

10-19 years Squash Competition Procedures

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NOTE: This manual is to be read in conjunction with the:

- School Sport Australia policies and guidelines
- Queensland Representative School Sport Leadership handbook



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Sport Competition Guidelines

Minimum Venue Standards

The host region venue must comply with audit requirements and:

- complete a procurement process (where required).
- have sufficient and suitable (e.g. cabin/motel style) accommodation within the host town/city to provide places for all visiting parents/supporters competitors/ student officials/team officials
- have access to appropriate transport to/from the host town/city
- have access/proximity to 24 hour medical services (e.g. hospital, ambulance, dentist, physio)
- The playing venue must be a suitable standard and must comply with the sport specific minimum requirements. Consideration must also be given to factors such as:
 - sufficient number of suitably sized change rooms present
 - spectators must be adequately catered for with suitable viewing, toilet facilities, canteen etc.
 - Competition Area – Field of Play/number of courts or fields required
 - Suitable shade & shelter for hot & wet weather if necessary
 - Access to water
 - Officials' Room with secure area for official's bags
 - Championship working group control room
 - Access to internet
 - Laptop and printer
 - Photocopier
 - Paper
 - General stationery

First Aid

A minimum of two First Aid Officers/Sports Trainers must be provided each day of competition. Any child treated must be accompanied by a Team Official or parent.

Spectator's facilities

Ensure there is sufficient shade, seating, toilets facilities, food and drinks vendors.

Officials

It is preferable that all key officials have a minimum Level accreditation and first aid/CPR. The key officials are (but not limited to):

- Tournament Director
- Technical Convenor
- Chief Referee

Additional officials required (list individually)

Student Officials – insert QRSS 'categories'

Equipment

- The Host Region must supply all equipment for the safe conduct of the Championships.
- All equipment must comply with sport specific requirements
- Other necessary equipment is:
- Competition Software (if applicable)
- Access Passes (if applicable)

Competition areas must be checked each day for potential hazards and steps must be taken to rectify or make safe these potential hazards.

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Bulletins

Bulletin 1

- Team levy
- Venue
- Dates
- Pre-championship meeting date and venue
- Participating regions
- Team size
- Competition working group contact details
- Program of events
- Sports medicine arrangements
- Opening ceremony information
- Closing ceremony information

- Photograph cost
- Canteen arrangements
- State nomination details

Bulletin 2

- Confirmation of previous bulletin information
- Draw
- Photo Schedule

Additional information required for the tournament

Links for Live results & Live streaming

Special Guest for Opening ceremony

- Education Minister, Sport Minister
- Director Teaching and Learning
- Local Government representative
- Department of Education
- QRSS Board
- State Organisation
- Event sponsors

Ceremonies

Opening Ceremony

Closing Ceremony

Invitation to the following:

- Host Region officials
- Key Event Officials
- Team Officials
- Sponsor representative
- State Sporting Organisation Representative

Meetings

Pre-Championship Meeting

Selection Meetings

Post-Championship Meeting (if applicable)

A pre-championship meeting, chaired by the host RSSO / Asst. RSSO, in conjunction with the QRSS-SE member in attendance shall be convened for the purpose of discussing the conduct of the championships. The convenor may also be involved in the hosting of the meeting.

Regional team lists are to be confirmed at the pre-championship meeting. No changes are to occur after the list is confirmed.

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A post-championship meeting may be convened and from this meeting recommendations may be put forward for consideration by the QRSS-SE. If recommendations are endorsed by regional delegates, these must then be submitted to the QRSS-MC for approval.

All regional officials must attend all meetings and official functions as organised by the championship convenor and/or the QRSS-SE. This would include any Professional development opportunities as organised by the QRSS-SE.

