member gives an explanation of any matters or circumstances, which the board considers may constitute a breach of the code on the part of a member. Such request will specify the matters or circumstances that the board considers may constitute such a breach.

B. A member shall deposit a written explanation (electronic or postal letter) to the board at the association's office or, by mutual agreement between the member and the board, shall give an oral explanation to the board within ten days of receipt of such a request.

C. If, after consideration of any such explanation or if no explanation is received within the period of 10 days referred to in (b), the board is of the opinion that the matters or circumstances concerned constitute a breach of the code on the part of such member the board may, subject to (e) below, resolve:

That such member be disciplined in accordance with the code or that the membership of such member shall be suspended or terminated.

D. Without prejudice to the generality of Article 47 of the PSA Articles of Association, the board may delegate its powers under (a) and (b) above to a committee which will consider any explanation under (b) above, will consider whether there has been a breach of the code by the member and will decide what action, if any, to take against the member, all in the form of a recommendation to the board.

E. The board shall be entitled, subject to the procedure described in Article 7, but otherwise in its absolute discretion and in such manner as it thinks fit, to notify the members of the association of the decision under (c) above; and in addition the board shall be entitled, in its absolute discretion and in such manner as it thinks fit, to notify or cause to be notified the public or any person, authority, body, commission or enquiry before which the association has power to represent the interests of its members of any such decision.

F. The board shall use its best efforts to make its decision under (c) above within 30 days of the expiration of such 10-day period set forth in (b) above. Within seven days after making such decision, the board shall notify the member concerned of such decision and of the grounds upon which it has been made by written notice sent by hand, email or by first class recorded delivery post. Such decision shall be brought into effect at the expiration of 15 days from the date on which, in all the circumstances prevailing at the time, such notice would reasonably be expected to have been delivered to the member unless an appeal has been lodged by the member within such 15-day period in accordance with paragraph (g) below.

G. Any member who is to be disciplined in accordance with the code or whose membership of the association is to be suspended or terminated at the expiration of the 15-day period referred to in (f) above may appeal against such decision to a tribunal to be appointed in accordance with Article 8 (b) provided that such appeal is made within such 15-day period.

H. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the board may make by-laws, rules or regulations in relation to the code and circuit rules.

### **Article 8. Appeals**

A. Any person who wishes to exercise a right of appeal given by these articles shall notify the board of their desire within the 15-day period for appeal. The notice of appeal shall be in writing signed by or on behalf of the appellant and indicate the grounds on which the appeal is made and must be delivered to the association's office.

B. On receipt of the notice of appeal, the board shall appoint an appeal tribunal (the "tribunal") to hear the appeal. The tribunal shall consist of up to three persons appointed by the board, whether or not they are members of the association.

C. The members shall appear and be entitled to be heard at the hearing and the board shall appoint a representative to appear at the hearing. Both the member and the representative of the board may be legally represented.

D. An appeal involves a new hearing at which fresh evidence may be submitted and the tribunal may confirm, vary or reverse the resolution of the board appealed against and may take any action which the board could have taken at the time it passed that resolution and may give such directions as it thinks just for the payment of costs or expenses by any party to the appeal.

E. The tribunal shall state the grounds for its decision and shall give written notice thereof to the parties to the appeal within seven days of the conclusion of the hearing.

F. Subject as aforesaid, the tribunal shall determine its own procedure.

G. In the case of an appeal against a decision to discipline a member in accordance with the code or terminate or suspend their membership, such disciplinary measures or termination or suspension shall not take effect nor be publicised unless the tribunal has upheld the decision.

H. In the case of any resolution to fine a member, such fine shall be paid within 15 days after receiving notice thereof under Article 7(f); where a member has appealed against such fine, such member shall pay any fine levied by the tribunal within 15 days after receiving notice therefore under Article 8(e).

### **Article 9. Integrated Disciplinary Rules**

A. PSA agree to require their members to comply with and not be in breach of the rules and processes contained in the rules of WSF, Regional Federations, each player's Member Nation, and any Member Nation in which a player plays a squash tournament and to provide that their members shall not commit a recognised offence in or relating to any tournament conducted under the jurisdiction of the WSF, Regional Federations or a Member Nation.

WSF requires any player that plays in a tournament conducted under WSF jurisdiction to comply with and not be in breach of the rules and processes of PSA and to provide that their members shall not

commit a recognised offence in or relating to any tournament conducted under the jurisdiction of the PSA.

B. The determination of whether a recognised offence has been committed will be determined by the conducting of a disciplinary process by the party under whose jurisdiction the applicable tournament or conduct occurred.

Each party shall report monthly the offences, disciplinary action and decision for the previous calendar month to the respective Disciplinary Administrators of the PSA and WSF.

C. If either party disagrees with the decision to undertake the Disciplinary Procedure by the opposing sanctioning body then the matter will be referred to the International Disciplinary Panel (IDP).

The IDP shall determine whether the decision is sufficiently serious to institute the disciplinary processes of the WSF and PSA and if so, notify WSF and PSA.

WSF and PSA agree that if they receive a notification from the International Disciplinary Panel they will then institute their own disciplinary processes and determine whether there has been a breach of their rules and if so, determine what if any penalty should be imposed.

D. The parties agree to establish an IDP when necessary for the purposes of:

- Monitoring or receiving notifications of Member Nation disciplinary decisions and determining whether any such decision is a recognised offence
- To review the penalties imposed by the parties' disciplinary processes and establish benchmarks for appropriate penalties to try and ensure consistency between the parties' disciplinary processes
- Deal with any disciplinary issues that may arise between the parties or that arise from a Member Nation disciplinary decision

#### **Article 10. Notice**

Any written communication required or sent to the PSA should be addressed as follows, unless notice of change is subsequently published:

Professional Squash Association, CEO, 46 The Calls, Leeds, LS2 7EY, United Kingdom



## PSA Code of General Conduct & Ethics

The purpose of this code is to ensure professional conduct from **all individuals** involved with PSA and its tournaments and promote a safe, inclusive and positive environment for all participants in squash. This *PSA Code of General Conduct & Ethics* applies not only to participants in PSA tournaments, but also to all members of player support teams (including but not limited to: coaches, parents and medical professionals), all PSA staff and all other tournament support staff, whether acting in a paid or voluntary capacity, regardless of by whom they are employed.

All members of player support teams and tournament personnel will, at all times:

- Abide by the rules set forth in the PSA Tour Rule Book
- Conduct themselves in a professional manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of athletes, spectators, PSA staff and others
- Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect their own safety and the safety of others
- Act with integrity and set a positive example, promoting the reputation of the sport and taking all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute
- Never use inappropriate language or gestures
- Treat all individuals at PSA tournaments equally; with respect and dignity, and without discrimination or prejudice on grounds of age, gender, sexual, cultural, ethnic, disability, lifestyle or religious preference
- Maintain clear boundaries between personal and professional life
- When providing a service, only do so within the limits of their professional competence
- When providing a service to children seek written consent from their parent or legal guardian and ensure the environment is fit for purpose
- Refrain from making inappropriate physical contact with children or vulnerable adults and avoid being alone with them unless this is required as part of an organised activity
- Be aware of and abide by *PSA's Safeguarding Policy* and report any concerns of abuse to PSA's CEO immediately or via [safeguarding@psaworldtour.com](mailto:safeguarding@psaworldtour.com)
- Be aware of and abide by the *WADA Anti-Doping Policy*
- Be aware of and abide by *PSA's Data Protection Policy* and *Data Processor Policy*
- Be aware of the venue's health and safety procedures
- Be committed to anti-corruption within the sport and thus be bound by the *PSA Anti-Corruption Code* and *WSF rules for the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions*. It is the responsibility of all individuals to make themselves aware of the codes. Violation of this code shall subject the player to the WSF Disciplinary Procedure and the range of permissible sanctions.

### Health Professionals

This is not a substitute for any professional code that exists within medical disciplines and should be used to complement such codes where they exist.

