



Champion of Champions
2021 Rules



Rules Covering the Following Events:
Champion of Champions District Eliminations
Champion of Champions National Finals

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1. Competition Information

The District Champion of Champions events are played to identify the best player in the respective district for men and women in each grade.

The National Champion of Champions event is played to identify the best player from all districts for men and women in each grade.

At the District Champion of Champions players in a single district play off to find the District Champion in each grade. The District Champion is then eligible to travel to the National Champion of Champions finals to play off for the national title representing their club and their district.

2. Player Eligibility

To be eligible to compete a player must be:

1. A full financial member of a club that is affiliated to Squash New Zealand in their region N.B. they do not need to hold a club code for that region;
2. Registered on the grading list by the 30th July 2021;
3. In the appropriate (or a lower) grade by 30th July 2021 e.g. if a player is D1 on the 30th July grading list, he/she would be eligible for the D Grade National Champion of Champions event, even if he/she subsequently went up to C2.

Squash New Zealand will run a grading list as at 30th July 2020. Each district will be emailed their respective grading list for checking player eligibility.

Squash New Zealand reserves the right to alter grade eligibility and seedings should there be evidence of withholding or manipulating results. Only results from club tournaments, district events or sanctioned club grading events will be considered for grading purposes. Where there is evidence of individual results being entered to manipulate the grading list those results will be deleted.

3. Entries

3.1 District Champion of Champions Entries

Players must register with their district for the Champion of Champions District Eliminations by their district's publicized closing date.

All players must fulfil **ALL** requirements of Section 2 Eligibility.

3.2 National Champion of Champions Entries

The winning player at each grade in the Champion of Champions District Eliminations is entitled to enter the national finals so that each district is represented at each grade by their best player.

Winning players must return a completed entry form to their District Administrator within 48 hours following the end of the Champion of Champions District Eliminations.

All District Administrators will submit entry forms to the host club and Squash New Zealand by 6th September 2021

If the Winning player in a grade is unable to enter, their place will be offered to the runner-up, and then the third placed team, and so on.

Additional players may be invited to attend the event as per the Protocol for Inviting Additional players below. All districts must indicate runner-up's who are willing to travel (in addition to the district champions) at the time of submission of entry.

All players and districts must:

- Submit entries by the closing date – No late entries will be accepted
- Have the appropriate entry fee accompanied with the official entry form

Players are only able to compete in one draw for the event.

3.3 Protocol for Inviting Additional Players

If numbers necessitate in particular divisions, runners-up may be invited from districts.

Invitations will be based on districts initial indication of available runner ups allowing an equal opportunity for all districts to gain fair representation. Where runner-up's are not indicated by the districts then Squash New Zealand will base invitation on proximity to venue and districts participation in district events for that grade. Runner-ups must fulfil eligibility criteria in section 2.

Where required the host club and Squash New Zealand may invite players at their discretion from any district to achieve workable draw sizes. These players must fulfil eligibility criteria in section 2 but do not necessarily need to have competed in the District Finals.

4. Substituting Players

Districts are able to substitute players who become unable to attend the National Finals according to the player eligibility rules section 2.

Any district substituting players in or out shall make application in writing (by email) to the Tournament Director no later than 4.00pm 22nd September 2021

Any substitutions will result in a reseeding of the draws.

A player who has been substituted out cannot be substituted back in at a later stage.

N.B. All player substitutions must meet the eligibility rules as per Section 2.

5. Event Logistics

5.1 Event Format

The Champion of Champions National and District Finals will be played on a knockout basis, depending on the number of entries. Where it is deemed appropriate pool play may be used. Players will get a minimum of three games where possible.

The national finals will be played from 3pm on the Friday. Final matches will be scheduled to finish by 4pm Sunday to allow players to travel home.

All draws and seedings will be circulated seven days prior to the event.

5.2 Event Seeding

The Champion of Champions District Eliminations will be seeded by each District, according to their grading points at the Districts set date.

The Champion of Champions National Finals will be seeded by the host club Tournament Director according to their grading points at the 15th September 2021 Grading List.

5.3 Scoring

For grades C and below each individual match (both in District Eliminations and National Finals) shall be the best of five games with PAR to 15 (must win by 2).

For B Grade each individual match (both in District Eliminations and National Finals) shall be the best of five games with PAR to 11 (must win by 2).

5.4 Tie Rules

Players must be on court ready to warm up no more than ten minutes following the conclusion of the previous match, or the anointed start time of the tie. Failure to do this will result in the match being defaulted if a complaint is made to the Tournament Director by the opponent.

The ball to be used will be:

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

5.5 Winning Pool Play

When competitors play one another in a Pool, the final order of merit in that Pool is decided based on all results in that Pool, as follows:

- i. First by greater number of matches won;
- ii. If two players are still equal, then by the result between those two players.
- iii. If three or more players have won the same number of matches, then by the greater positive difference between games won and lost in matches between those three players;
- iv. If two players are still equal, then by the result between those two players.
- v. If three or more players still equal, then by greater positive difference between points won and lost in matches between those three players;
- vi. If two players are still equal, then by the result between those two players.
- vii. If more than two players are still equal, then by the drawing of lots.

5.6 Results

The host club Tournament Director is required to display the full match scores throughout the event and to forward these to the Squash NZ national office at the end of each day.

These results will be communicated to the media and copies of the full results will be available for participants from the Squash NZ national office immediately after the end of the event.

The host club is required to enter the results into the iSquash Grading List on a daily basis as the tournament progresses. The host club will also maintain an up to date spreadsheet of district points accumulated towards the overall district trophy as the tournament progresses with copies forwarded to all district managers at the completion of each round.

6. Timeline

1. 30th July 2021 - Grading Lists run by SNZ and uploaded to SNZ website to determine player eligibility
2. 6th September 2021 - Districts submit all entry forms to the host club and Squash New Zealand
3. 15th September 2021 - Grading Lists run by SNZ and uploaded to SNZ website to determine National Champion of Champions Seedings
4. 22nd September 2021 - All player substitutions submitted to Tournament Director in writing (e-mail)
5. 25th September 2021 – Seedings and draws uploaded on to NZ iSquash and circulated to all participants via isquash email addresses.
6. 1st – 3rd October 2021 – Champion of Champions Finals - Northland

7. District Trophy Event

The Ossies Champion of Champion District Trophy will be presented to a winning district based on participation across all grades and performance during the event.

One point will be awarded to each district for an entry in each grade (both male and females) i.e. a maximum of 12 points available. Additional invited players will not be included, only those who are listed on the districts official entry form will be included.

Districts will be awarded 1 point for each match won by their player listed on the official entry form.

1 Bonus point will be awarded to the district for each title won.

The winning district will be the one with the most points across participation and performance. Where two or more districts are tied on points it will go back to number of games won by each district.

In the case where two or more districts are tied on games it will go back to the number of points won by each district.

Where districts are tied on points the districts will be declared joint winners.

8. Trophies

Trophies for the Champion of Champions District Eliminations will be awarded by the district associations.

Squash New Zealand will provide medals and trophies for the following places for the Champion of Champions National Finals:

A Grade Man	Manurewa Cup
A Grade Woman	Central Cup
B Grade Man	Otago Cup
B Grade Woman	Reid Family Plate
C Grade Man	Northland Kauri Trophy
C Grade Woman	Northland Kauri Trophy
D Grade Man	Canterbury Cup
D Grade Woman	Khandallah Tray
E Grade Man	Patterson Cup
E Grade Woman	Rangitikei Trophy
F/J Grade Man	Roger Suckling Trophy
F/J Grade Woman	Ohakune Trophy