Pre Championship Meeting agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Team officials' registrations
3. Student protection
4. Project Consent
5. Reporting injuries
6. Concussion
7. Game time consideration
8. State Team selection
9. Communication lines
10. Championship working group items
 - Championship schedule
 - Check program for player changes
 - First Aid/Ice
 - Venue information
 - Venue layout
 - Parking
 - Fields/Courts/warm up area
 - Championship Contact Numbers
 - Team Photographs
 - Opening and Closing Ceremonies
 - State championship draw
 - Competition procedures
 - Unofficial Dinner
 - Referees

Duration and Draws

Duration of championships are to be scheduled to use no more than two school days for competition. Where this cannot occur, the Host Region will communicate with the QRSS – RC and QRSS for approval and endorsement.

Such issues may include:

- availability of venues,
- number of games played per day etc

At each State Championship for team sports, the draw must ensure that all teams play on each day of the event.

At each State Championship a Queensland team may be selected and named (as a travelling or merit team). No other teams are to be named.

The sport specific competition procedures outline the draws and round robin matches to be played for various formats.



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10-19 years Squash competition information

Queensland Representative School Sport trials and championships shall be conducted according to the:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules of the game of squash, as endorsed by the State Squash Sports Organisation, except wherein stated. QRSS Leadership Handbook QRSS Risk assessment handbook 	
Age groups offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10-19 years State Championship/Interstate exchange
Event Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 convenor 1 tournament director 1 first aid official 1 Sport Executive member
Sporting Organisation Support (if required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Squash Queensland Tournament assistance and refereeing assistance The tournament referees are the Tournament director or their nominees.
State Championship Team Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each regional team may have 2 officials maximum consisting of: coach, and manager.
Umpires/Referees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students are student officials at the Championships. All games will be umpired by 2 students.
Appointment of Queensland Team Officials	<p>The appointment of QRSS Squash state team officials is governed by the QRSS Competition Procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 x coach/managers will be appointed
Appointment of Selectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All regional team officials will act as selectors. This will be announced at the pre championship meeting. Selector meetings will occur after each day's play.
Selection and announcement of the state team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the event of a tie on points and matches played. Selectors will look for a common opponent where a decision can be made. Player A beating B, B beating C and C defeating A. How we look at a common player and that we need to look at matches played first before number of games won. The state coach or manager will announce the team. A meeting of players, parents (if present) and officials will occur at the completion of the naming of the state team.
Minimum Venue Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 6 courts
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All players must be 'bona fide' students of the region they represent within the QRSS policies. Each participating region may nominate a team of up to 16 players. The preferred composition of the 16 players is four per age/sex divisions, namely: 16-19 years boys, 16-19 years girls, 10-15 years boys, 10-15 years girls. Note – regions may select students from 10 years of age, if their ability would permit these students to play in 10-15 years age group, in an appropriate pool, based on their ability level. Based on participation at regional trials, if a region cannot send four players from an individual division or divisions, extra players from other divisions may be included in the regional team, up to the maximum of 16 players.



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Playing uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eyewear to be worn every time students are on the courts • Appropriate clothing to be worn (Females: shorts/skorts/skirt or dress are acceptable) • Regional uniforms to be worn • Protective eyewear is compulsory at these championships. All players must wear approved protective eyewear on court at all times.
Draws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draws for each pool/division will be outlined at the pre-championship meeting, updated each evening and displayed at the venue each morning.
Match equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racquet, eyewear and double dot Championship balls
Team Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Queensland team consists of 20 players in four divisions, namely five each of – 16-19 years boys, 16-19 years girls, 10-15 years boys and 10-15 years girls. • The preferred composition of the regional teams of 16 players is four per age/sex divisions, namely: 16-19 years boys, 16-19 years girls, 10-15 years boys, 10-15 years girls. • Note – regions may select students from 10 years of age, if their ability would permit these students to play in 10-15 years age group, in an appropriate pool, based on their ability level. • Based on participation at regional trials, if a region cannot send four players from an individual division or divisions, extra players from other divisions may be included in the regional team, up to the maximum of 16 players.
First Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The appointed first aid officer is the designated case manager for all injuries and subsequent treatment.
Spectator's facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viewing areas as specified by venue owners
Trophies and presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool winners • Spirit of squash • Medallions - State champion, runner up and 3rd place • Elite doubles champions and runner up • Age group boys and girls regional team winners, runner up and 3rd place • Overall regional team winner (perpetual shield)