All medical professionals must adhere to the above code. Additionally, they must:

- Work within the limits of their professional competence and scope of practice, and ensure they hold appropriate qualifications
- Ensure that they have the appropriate professional and/or institutional indemnity when providing services both in their own country and abroad
- Keep their professional knowledge and skills up to date
- Keep accurate and clear notes that are stored appropriately to maintain patient confidentiality
- Make the athlete's health and welfare their primary concern, always acting in their best interests
- Respect the athlete's right to self-determination when recommending a service but, where there is risk, ensure that you raise any professional concerns where appropriate
- Obtain consent from an athlete before disclosure of their medical information to a third party (this is separate from the contractual membership consent given to PSA)

- Be aware of legal obligations, including safeguarding procedures and national and international anti-doping regulations, as well as how to escalate concerns relating to abuse or anti-doping infringements
- Not abuse their position of authority to make financial, sexual, or improper emotional relationships
- Ensure that the environment that you are working in is fit for purpose and meets the minimum standards of any regulatory or external authority in this area, documenting and escalating any concerns to PSA's CEO if you feel the athlete's safety to be compromised by the facilities, equipment or access to/organisation of medical provision
- Ensure that an athlete can dress/undress in a suitable private space and that a chaperone can be made available on request
- When providing a service to an athlete under 18 years of age seek written consent from their parent or legal guardian

### **Coaches**

All coaches must adhere to the above code. Additionally, they must:

- Work within the limits of their professional competence and ensure they hold appropriate accredited qualifications
- Ensure that they have the appropriate professional and/or institutional indemnity when providing services both in their own country and abroad
- Treat all children and athletes fairly and with respect
- Realise their responsibility as a role model and set positive examples for others
- Always act in the child or athlete's best interest and respect their right to self-determination with regard to training and playing squash
- Accept officials' decisions and do not go on court or interfere with matches
- When providing a service to an athlete under 18 years of age seek written consent from their parent or legal guardian
- Be aware of legal obligations, including safeguarding procedures and national and international anti-doping regulations, as well as how to escalate concerns relating to abuse or anti-doping infringements
- Not abuse their position of authority to make financial, sexual, or improper emotional relationships including, but not limited to, refraining from having a relationship with anyone under 18 for whom they are coaching or responsible for

### **Referees**

All referees must adhere to the above code. Additionally, they must:

- Work within the limits of their professional competence and ensure they are kept abreast of rule changes and updates within the rules of squash
- Treat all children and athletes fairly and with respect
- Realise their responsibility as a role model and set positive examples for others
- Act with integrity, honesty and objectivity at all times when officiating
- Have regard for protecting the players through the application of the rules of the game
- Ensure all junior athletes (U19) wear mandatory eye guard protection
- Be aware of legal obligations, including safeguarding procedures and national and international anti-doping regulations, as well as how to escalate concerns relating to abuse or anti-doping infringements
- Not abuse their position of authority to make financial, sexual, or improper emotional relationships

### **Photographers**

All photographers must adhere to the above code. Additionally, they must:

- Work within the limits of their professional competence

- Treat all children and athletes fairly and with respect
- Only use images of juniors in suitable dress / kit
- Use imagery to positively reflect juniors' participation in squash
- Seek appropriate consent from parents / guardians when taking pictures of children who are not PSA members (e.g. school groups, participants in tournament activities)
- Be aware of legal obligations, including safeguarding procedures and national and international anti-doping regulations, as well as how to escalate concerns relating to abuse or anti-doping infringements
- Not abuse their position of authority to make financial, sexual, or improper emotional relationships

### **Tournament Promoters**

Tournament promoters are often PSA's main (and only) on-site contact for a PSA sanctioned tournament. In this regard, PSA are heavily reliant on the tournament promoter to ensure *PSA's PSA Code of General Conduct & Ethics* is implemented and followed for player support teams and all tournament personnel.

All tournament promoters must adhere to the above code and tournament conditions and commitment outlined in the PSA Tour Rule Book. Additionally, they should be aware that they are responsible for the on-site tournament operations, including but not limited to:

- Undertaking due diligence checks for tournament personnel, hosts and medical professionals which may include background checks
- Ensuring appropriate risk assessments, health and safety policies and insurance policies are in place for the duration of their tournament
- Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults at the tournament in compliance with PSA's Safeguarding Policy and any other policies, procedures or legislation that is relevant
- Making all tournament personnel aware of *PSA's PSA Code of General Conduct & Ethics* and other policies associated with this, including but not limited to *PSA's Safeguarding Policy*, *WADA Anti-Doping*, *PSA's Data Protection Policy*
- Reporting any concerns regarding children or athletes to PSA's CEO and the appropriate bodies immediately

### **Violation Procedure**

The following procedures shall apply to all complaints and violations under this section.

Any individual who believes that any player support team member or tournament personnel has failed to meet their obligations as outlined in this code may file a written, signed complaint to the PSA CEO, stating the date and nature of the alleged misconduct.

Upon receipt of the signed complaint, the CEO shall initiate a review of the matter with 10 days. The CEO may also initiate an investigation on the basis of disciplinary action taken against any player support team member or tournament personnel by a national federation or WSF (integrated disciplinary rules), or where a criminal charge has been raised / criminal conviction made.

The CEO may take reasonable time to investigate such matters and determine the outcome. Where appropriate, the CEO may determine that the complaint does not merit further action.

Should the CEO determine that further action is warranted, after giving the accused person the opportunity to present their case, either in person or writing, the CEO may impose an appropriate sanction including:

- Exclusion of person in question from any or all PSA sanctioned tournaments
- Exclusion or loss of privileges at any or all PSA sanctioned tournaments
- Monetary sanction

Where the allegation is particularly serious, the CEO shall have the authority to issue a suspension until the investigation is complete and final decision is issued. It is also the CEO's responsibility to report any unlawful conduct to the relevant authorities.

### **Appeal Process**

Decisions made by the CEO may be appealed. The accused must make their appeal within 15 days of receipt of the CEO's decision. The PSA Board shall decide whether to review the appeal based solely on the CEO's investigation or whether to hold a hearing in which the accused will be given the opportunity to present their views directly to the PSA Board.

The PSA Board's decision will be final and cannot be appealed.

### **Supporting Documents**

[Data Protection Policy](#)

[Data Processor Policy](#)

[Promoter Privacy Policy](#)

[Player Privacy Policy](#)

[Safeguarding Policy](#)

[PSA Anti-Corruption Code](#)

[PSA Anti-Corruption Players, Support Staff and Officials On-Site Guidelines](#)

## Glossary of Terms

<b>Billeting</b>	Accommodation for players with private host families.
<b>Billeting bonus</b>	Applicable to PSA Challenger Tour only. Offers relief from prize money when a tournament provides billeting of a certain standard for all players from the night before they play until two nights after they lose.
<b>Clashing tournament</b>	A tournament whose main draw dates overlap with another tournament.
<b>Closing date</b>	Closing date for all tournament entries. Online entries are accepted until 12:00 UK time on this date.
<b>Disciplinary zero</b>	12-month zero counting as one of a player's best scores towards their ranking average. Applied to next published ranking after the tournament for which it has been awarded is completed.
<b>Entry confirmation deadline</b>	The deadline when all entries are confirmed, and any subsequent withdrawals are deemed as late. This is normally 15:00 on the closing date.
<b>Glass court</b>	Four-sided glass court
<b>Hotel bonus</b>	Applicable to PSA Challenger Tour only. Offers relief from prize money when a tournament provides accommodation of a certain standard for all players from the night before they play until two nights after they lose.
<b>Invitee</b>	PSA or non-PSA player nominated by promoter who receives an automatic place in the main draw.
<b>Local tax</b>	Locally charged income tax.
<b>Medical zero</b>	A zero awarded for a medical withdrawal which does not count towards a player's ranking average.
<b>No show</b>	When a player fails to turn up at a tournament without informing the promoter and PSA prior to their match. May also be utilised when a player withdraws after the tournament has commenced.
<b>On-site prize money</b>	Gross prize money paid to players before deduction of player contribution.
<b>Pegged ranking</b>	Mechanism by which a player can protect their ranking for up to four tournaments following a prolonged absence from the tour due to injury, illness or pregnancy
<b>Penalty zero</b>	3-month zero counting as one a player's best scores towards their ranking average. Applied to the next published ranking after it is awarded.
<b>Per diem payment</b>	Daily rate paid to players to cover expenses such as accommodation. Available at PSA World Tour level only.
<b>Player contribution</b>	Players' contribution to the association. 5% of player prize money earnings.
<b>Player prize money</b>	Actual sum (net) prize money paid to players after deduction of player contribution.
<b>Promoter</b>	The principle tournament organiser.
<b>SPIN</b>	Unique number assigned by WSF for all participants of squash: Squash Personal Identification Number.
<b>SquashRef</b>	PSA's live scoring and refereeing system.
<b>SQUASHTV</b>	PSA's live coverage production and online live streaming channel.
<b>Total compensation</b>	Total purse offered at each tournament, including on-site prize money, tournament bonuses and per diem payment.
<b>Tournament bonuses</b>	Prize money relief offered for provision of a service e.g. glass court or accommodation at certain tournament levels.

