

2014 NATIONAL FORUM NOTES

National Awards

- Districts best placed to choose nominees
- Current structure is okay but agreed that we need 100% commitment from all Districts to make them really work.
- Why is coaching different? They should all be run the same to avoid confusion and create coherency – agreed that we would like to do this but will not do until we can see 100% commitment in 2015 from ALL Districts. If so, we will change National Coaching Awards to the same system in 2016.
- PV develop a culture of recognising and rewarding those who contribute to squash i.e. volunteer of the month, most improved player of the month etc. For further information about recognising sport volunteers go to Lotto NZ Volunteers http://www.lottovolunteers.co.nz/
- How can the process be changed so they are all the same?
- LM SNZ office should co-ordinate, receive all applications and then send back to districts to choose... which is what we currently do through emails to club members, clubs and by giving the online nomination form to those Districts who wish to utilise this.

Combined Grading List

- Grading List Advisory Group monitoring trends in grading activity
- Will require several seasons to see desired trends emerge
- Indications so far are positive

Ball choice

- A number of different options were discussed, without recommending any change
- Pragmatic choice of ball for colder conditions remains important. Easiest for the District or club running the competition to stipulate this from the outset. Progress being made here
- Squash New Zealand will maintain its existing choice of ball recommendations (these are rules for national events, but recommendations only for District and club events)

Activity Reporting

- Discussion over whether it should include competitions but decided that iSquash Results, Interclub and Tournament modules all collect that information already and we want to focus on development programmes.
- Some things it could include...
 - o Women in squash
 - o Fitness programmes
 - Holiday programmes

- o Business house
- Club Nights Junior and Open
- Open days / Have-a-go days
- After-school programmes
- SNZ to send out information on activity reporting to all districts
- AM questioned who will train the clubs to use the reporting? SNZ will communicate to clubs and provide updated manuals and Districts will provide encouragement and support if they see Activity Reporting as worthwhile.
- How will SNZ lead the implementation? As above through direct communication to Districts and clubs and by providing updated manuals.

Kiwi Squash

- Wellington reported small numbers with a couple of selected clubs but a good conversion
- Waikato uses the Sport Waikato energisers
- Auckland Kiwi Squash fits well with the kiwi sport programme
- What is the best way to deliver Kiwi Squash?
- Is cost a barrier?
- Can we use Glenda Knox from Waikato to show how it is done?

Squash Start

- It is a resource not a programme
- Coaching resources sit alongside Module 6 and 4
- Programmes include Social Slam, Squash Ignite......
- Others might be aimed at Universities / Tertiary
- WB levy discount to incentivise club to adopt. What other support?

NCD / DD Role

- About programme delivery and implementation
- Need to talk to every district to see how it will work best for them
- It is up to districts and clubs to do the actual delivery

Strategic Plan

- GM explained the annual plan / budget process and timing so SNZ Board and national office cold implement a plan come 1 October
- Proposed 6 year plan with 3 year review
- Discussed the key priorities for 2015
- Commercial partnerships working with districts as well
- Delivery of squash programmes
- Promote Pay 2 Play options for clubs
- Facilities- engage with councils etc re development opportunities
- WB 22,000 members and 170 clubs should be the goal

Superchamps

- Numbers have been falling in recent years
- BOP model of forcing teams to apply for dispensation to create 'joint' teams a good one for bigger Districts – Auckland interested
- LM allow players to play in a team without changing codes
- Develop a marketing campaign for Superchamps early in the new-year

Masters Team Composition

- The addition of a 60+ age group for the Inter District Teams Event was once again raised.
- Bearing these points in mind, it was decided to add a male 60+ player to the Inter District Teams Event in 2015 as a trial. If it doesn't work (eg, smaller Districts do not attend *for that reason*), we can remove it in the future.

Champion of Champions

- A Grade to be retained
- Combining District Finals with an existing tournament may ease scheduling headaches

Other

- PV WMG2017 Northshore SC. 350 players the goal
- PV player payments. Auckland will not attend Senior Nationals if its top two players decide to play for other Districts
- FH Squash Waikato 50th jubilee next year. To commemorate the occasion the Waikato Open (first weekend in May) will be a PSA. Waikato would greatly appreciate it if Districts could please encourage players to attend