Championship Rules and Guidelines

Questions/disputes

- Any questions, disputes etc., should be brought to their notice for a ruling.
- Individual games are played as PAR11 (where a game gets to 10 all, the game must be won by two clear points) with all matches being the best of five games.
- An elite doubles competition also occurs throughout the State Championship.

Structure

- The championships may include a division, or divisions, for students with a disability.
- According to ability, the executive will assign players to a pool within each division. All players are eligible to be an individual pool champion.
- Based on results, selectors may move players between pools during the championships.

Pool Points

- Pools points contribute to division points, overall boys or overall girls' points, and total team points.



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- Within each pool, a round robin style competition will be played with players being ranked according to matches and games won and points awarded to their opponents. The top two ranked players in each pool will play off to determine individual pool champions and the final pool rankings. Points will be awarded based on final pool rankings.
- Pool points gained by extra divisional players contribute, by proportion, to overall team and regional points.

Competitions

- An **Elite doubles** competition will take place during the championships. Regional officials will select teams to compete in this, separate to the regional doubles. This is a seeded knockout draw.
- A **regional doubles** competition will take place during the championships. Points will be awarded to each winning team and these will accumulate towards regional totals.
- **Mixed doubles** will be played, usually on the final day of the championships, but will not contribute towards regional point totals.
- The regional winner for each age group and gender will be determined by combining all pool points, including doubles matches (not including mixed doubles).
- If a player is not ready to begin his/her match when required, then his/her match is forfeited, unless the tournament director has been notified.

Results

To ensure consistency and equity in determining the point value accorded to each player at the completion of the individual championships, a process needs to be formalized.

Background information:

The QRSS squash championships are unique in that the competition is based on a pools concept; that players are placed into ability groups (pools) to determine a rank order for individuals to achieve a final ranking within their division. To assist in this process, regional officials submit any variation of divisional numbers to represent their region, a maximum of 16 players can be nominated.

Regional officials submit a proposal pool level for each player and players are then assigned a code and pool to play their matches in. There is provision for players to be placed in a different pool if they have been incorrectly placed.

As each pool represents different ability levels within the division, the number within each pool could see changes from year to year. Due to this fluid nature of the QRSS Squash championships, the number of participants in any of the four divisions (10-15 male, 10-15 female, 16-19 male, 16-19 female) changes.

Awarding points to individual players:

Step 1: Determining final rank order.

This is determined through the final placings within a pool. Everyone will have played a minimum of 5 matches in their respective pool. Officials use these results to determine a rank order. Selector meetings held every afternoon are used to identify potential rank orders and whether cross pool matches are needed to help this process. Officials need to be cognizant of the number of matches a player has had, and the quality of the opponent if the final number of matches is not the same.

For example:

- Player A defeats Player B 3-0
- Player B defeats Player C (3-0, 3-1, 3-2)
- It can be assumed that Player A would also defeat Player C



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- Officials are assigned to age divisions to watch the quality of squash and to help reduce the impact of using assumptions in the above scenario.

Step 2: Determining maximum point allocation per division.

To ensure consistency and transparency, a point allocation of 50 shall be the highest score for individuals (state champion) in each division.

Step 2: Awarding points to individual players

The state champion for each division is awarded the maximum points. Players are then given a point value based on their final pool ranking. Consideration must be given to the difference in ability levels between each pool division. The difference between the quality of players within the pools should be recognised. Players in a higher pool should be given higher points and the difference in quality should be recognised. This should reflect which regional team is the strongest for the division.

A proposal for consistency and transparency is:

The point difference between players within a pool division is one. To recognize differences in ability levels, there is a point difference of 2-3 between pool divisions.