<b>Traditional court</b>	All other courts, such as plaster courts. Includes courts with a glass-back.
<b>Wildcard</b>	PSA player nominated by promoter who receives an automatic place in the main draw regardless of ranking.



## Appendix I: PSA Contacts

### PSA Staff

Chief Executive Officer	Alex Gough	
Chief Operating Officer	Lee Beachill	
Chief Commercial Officer	Tommy Berden	
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Events Assistant	Ben Skidmore	
	Joanne Pollit-Evans	
Event Director	Tim Garner	
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PR & Communications Manager	Sean Reuthe	
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SQUASHTV Production Editor	Sarah McLaughlin	
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PSA Foundation Manager	Adriana Olaya	
PSA Foundation Executive	Jordan Jeffries	
Refereeing Director	Lee Drew	
Treasurer	Jackie Anderson	

### PSA Executive Board

Chairman	Ziad Al-Turki	
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## Appendix II: Player Prize Money & Per Diem Breakdown

The player prize money (PM) and per diem breakdown is as follows:

16-draw

Position	PM Breakdown	Round Robin Equivalent	Players
Winner	20.00%	Winner	1
Runner-up	14.00%	Runner-up	1
3/4	9.00%	3/4	2
5/8	5.50%	Group runner-up	4
9/16	3.25%	Group bottom two	8

32-draw (24 entries)

Position	PM Breakdown	Players	Per Diem Breakdown
Winner	19.00%	1	5.50%
Runner-up	12.00%	1	5.50%
3/4	7.50%	2	5.00%
5/8	4.50%	4	4.50%
9/16	2.75%	8	4.00%
17/24	1.75%	8	3.625%

32-draw (32 entries)

Position	PM Breakdown	Players
Winner	17.50%	1
Runner-up	11.50%	1
3/4	7.00%	2
5/8	4.25%	4
9/16	2.50%	8
17/24	1.25%	16

64-draw (48 entries)

Position	PM Breakdown	Players	Per Diem Breakdown
Winner	16.00%	1	3.00%
Runner-up	10.00%	1	3.00%
3/4	6.00%	2	3.00%
5/8	3.50%	4	2.50%
9/16	2.10%	8	2.25%
17/32	1.20%	16	2.00%
33/48	0.75%	16	1.75%

64-draw (64 entries)

Position	PM Breakdown	Players
Winner	16.00%	1
Runner-up	10.00%	1
3/4	6.00%	2
5/8	3.50%	4
9/16	2.00%	8
17/32	1.00%	16
33/64	0.50%	32

#### PSA World Tour Finals Prize Money Breakdown

Position	PM Breakdown	Players
Winner	30.000%	1
Runner-up	20.000%	1
Semi-finalist	12.500%	2
5/6	7.500%	2
7/8	5.000%	2

All percentages are applied directly to the player prize money (calculated after deductions of player contribution and any applicable bonuses).

Where there are byes in a tournament, PSA will confirm in writing the amount of prize money that the tournament may withhold or that is due to be refunded by PSA.

### Appendix III: Per Diem Calculations

To calculate the total per diems payable to PSA, the below table is used: room nights for the appropriate draw size and schedule is multiplied by the tournament hotel nightly B&B twin room rate (where no tournament hotel is identified, PSA will take a city average for the appropriate standard of hotel for the month in which the event takes place and use this as the nightly rate).

The per diem payment is payable by the promoter with the prize money and will be distributed to players as per the breakdown in *Appendix II*.

#### 32-draw (24 entries)

No. of days	Split rounds	Room nights
5 days	None	46
6 days	Round 2	50
6 days	Quarter-Finals	49
7 days	Round 2 & Quarter-Finals	53

#### 64-draw (48 entries) – PSA World Tour Platinum

No. of days	Split rounds	Room nights
7 days	R2	102
7 days	R3	100
8 days	R2 & R3	108
8 days	R2 & Quarter-Finals	105
8 days	R3 & Quarter-Finals	103
9 days	R2, R3 & Quarter-Finals	111
10 days	R1, R2, R3 & Quarter-Finals	115

#### 64-draw (64 entries) – PSA World Championship

No. of days	Split rounds	Room nights
8 days	R1 & R3	140
8 days	R3 & Quarter-Finals	135
9 days	R2, R3 & Quarter-Finals	147
9 days	R1, R3 & Quarter-Finals	143
10 days	R1, R2, R3 & Quarter-Finals	155

## Appendix IV: PSA Challenger Tour Financial Breakdown

The following financials are applicable from the 2019-2020 season.

Options	Registration Fee	Player Contribution	On-Site Prize Money	Accomm Bonus	Total Compensation
<b>PSA Challenger Tour 5</b>					
No accommodation	\$500	\$300	\$6,000	-	\$6,000
Billeting provided	\$500	\$275	\$5,500	\$500	\$6,000
Hotel provided	\$500	\$250	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$6,000
<b>PSA Challenger Tour 10</b>					
No accommodation	\$500	\$600	\$12,000	-	\$12,000
Billeting provided	\$500	\$550	\$11,000	\$1,000	\$12,000
Hotel provided	\$500	\$500	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$12,000
<b>PSA Challenger Tour 20</b>					
No accommodation	\$750	\$1,000	\$20,000	-	\$20,000
Billeting provided	\$750	\$925	\$18,500	\$1,500	\$20,000
Hotel provided	\$750	\$850	\$17,000	\$3,000	\$20,000
<b>PSA Challenger Tour 30</b>					
No accommodation	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$30,000	-	\$30,000
Billeting provided	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$28,000	\$2,000	\$30,000
Hotel provided	\$1,000	\$1,300	\$26,000	\$4,000	\$30,000
<b>PSA Challenger Tour 30 – Glass Court*</b>					
No accommodation	\$1,000	\$1,375	\$27,500	-	\$30,000
Billeting provided	\$1,000	\$1,275	\$25,500	\$2,000	\$30,000
Hotel provided	\$1,000	\$1,175	\$23,500	\$4,000	\$30,000

The columns highlighted green show the fees payable up front for a tournament.

\*Glass court bonus of \$2,500 deducted for a 4-sided glass court

## Appendix V: PSA World Tour Financial Breakdown

Options	Registration Fee	Player Contribution	Refundable Deposit*	On-Site Prize Money	Total Compensation
<b>PSA World Tour Bronze</b>					
No glass court	\$2,250	\$2,375	\$1,000	\$47,500	\$47,500 + \$\$\$
Glass court	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$1,000	\$45,000	\$45,000 + \$\$\$
<b>PSA World Tour Silver</b>					
No glass court	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$70,000	\$70,000 + \$\$\$
Glass court	\$3,500	\$3,375	\$2,000	\$67,500	\$67,500 + \$\$\$
<b>PSA World Tour Gold</b>					
No glass court	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$100,000	\$100,000 + \$\$\$
Glass court	\$5,000	\$4,875	\$2,000	\$97,500	\$97,500 + \$\$\$
<b>PSA World Tour Platinum</b>					
Glass court	\$25,000	\$8,250	\$5,000	\$165,000	\$165,000 + \$\$\$

\$\$\$ = the room nights calculated for the accommodation bonus, rounded to the nearest \$500. Where the billeting bonus is applied, this figure will be fixed at \$3,750.

The columns highlighted green show the fees payable up front for a tournament.

The final player prize money will be calculated by deducting the player contribution from the on-site prize money.

\*A \$5,000 refundable deposit will be payable for all SQUASHTV tournaments.



## Appendix VI: Deposit Breakdown / Tournament Fines

	PSA Challenger Tour PSA World Tour Bronze	PSA World Tour Gold & Silver	PSA World Tour Platinum & SQUASHTV
<b>Tournament Information and Schedule</b> Accommodation, Tournament Contacts Functions, Local Tax, Airport / Transport, Directions, Venue, Payment Method, Visa, Referees, Main Draw	<b>Fine of up to \$150</b> <i>Deadline: 5 working days before entries close</i> <i>Draw times: 5 working days after main draw published</i>	<b>Fine of up to \$150</b> <i>Deadline: 5 working days before entries close</i> <i>Draw times: 5 working days after main draw published</i>	<b>Fine of up to \$200</b> <i>Deadline: 10 working days before entries close</i> <i>Draw times: 5 working days after main draw made</i>
<b>Tournaments Promotion and Branding</b> Court, Website, Advertisement, Materials, Media & Streaming	<b>Fine of up to \$1,000</b> <i>Deadline: 5 working days before event starts</i>	<b>Fine of up to \$2,000</b> <i>Deadline: 5 working days before event starts</i>	<b>Fine of up to \$3,000</b> <i>Deadline: 10 working days before event starts</i>
<b>Media</b> Results, Imagery	<b>Fine of up to \$250</b> <i>Results: Within four hours of end of day's play</i>	<b>Fine of up to \$300</b> <i>Results: Within four hours of end of day's play</i> <i>Photos: Within six hours of end of day's play</i>	<b>Fine of up to \$400</b> <i>Results: Within four hours of end of day's play</i> <i>Photos: Within six hours of end of day's play</i>
<b>Venue and On-Site Facilities*</b> Court Quality, Floors, Walls, Ventilation/Temperature, Lighting, Maintenance, Player Lounge, Practice Courts, Security, Medical Treatment, Transport, Water, Referees, Internet, Spectators, Stringing Service	<b>Fine of up to \$250</b> <i>Deadline: 5 working days before event starts</i>	<b>Fine of up to \$500</b> <i>Deadline: 5 working days before event starts</i>	<b>Fine of up to \$1,500</b> <i>Deadline: 10 working days before event starts</i>
<b>Tournament Bonuses and Accommodation</b> SQUASHTV Hotel Rooms, Hotel Bonus, Private Billeting	<b>Fine of up to \$500</b>	<b>Fine of up to \$800</b>	<b>Fine of up to \$1,500</b>
<b>Payments</b> Registration Fee / Player Contribution, Western Union Prize Money	<b>Fine of up to \$750</b> <i>Deadline for reg fees and Player Contribution: 5 working days after event registered</i> <i>Deadline for prize money: 10 working days before event starts</i>	<b>Fine of up to \$1,500</b> <i>Deadline for reg fees and Player Contribution: 5 working days after event registered</i> <i>Deadline for prize money: 10 working days before event starts</i>	<b>Fine of up to \$2,000</b> <i>Deadline for reg fees and Player Contribution: 5 working days after event registered</i> <i>Deadline for prize money: 10 working days before event starts</i>
<b>Total Deposit</b> Due at time of registration	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

\*If you are unsure of your ability to provide any of the listed on-site facilities, please contact the PSA office in advance of the tournament closing to discuss

## Appendix VII: Making the Main Draw

16-draw RR		Number drawn:		
Grouping	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Seed no. 1	Group A			
2	Group D			
3/4	Group B	Group C		
5/8	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
9/16	Draw remaining players into groups (fill third place in A-D first)			

16-draw KO		Number drawn:		
Grouping	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Seed no. 1	Slot 1			
2	Slot 16			
3/4	Slot 8	Slot 9		
5/8	Slot 4	Slot 5	Slot 12	Slot 13
9/16	Draw remaining players into draw from top to bottom			

32-draw (24 entries)		Number drawn:						
Grouping	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Seed no. 1 <sup>^</sup>	Slot 1							
2 <sup>^</sup>	Slot 32							
3/4 <sup>^</sup>	Slot 16	Slot 17						
5/8 <sup>^</sup>	Slot 8	Slot 9	Slot 24	Slot 25				
9/16	Slot 4	Slot 5	Slot 12	Slot 13	Slot 20	Slot 21	Slot 28	Slot 29
17/32	Draw remaining players into available slots from top to bottom <sup>1</sup>							

32-draw (32 entries)		Number drawn:						
Grouping	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Seed no. 1	Slot 1							
2	Slot 32							
3/4	Slot 16	Slot 17						
5/8	Slot 8	Slot 9	Slot 24	Slot 25				
9/16	Slot 4	Slot 5	Slot 12	Slot 13	Slot 20	Slot 21	Slot 28	Slot 29
17/32	Draw remaining players into available slots from top to bottom <sup>1</sup>							

64-draw (48 entries) (M)		Number drawn:						
Grouping	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Seed no. 1^	Slot 1							
2^	Slot 64							
3/4^	Slot 32	Slot 33						
5/8^	Slot 16	Slot 17	Slot 48	Slot 49				
9/32^*	Draw players in any available match bracket							
33/64	Draw remaining players into R1 draw from top to bottom							

64-draw (48 entries) (W)		Number drawn:						
Grouping	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Seed no. 1^	Slot 1							
2^	Slot 64							
3/4^	Slot 32	Slot 33						
5/8^	Slot 16	Slot 17	Slot 48	Slot 49				
9/16^	Slot 8	Slot 9	Slot 24	Slot 25	Slot 40	Slot 41	Slot 56	Slot 57
17/32	Draw players into R1 from top to bottom in any available match bracket							
33/64	Draw remaining players into R1 draw from top to bottom							

64-draw (M)		Number drawn:						
Grouping	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Seed no. 1	Slot 1							
2	Slot 64							
3/4	Slot 32	Slot 33						
5/8	Slot 16	Slot 17	Slot 48	Slot 49				
9/16	Slot 8	Slot 9	Slot 24	Slot 25	Slot 40	Slot 41	Slot 56	Slot 57
17/64	Draw remaining players into draw from top to bottom <sup>1</sup>							

Definition: Match bracket refers to bracket where both slots are available.

^Denotes bye in Round 1. Byes awarded before drawing next grouping of players. Grouping refers to seeding / placement, e.g. 5/8, 9/16 etc.

^\*Round 1 bye awarded only to seeds 9/16. 17/32 do not receive a bye

<sup>1</sup> Invitees may not play one another. Wildcards may not play one another. Invitees and wildcards cannot play each other.