Step 3: Identifying Divisional Regional Team champions:

As previously mentioned, some regional teams have greater than four members per division. To ensure equity in determining the regional winners for each division, a maximum of 4 ranking points is added to determine the final points for each region in each division. This reflects the depth and quality of players who comprise each regional team.

A regional team of one player, would not have sufficient points, even if they were the State Champion, to be awarded the State regional winner.



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Selection process and criteria

Selection Panel

- Chair of selectors
- Selectors from Regional Teams

The chair of the selectors will be the:

- Queensland team coach or Manager
- Regional Team selectors

Process

Prior to the Championship

1. Queensland School Sport advertises for Team Official positions
2. Successful applicants must complete the mandatory training prior to the State Championship
3. QRSS will communicate the Chair of Selectors to each region
4. Region will send the final team lists to the Chair of Selectors
5. As part of bulletin 2, Regions will request nominations for the panel of selectors
6. Chair of selectors will complete the selectors booklet for distribution at the Pre-Championship meeting

At the Championship

1. Chair of selectors establishes a roster for each age and gender group
2. Each panel member must attempt to see part of each of the games (draw permitting)
3. Regional team officials must be consulted daily regarding selection
4. Notes must be kept for each athlete wishing to be selected

Schedule

Pre-Championship meeting

- Meet and discuss the selection booklet
- Establish the criteria
- Discuss the roster for each game

Day 1

- Game observations
- Regional team official consultation
- Preliminary selection meeting with the panel post last game
- Presentation of preliminary list of athletes from each panel member, recommendation for pool movement or identified must watch games.
- Discussion regarding feedback from game observation and Regional team officials

Day 2

- Game observations
- Regional team official consultation
- Selection meeting post last game
- Presentation of revised list of athletes from each panel member, recommendation for pool movement or identified must watch games.
- Discussion regarding feedback from game observation and Regional team officials

Day 3

- Game observations
- Regional team official consultation
- Selection meeting post last game
- Presentation of revised list of athletes from each panel member, recommendation for pool movement or identified must watch games. Regional officials will suggest must have matches or pool crossovers that could impact rank order of players. If a player is moved the impact of pool results should be taken into account.
- Discussion regarding feedback from game observation and Regional team officials

Day 4

Prior to the Pool Finals, the final team selection is made



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Player Rating Rubric

	Isolated (1)	Marginal (2)	Acceptable (3)	Good (4)	Excellent (5)
Attitude and Coachability	Isolated positive and appropriate attitude towards team mates, match officials and coaching staff	Marginal positive and appropriate attitude towards team mates, match officials and coaching staff	Satisfactory positive and appropriate attitude towards team mates, match officials and coaching staff	Good positive and appropriate attitude towards team mates, match officials and coaching staff	Excellent positive and appropriate attitude towards team mates, match officials and coaching staff
Communication	Isolated use of appropriate language skills during game play	Marginal use of appropriate language skills during game play	Satisfactory use of appropriate language during a game play. Is able to articulate when necessary.	Good use of language during a game play. Effectively articulates to team mates during game play	Excellent use of language during a game play. Clear and accurate instructions to team mates during game play
Problem Solving	<u>isolated</u> application of movement concepts and strategies during game play	<u>Marginal</u> application of movement concepts and strategies during game play	<u>Satisfactory</u> application and transfer of movement concepts and strategies during game play	<u>Effective</u> application and transfer of movement concepts and strategies during game play	<u>Excellent</u> application and transfer of movement concepts and strategies during game play
Team work	<u>isolated</u> demonstration of leadership, fair play and cooperation during game play	<u>Marginal</u> demonstration of leadership, fair play and cooperation during game play	<u>Satisfactory</u> demonstration of leadership, fair play and cooperation during game play	<u>Effective</u> demonstration of leadership, fair play and cooperation during game play	<u>Excellent</u> demonstration of leadership, fair play and cooperation during game play