64-draw (W)		Number drawn:						
Grouping	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Seed no. 1	Slot 1							
2	Slot 64							
3/4	Slot 32	Slot 33						
5/8	Slot 16	Slot 17	Slot 48	Slot 49				
9/16	Slot 8	Slot 9	Slot 24	Slot 25	Slot 40	Slot 41	Slot 56	Slot 57
17/32	Draw players into R1 from top to bottom in any available match bracket							
33/64	Draw remaining players into R1 draw from top to bottom							

## Appendix IX: Withdrawals

### 16-draw (16 entries)

	Withdrawals up until 18.00 the day before the start of the main draw	Withdrawals after 18.00 the day before and up until 3 hours before the start of the main draw	Withdrawals within 3 hours of the start of the main draw
<b>Seeds 1/2</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 3 <sup>rd</sup> seed, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent
<b>Seeds 3/4</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed		
<b>Seeds 5/8</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player and reserve 1 replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed		
<b>Seeds 9/16</b>	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player		

### 32-draw (32 entries)

	Withdrawals up until 18.00 the day before the start of the main draw	Withdrawals after 18.00 the day before and up until 3 hours before the start of the main draw	Withdrawals within 3 hours of the start of the main draw
<b>Seeds 1/2</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 3 <sup>rd</sup> seed, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent
<b>Seeds 3/4</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed		
<b>Seeds 5/8</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn players, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed		
<b>Seeds 9/16</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player and reserve 1 replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed		
<b>Seeds 17/32</b>	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn players		

**Byes:** Byes are awarded in order of seeding. If there is no reserve available, the opponent of the highest ranked player without a bye will be placed in the opening slot after the required movements have been made.

**Start time:** refers to the local start time of the first match in the first round of the tournament.

### 32-draw (24 entries)

	Withdrawals up until 18.00 the day before the start of the main draw	Withdrawals after 18.00 the day before and up until 3 hours before the start of the main draw	Withdrawals within 3 hours but no later than 1 hour before the start of the main draw	Withdrawals** within 1 hour of the start of the main draw and no later than 3 hours before the start of R2*
<b>Seeds 1/2</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 3 <sup>rd</sup> seed, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed, and reserve 1 replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed	3 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 3 <sup>rd</sup> seed, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed	3 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 3 <sup>rd</sup> seed, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed and walkover awarded to opponent of 9 <sup>th</sup> seed	LL replaces withdrawn player <sup>^</sup>
<b>Seeds 3/4</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed	5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed	5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed and walkover awarded to opponent of 9 <sup>th</sup> seed	LL replaces withdrawn player <sup>^</sup>
<b>Seeds 5/8</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed	9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player and reserve 1 replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed	9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player and walkover awarded to opponent of 9 <sup>th</sup> seed	LL replaces withdrawn player <sup>^</sup>
<b>Seeds 9/16</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, and reserve 1 replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent
<b>Seeds 17/24</b>	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent

\*After this time, no more movements can be made and a walkover is awarded to the opponent of any withdrawn player.

<sup>^</sup>If no LL, walkover awarded to opponent of withdrawn player.

**Byes:** Byes are awarded in order of seeding. If there is no reserve available, the opponent of the highest ranked player without a bye will be placed in the opening slot after the required movements have been made.

**Start time** refers to the local start time of the first match in the first round of the tournament.



## 64-draw (48 entries)

	Withdrawals up until 18.00 the day before the start of the main draw	Withdrawals after 18.00 the day before and up until 3 hours before the start of the main draw	Withdrawals within 3 hours but no later than 1 hour before the start of the main draw	Withdrawals within 1 hour of the start of the main draw and no later than 3 hours before the start of R2*
<b>Seeds 1/2</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 3 <sup>rd</sup> seed, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed, 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed	3 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 3 <sup>rd</sup> seed, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed	3 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 3 <sup>rd</sup> seed, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed and walkover awarded to opponent of 17 <sup>th</sup> seed	LL replaces withdrawn player^
<b>Seeds 3/4</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed, 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed	5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed	5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed and walkover awarded to opponent of 17 <sup>th</sup> seed	LL replaces withdrawn player^
<b>Seeds 5/8</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed, 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed	9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed	9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed and walkover awarded to opponent of 17 <sup>th</sup> seed	LL replaces withdrawn player^
<b>Seeds 9/16</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed	17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player and reserve 1 replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed	17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed and walkover awarded to opponent of 17 <sup>th</sup> seed	LL replaces withdrawn player^
<b>Seeds 17/32</b>	33 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player and reserve 1 replaces 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent
<b>Seeds 33/48</b>	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent

\*After this time, no more movements can be made and a walkover is awarded to the opponent of any withdrawn player.

^If no LL, walkover awarded to opponent of withdrawn player.

**Byes:** Byes are awarded in order of seeding. If there is no reserve available, the opponent of the highest ranked player without a bye will be placed in the opening slot after the required movements have been made.

**Start time** refers to the local start time of the first match in the first round of the tournament.

### 64-draw (64 entries) - Men

	Withdrawals up until 18.00 the day before the start of the main draw	Withdrawals after 18.00 the day before and up until 3 hours before the start of the main draw	Withdrawals within 3 hours of the start of the main draw
<b>Seeds 1/2</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 3 <sup>rd</sup> seed, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent
<b>Seeds 3/4</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed		
<b>Seeds 5/8</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed		
<b>Seeds 9/16</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player and reserve 1 replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed		
<b>Seeds 17/64</b>	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player		

### 64-draw (64 entries) - Women

	Withdrawals up until 18.00 the day before the start of the main draw	Withdrawals after 18.00 the day before and up until 3 hours before the start of the main draw	Withdrawals within 3 hours of the start of the main draw
<b>Seeds 1/2</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 3 <sup>rd</sup> seed, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed, 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent
<b>Seeds 3/4</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed, 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed		
<b>Seeds 5/8</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed, 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed		
<b>Seeds 9/16</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces 17 <sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed		
<b>Seeds 17/32</b>	33 <sup>rd</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player and reserve 1 replaces 33 <sup>rd</sup> seed		
<b>Seeds 33/64</b>	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player		

**Byes:** Byes are awarded in order of seeding. If there is no reserve available, the opponent of the highest ranked player without a bye will be placed in the opening slot after the required movements have been made.

**Start time** refers to the local start time of the first match in the first round of the tournament

## Appendix X: PSA World Ranking Points

Tournament Level	PSA World Ranking Points						
PSA World Tour	1	2	3-4	5-8	9-16	17-32	33-64
PSA World Championships	3175	2090	1270	780	475	290	177.5
PSA World Tour Finals*	<i>Undeclared bonus</i>			150			
	<i>Winner</i>			1000			
	<i>Runner-Up</i>			550			
	<i>Semi-Finalist</i>			200			
	<i>Round-Robin Match Win</i>			150			
PSA World Tour Platinum	2750	1810	1100	675	410	250	152.5
PSA World Tour Gold	1750	1150	700	430	260	160	
PSA World Tour Silver	1225	805	490	300	182.5	112.5	
PSA World Tour Bronze	875	575	350	215	130	80	
PSA Challenger Tour	1	2	3-4	5-8	9-16	17-32	33-64
PSA Challenger Tour 30	525	345	210	130	78	47.5	
PSA Challenger Tour 20	350	230	140	85	51	31.5	
PSA Challenger Tour 10	200	130	80	50	30	18	
PSA Challenger Tour 5	100	65	40	25	15	9	
WSF & PSA Satellite Tour: Senior	1	2	3-4	5-8	9-16	17-32	33-64
WSF & PSA National Championships	50	32.5	20	12.5	7.5	4.5	
WSF & PSA Satellite Tournaments	30	19.5	12	7.5	4.5	2.75	
WSF & PSA Satellite Tour: U19	1	2	3-4	5-8	9-16	17-32	33-64
WSF & PSA World Junior Championship	50	32.5	20	12.5	7.5	4.5	
WSF & PSA Regional Junior Championships	30	19.5	12	7.5	4.5	2.75	
WSF & PSA National Junior Open	20	13	8	5	3	1.75	
WSF & PSA National Junior Championships	10	6.5	4	2.5	1.5		
WSF & PSA Satellite Tour: U17	1	2	3-4	5-8	9-16	17-32	33-64
WSF & PSA World Junior Championship	25	16.25	10	6.25	3.75	2.25	
WSF & PSA Regional Junior Championships	15	9.75	6	4	2.5	1.5	
WSF & PSA National Junior Open	10	6.5	4	2.5	1.5	0.75	
WSF & PSA National Junior Championships	5	3.25	2	1.25	0.75		

\*Points earned at the PSA World Tour Finals are effectively 'bonus' points simply added to the existing points total used to calculate the player's average. Points earned as a result of a round robin match will apply to all players. For players who progress beyond the round robin stages, group stage points will be added to any additional points earned by finishing position. The PSA World Tour Finals will not count as a tournament played and therefore will not be used in increasing a player's divisor.

## Appendix XI: Dunlop Balls Allocation

All PSA Tour tournaments PSA Challenger Tour 5 and above will receive complimentary Dunlop balls and branding stickers.

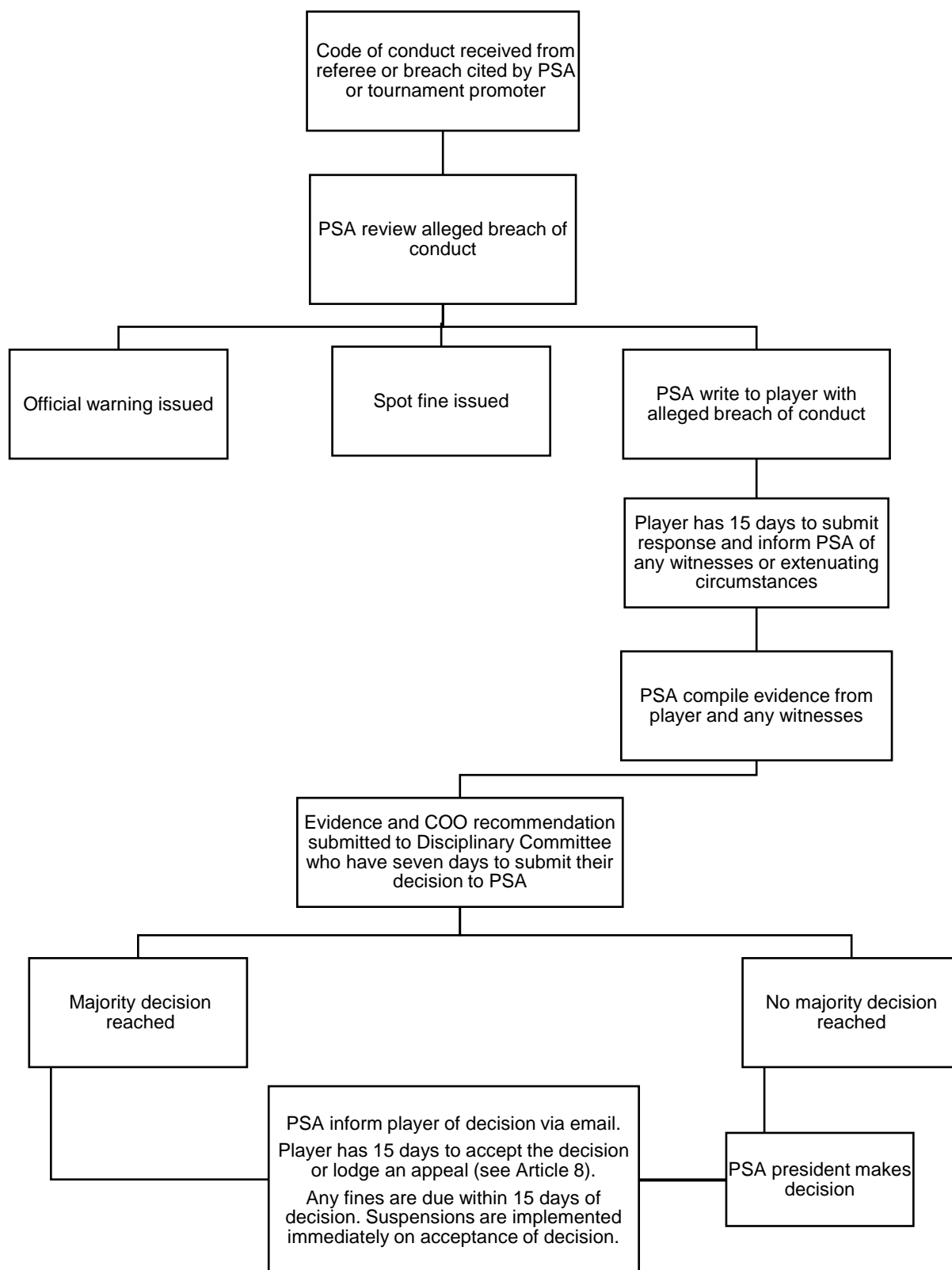
The normal allocation will be as follows (this is subject to change depending on each individual tournament schedule):

16-draw traditional court	3 dozen black balls
16-draw all glass court	2 dozen black balls, 4 dozen white balls
32-draw (24 entries) traditional court	4 dozen black balls
32-draw (24 entries) all glass court	3 dozen black balls, 5 dozen white balls
32-draw (32 entries) traditional court	5 dozen black balls
32-draw (32 entries) all glass court	3 dozen black balls, 6 dozen white balls
64-draw (48 entries) first round traditional court	8 dozen black balls, 8 dozen white balls
64-draw (48 entries) all glass court	6 dozen black balls, 10 dozen white balls
64-draw	Based on match schedule / court allocation

All tournaments will receive a PSA Tour tier tin sticker and a Dunlop Official Ball of the PSA tin sticker for each court being used. Traditional courts will receive white Dunlop stickers; glass courts will receive black Dunlop stickers.

Note: As per Dunlop's guidelines, high altitude balls should be used at events where the venue is 4000ft or more above sea-level.

## Appendix XII: Disciplinary Procedure



## Appendix XIII: Challenger Tour Round Robin Rules

To be confirmed



## Appendix XIV: PSA World Tour Finals Rules

### Direct Entries

The top eight players from the Road to Host Leaderboard shall qualify for the tournament. These standings are calculated by using the cumulative total of points earned in PSA World Tour tournaments taking place in the given season.

The reigning PSA World Champion and the seven season PSA World Tour Platinum winners will automatically qualify for the PSA World Tour Finals. Any remaining places will be allocated to the next highest ranked player on the Road to Host Leaderboard after the final PSA World Tour tournament in the given season.

Participation is mandatory, and all players who have qualified shall be entered. All players who have qualified must be at the tournament site at least one day before scheduled play begins and must be available for play through to completion of the competition.

### Reserves and Withdrawals

Any withdrawal will be replaced by the next highest positioned player on the Road to Host Leaderboard as confirmed following the last PSA World Tour tournament of the season. Any player who has entered and is confirmed in another PSA tournament on conflicting dates will automatically be ineligible for acceptance and the position will go to the next eligible player on the Road to Host Leaderboard. Three reserves will be notified and must confirm their acceptance within seven days.

### Competition Format

The tournament shall be a round robin format with eight players. There shall be two groups of four players each with eight seeds to be determined by the Road to Host Leaderboard, the final standings of which will be confirmed immediately following the last PSA World Tour tournament of the season. All round robin matches shall be the best of three games. The round robin shall determine the four players for the semi-finals; the semi-finals will continue with the match format of the best of three games. The format of the final will be the best of five games.

### Round Robin

The field shall be divided into two groups of four players each. The top seeded player shall be placed in Group "A" and the second-seeded player shall be placed in Group "B". Players seeded three and four, five and six, and seven and eight, shall then be drawn in pairs with the first drawn placed into Group "A."

Each player shall play every other player in their group to determine the top two players in each group.

The final standings of each group shall be determined by the first of the following methods that apply:

- Greatest number of points (Table XX)
- Greatest number of wins

Table XX

Match Score	Points
2-0 win	4
2-1 win	3
1-2 loss	1
0-2 loss	0

If two players are tied, the tie will be broken by:

- Head to head result

If two players are tied but do not have a head to head result, the tie will be broken by the highest percentage of points won.

If three players are tied, the tie will be broken by:

- The highest percentage of points won

If ties still exist after the above procedures, player will be positioned in ascending order according to their seeding.

Any final round robin match that is not completed will result in a straight game win or loss.

## Appendix XV: World Champions

1976	Geoff Hunt (Australia) bt Mohibullah Khan (Pakistan) 7-9, 9-4, 8-10, 9-2, 9-2. Host Nation – England	Heather McKay (Australia) bt Marion Jackman (Australia) 9-2, 9-2, 9-0. Host Nation – Australia No competition held
1977	Geoff Hunt (Australia) bt Qamar Zaman (Pakistan) 9-5, 9-4, 8-10, 2-9, 9-2. Host Nation – Australia	No competition held
1978	No competition held	No competition held
1979	Geoff Hunt (Australia) bt Qamar Zaman (Pakistan) 9-2, 9-3, 9-2. Host Nation – Canada	Heather McKay (Australia) bt Sue Cogswell (England) 6-9, 9-3, 9-1, 9-4. Host National – England No competition held
1980	Geoff Hunt (Australia) bt Qamar Zaman (Pakistan) 9-0, 9-3, 9-3. Host Nation – Australia	
1981	Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Geoff Hunt (Australia) 7-9, 9-1, 9-2, 9-2. Host Nation – Canada	Rhonda Thorne (Australia) bt Vicki Cardwell (Australia) 8-10, 9-4, 9-5, 7-9, 9-7. Host Nation – Canada No competition held
1982	Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Dean Williams (Australia) 9-2, 6-9, 9-1, 9-1. Host Nation – England	
1983	Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia) 9-3, 9-6, 9-0. Host Nation – Germany	Vicki Cardwell (Australia) bt Rhonda Thorne (Australia) 9-1, 9-3, 9-4. Host Nation – Australia No competition held
1984	Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Qamar Zaman (Pakistan) 9-0, 9-3, 9-4. Host Nation – Pakistan	
1985	Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Ross Norman (New Zealand) 9-4, 4-9, 9-5, 9-1. Host Nation – Egypt	Susan Devoy (New Zealand) bt Lisa Opie (England) 9-4, 9-5, 10-8. Host Nation – Ireland No competition held
1986	Ross Norman (New Zealand) bt Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) 9-5, 4-9, 9-5, 9-1. Host Nation – France	
1987	Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia) 9-5, 9-4, 4-9, 9-6. Host Nation – England	Susan Devoy (New Zealand) bt Lisa Opie (England) 9-3, 10-8, 9-2. Host Nation – New Zealand No competition held
1988	Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Jansher Khan (Pakistan) 9-6, 9-2, 9-2. Host Nation – Netherlands	
1989	Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia) 7-15, 6-15, 15-4, 15-11, 15-10. Host Nation – Malaysia	Martine Le Moignan (England) bt Susan Devoy (New Zealand) 4-9, 9-4, 10-8, 10-8. Host Nation – Netherlands
1990	Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia) 15-8, 17-15, 13-15, 15-5. Host Nation - France	Susan Devoy (New Zealand) bt Martine Le Moignan (England) 9-4, 9-4, 9-4. Host Nation – Australia No competition held
1991	Rodney Martin (Australia) bt Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) 14-17, 15-9, 15-4, 15-13. Host Nation – Australia	
1992	Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia) 15-11, 15-9, 10-15, 15-6. Host Nation – South Africa	Susan Devoy (New Zealand) bt Michelle Martin (Australia) 9-4, 9-6, 9-4. Host Nation – Canada
1993	Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) 14-15, 15-9, 15-5, 15-5. Host Nation – Pakistan	Michelle Martin (Australia) bt Liz Irving (Australia) 9-2, 9-2, 9-1. Host Nation – South Africa
1994	Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Peter Marshall (England) 10-15, 15-11, 15-8, 15-4. Host Nation – Spain	Michelle Martin (Australia) bt Cassie Jackman (England) 9-1, 9-0, 9-6. Host Nation – Channel Islands
1995	Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Del Harris (England) 15-10, 17-14, 16-17, 15-8. Host Nation – Cyprus	Michelle Martin (Australia) bt Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia) 8-10, 9-2, 9-6, 9-3. Host Nation – Hong Kong
1996	Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Rodney Eyles (Australia) 15-13, 17-15, 11-15, 15-3. Host Nation – Pakistan	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia) bt Cassie Jackman (England) 9-0, 9-3, 9-4. Host Nation – Hong Kong
1997	Rodney Eyles (Australia) bt Peter Nicol (Scotland) 15-11, 15-12, 15-12. Host Nation – Malaysia	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia) bt Michelle Martin (Australia) 9-5, 5-9, 6-9, 9-2, 9-3. Host Nation – Australia
1998	Jonathon Power (Canada) bt Peter Nicol (Scotland) 15-17, 15-7, 15-9, 15-10	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia) bt Michelle Martin (Australia) 10-8, 9-7, 2-9, 3-9, 10-9.

1999	Host Nation – Qatar Peter Nicol (Scotland) bt Ahmed Barada (Egypt) 15-9, 15-13, 15-11. Host Nation – Egypt	Host Nation – Germany Cassie Campion (England) bt Michelle Martin (Australia) 9-6, 9-7, 9-7.
2000	No competition held	Host Nation – United States Carol Owens (Australia) bt Leilani Joyce (New Zealand) 9-6, 9-5, 7-9, 5-9, 9-6. Host Nation – Scotland Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia) bt Leilani Joyce (New Zealand) 9-0, 9-3, 9-2.
2001	No competition held	Host Nation – Australia Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia) bt Natalie Pohrer (England) 10-8, 9-3, 7-9, 9-7. Host Nation – Qatar Carol Owens (New Zealand) bt Cassie Jackman (England) 3-9, 9-2, 9-7, 9-3.
2002	David Palmer (Australia) bt John White (Scotland) 13-15, 12-15, 15-6, 15-14, 15-11. Host Nation – Belgium	Host Nation – Hong Kong Vanessa Atkinson (Netherlands) bt Natalie Grinham (Australia) 9-1, 9-1, 9-5.
2003	Amr Shabana (Egypt) bt Thierry Lincou (France) 15-14, 9-15, 15-11, 15-7. Host Nation – Pakistan	Host Nation – Malaysia Nicol David (Malaysia) bt Rachael Grinham (Australia) 8-10, 9-2, 9-6, 9-7.
2004	Thierry Lincou (France) bt Lee Beachill (England) 11-5, 2-11, 11-2, 10-11(0-2), 11-8. Host Nation – Qatar	Host Nation – Hong Kong Nicol David (Malaysia) bt Natalie Grinham (Australia) 1-9, 9-7, 3-9, 9-5, 9-2.
2005	Amr Shabana (Egypt) bt David Palmer (Australia) 11-6, 11-7, 11-8. Host Nation – Hong Kong	Host Nation – Northern Ireland Rachael Grinham (Australia) bt Natalie Grinham (Australia) 9-4, 10-8, 9-2.
2006	David Palmer (Australia) bt Gregory Gaultier (France) 9-11 9-11 11-9 11-10 (6-4) 11-2 Host Nation – Egypt	Host Nation - Spain Nicol David (Malaysia) bt Vicky Botwright (England) 5-11, 11-1, 11-6, 11-9.
2007	Amr Shabana (Egypt) bt Gregory Gaultier (France) 11-7, 11-4, 11 -6. Host Nation – Bermuda	Host Nation – England Nicol David (Malaysia) bt Natalie Grinham (Australia) 3-11, 11-6, 11-3, 11-8.
2008	Ramy Ashour (Egypt) bt Karim Darwish (Egypt) 5-11 11-8 11-4 11-5. Host Nation – England	Host Nation – Netherlands Nicol David (Malaysia) bt Omneya Abdel Kawy (Egypt) 11-5, 11-8, 11-6.
2009	Amr Shabana (Egypt) bt Ramy Ashour (Egypt) 11-8, 11-8, 11-5. Host Nation – Kuwait	Host Nation – Egypt Nicol David (Malaysia) bt Jenny Duncalf (England) 11-2, 11-5, 11-0.
2010	Nick Matthew (England) bt James Willstrop (England) 8-11, 11-6, 11-2, 11-3. Host Nation – Saudi Arabia	Host Nation – Netherlands Nicol David (Malaysia) bt Laura Massaro (England) 11-6, 11-8, 11-6.
2011	Nick Matthew (England) bt Gregory Gaultier (France) 6-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-5. Host Nation – Netherlands	Host Nation – Cayman Islands Laura Massaro (England) bt Nour El Sherbini (Egypt) 11-7, 6-11, 11-9, 5-11, 11-9.
2012	Ramy Ashour (Egypt) bt Mohamed Elshorbagy (Egypt) 2-11, 11-6, 11-5, 9-11, 11-8. Host Nation – Qatar	Host Nation - Malaysia Nicol David (Malaysia) bt Raneem El Welily (Egypt) 5-11, 11-8, 7-11, 14-12, 11-5.
2013	Nick Matthew (England) bt Gregory Gaultier (France) 11-9, 11-9, 11-13, 7-11, 11-2. Host Nation – England	Host Nation – Egypt Nour El Sherbini (Egypt) bt Laura Massaro (England) 6-11, 4-11, 11-3, 11-5, 11-8.
2014	Ramy Ashour (Egypt) bt Mohamed Elshorbagy (Egypt) 13-11, 7-11, 5-11, 11-5, 14-12. Host Nation – Qatar	Host Nation – Malaysia Nour El Sherbini (Egypt) bt Raneem El Welily (Egypt) 11-8, 11-9, 11-9.
2015	Gregory Gaultier (France) bt Omar Mosaad (Egypt) 11-6 11-7 12-10. Host Nation – United States	Host Nation – Egypt Raneem El Welily (Egypt) bt Nour El Sherbini (Egypt) 11-3, 10-12, 7-11, 5-11.
2016	Karim Abdel Gawad (Egypt) bt Ramy Ashour (Egypt) 5-11, 11-6, 11-7, 2-1 (Ashour retired). Host Nation – Egypt	Host Nation – England Nour El Sherbini (Egypt) bt Nour El Tayeb (Egypt) 11-6, 11-5, 10-12, 15-13.
2017	Mohamed ElShorbagy (Egypt) bt Gregory Gaultier (France) 10-12, 4-11, 9-11. Host Nation – England	Host Nation – United States
2018-	Ali Farag (Egypt) bt Tarek Moment (Egypt)	
2019	11-5, 11-13, 13-11, 11-3. Host Nation – United States	

## Appendix XVI: PSA World Tour Finals Winners

1992	Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia) 15-10, 10-15, 15-13, 15-8. Host Nation – Switzerland	No competition held
1993	Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Peter Marshall (England) 8-15, 15-8, 15-7, 15-9. Host Nation – Switzerland	No competition held
1994	No competition held	No competition held
1995	Del Harris (England) bt Brett Martin (Australia) 10-8, 7-9, 9-4, 6-9, 9-2. Host Nation – England	No competition held
1996	Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Brett Martin (Australia) 9-7, 9-5, 9-2. Host Nation – England	No competition held
1997	Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Simon Parke (England) 15-12 13-15 15-11 15-10. Host Nation – England	No competition held
1998	Peter Nicol (Scotland) bt Ahmed Barada (Egypt) 15-8, 9-15, 15-9, 15-11. Host Nation – England	Michelle Martin (Australia) bt Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia) 9-3, 9-5, 3-9, 9-3. Host Nation – Egypt
1999	Peter Nicol (Scotland) bt Simon Parke (England) 13-15, 15-9, 15-12, 12-15, 15-12. Host Nation – England	Michelle Martin (Australia) bt Carol Owens (Australia) 9-3, 9-7, 2-9, 9-4. Host Nation – Egypt
2000	Peter Nicol (Scotland) bt David Palmer (Australia) 15-7, 15-11, 13-15, 17-14. Host Nation – England	Carol Owens (Australia) bt Cassie Jackman (England) 9-1, 5-9, 5-9, 9-2, 9-2. Host Nation – Egypt
2001	David Palmer (Australia) bt Thierry Lincou (France) 15-9, 10-15, 15-7, 10-15, 15-4. Host Nation – England	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia) bt Leilani Joyce (New Zealand) 9-6, 9-5, 9-1. Host Nation – Egypt
2002	Jonathon Power (Canada) bt Peter Nicol (England) 15-11, 10-15, 13-15, 15-4, 15-14. Host Nation – England	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia) bt Carol Owens (New Zealand) 6-9, 5-9, 9-5, 9-7, 9-4. Host Nation – Qatar
2003	Thierry Lincou (France) bt Joseph Kneipp (Australia) 10-11 (0-2), 11-9, 11-2, 11-1. Host Nation – England	Carol Owens (New Zealand) bt Rachael Grinham (Australia) 9-0, 9-2, 9-4. Host Nation – Qatar
2004	Jonathon Power (Canada) bt Thierry Lincou (France) 11-7, 11-6, 11-2. Host Nation – England	Cassie Jackman (England) bt Natalie Grinham (Australia) 7-9, 9-2, 10-9, 3-9, 9-6. Host Nation – Qatar
2005	Anthony Ricketts (Australia) bt Lee Beachill (England) 11-7, 6-11, 11-4, 11-10 (2-0). Host Nation – England	No competition held
2006	Ramy Ashour (Egypt) bt Gregory Gaultier (France) 11-10, 11-8, 4-11, 11-4. Host Nation – England	No competition held
2007	Gregory Gaultier (France) bt Amr Shabana (Egypt) 11-9, 11-8, 11-8. Host Nation – England	No competition held
2008	Gregory Gaultier (France) bt Thierry Lincou (France) 11-6, 8-11, 11-5, 11-5. Host Nation – England	No competition held
2009	No competition held	No competition held
2010	Final between Nick Matthew and Amr Shabana Cancelled Host Nation – England	No competition held
2011	Amr Shabana (Egypt) bt Gregory Gaultier (France) 6-11, 12-10, 11-7, 7-11, 11-8. Host Nation – England	No competition held
2012	Amr Shabana (Egypt) bt Nick Matthew (England) 4-11, 11-2, 11-4, 11-7. Host Nation – England	Nicol David (Malaysia) bt Laura Massaro (England) 11-3, 11-2, 11-9. Host Nation – England
2013	Ramy Ashour (Egypt) bt Mohamed Elshorbagy (Egypt) 15-17, 11-7, 11-4, 11-5. Host Nation – United States	Nicol David (Malaysia) bt Madeline Perry (Ireland) 11-9, 11-9, 11-9. Host Nation – England
2014	No competition held	No competition held
2015	No competition held	No competition held

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| 2016 | Gregory Gaultier (France) bt Cameron Pilley (Australia)<br>11-4, 11-5, 8-11, 11-6.<br>Host Nation – UAE           | Laura Massaro (England) bt Raneem El Welily (Egypt)<br>9-11, 11-6, 5-11, 12-10, 11-5<br>Host Nation – UAE  |
| 2017 | Mohamed Elshorbagy (Egypt) bt James Willstrop (England)<br>12-10, 11-9, 11-8.<br>Host Nation – UAE                | Nour El Sherbini (Egypt) bt Laura Massaro (England)<br>11-8, 12-10, 11-5.<br>Host Nation – UAE             |
| 2018 | Ali Farag (Egypt) bt Mohamed ElShorbagy (Egypt)<br>11-9, 3-11, 9-11, 8-11.<br>Host Nation – UAE                   | Nour El Sherbini (Egypt) bt Raneem El Welily (Egypt)<br>11-5, 9-11, 11-8, 11-5.<br>Host Nation – UAE       |
| 2019 | Karim Abdel Gawad (Egypt) bt Mohamed Abouelghar (Egypt)<br>12-10, 11-6, 5-11, 8-11, 12-10.<br>Host Nation – Egypt | Raneem El Welily (Egypt) bt Camille Serme (France)<br>3-11, 8-11, 11-7, 11-4, 11-6.<br>Host Nation – Egypt |

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