

**SQUASH  
WA**



# **PENNANT & LEAGUE COMPETITION BY-LAWS**

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# GENERAL

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Preamble

- 1.1.1. These Competition By-Laws for Pennants and League are to be adhered to and to provide an equal and fair playing field for all. By-laws are not able to cover all extenuating circumstances that may eventuate and therefore the Office and Committees will have the Authority to make decisions in the Spirit of the Game. These decisions will be final.

Pennant and League Competition By-Laws, regulations and local interpretations of squash rules shall be read in conjunction with the Constitution and Rules of the Squash Rackets Association of Western Australia (Inc) together with the World Squash Federation Rules of Squash Rackets and shall apply to Pennant and League Competitions run by, or under the auspices of the Squash Rackets Association of Western Australia (Inc), operating as WA Squash.

### 1.2. Precedence

- 1.2.1 Should any conflict exist between the interpretation of the World Squash Singles Rules, *World Squash Doubles Rules*, these By-Laws, resolutions of the Office and resolutions of the Board of the Squash Rackets Association of Western Australia (Inc), then the World Squash Singles Rules and *World Squash Doubles Rules* shall take precedence, followed by resolutions of the Board, then resolutions of the Office, then these By-Laws.

### 1.3. Language

- 1.3.1 All references to the masculine gender in these By-Laws shall be taken as also meaning the feminine gender.
- 1.3.2 The use of “shall” “will” and “must” means that an action is compulsory, without any alternative, and penalties may apply if the action is not carried out.
- 1.3.3 “May” means the action is not compulsory.

### 1.4. Communications

- 1.4.1 A Club Captain shall be solely responsible for notifying the Office of any matter concerning Club’s Teams or individual members.
- 1.4.2 Queries by individual members of Clubs or Teams shall not be handled by the Office.

### 1.5. Operation

- 1.5.1 These By-Laws cover all Pennant and League competitions within WA.
- 1.5.2 These By-Laws shall not be varied unless approved by the Board.

### 1.6. Definitions

Note that words defined below are capitalised in this document.

1.6.1.	“Association” means the Squash Rackets Association of Western Australia (Inc).
1.6.2.	“Board” means the Board of Management of the Squash Rackets Association of Western Australia (Inc).
1.6.3.	“Club Captain” means a Club representative, nominated by that Club, duly notified in writing, to the Association.
1.6.4.	“Club” means a group of players that is a financial member of the Squash Rackets Association of Western Australia (Inc).
1.6.5.	“Competition” means any Pennant or League competition organised by WA Squash.
1.6.6.	“Division” means any Division in any Competition.
1.6.7.	“Final” or “Finals” means Semi –Final, Preliminary Final, and/or Grand Final.

1.6.8.	“Fixture” means a set of matches played and completed between two teams on a scheduled date, prior to Finals.
1.6.9.	“Forfeit” means a victory by one player over another, without completing the match.
1.6.10.	“League” means a series of matches, played between selected teams in the same Division, commencing at week one, and concluding with a Grand Final.
1.6.11.	“Match” means the complete contest between two players, commencing with the warmup, and concluding when both players have left the court at the end of the final rally, with the winner being the first player to have won three games.
1.6.12.	“Ranked” or “Ranking” means the points associated with a player, as allocated by the Sporty HQ Ranking system.
1.6.13.	“Nominated Base Player” means the nominated number four Player in a four person Team, or the Nominated number three Player in a three Player Team.
1.6.14.	“Nomination” means notification to the Office, by a Club, Pennant Committee or League Committee, of the members of a team in a Pennant or League Competition, prior to the commencement of play.
1.6.15.	“Non-financial” means failure to pay outstanding monies owed to the Association, within the prescribed period.
1.6.16.	“Office” means the Office of the Squash Rackets Association of Western Australia (Inc), situated 144 Robinson Avenue Belmont WA 6104 or at such other places as shall be determined from time to time, by the Board of Management.
1.6.17.	“Pennants” means a series of matches, played between Clubs in the same Division, commencing at week one, and concluding with a Grand Final.
1.6.18.	“Competition Points” means points won and accumulated during Fixtures that determine ladder position.
1.6.18.	“Player” means a person who is a financial member of a Club
1.6.19.	“Prescribed Date” means any specified date, published by WA Squash, relevant to these bylaws.
1.6.20.	“Registration” means the recording on a register at the Office, of a Players name, address and other details, including Club, as listed on a registration form.
1.6.22.	“Reserve” means a member of a Club, who substitutes for another Player in a team in which the player is not nominated.
1.6.23.	“Round” means a set of Fixtures such that each team plays every other team once.
1.6.24.	“Season” means a period of time, commencing with the closing date for submission of teams, and concluding with the Grand Final, on dates as prescribed by WA Squash. For Pennant and League (except Day League) competitions there are three Seasons per year – Autumn, Winter and Spring. For Day the League competition there are two seasons – Autumn and Spring
1.6.25.	“State Grades” means both State and for both Men and Ladies divisions.
1.6.26.	“Team” means a group of Players, nominated by a Club or selected by the League Committee, to participate in a Pennant or League Competition respectively.
1.6.27.	“WA Squash” means the Squash Rackets Association of Western Australia (Inc).
1.6.28.	“Withdraw” means requesting that the team be removed from all subsequent fixtures and finals.

## 2. Fees

### 2.1 Fees - Team Nomination

- 2.1.1 A Team fee shall be paid to the Association for each Team entered into a Competition conducted by WA Squash.
- 2.1.2 The Nomination fee amount shall be approved for each Competition by the Board.
- 2.1.3 A non-refundable Team Nomination fee will be charged after the Confirmation Team Lists are received as per dates set by the Office.

### 2.2 Fees - Refunds

- 2.2.1 After specified dates as set by WA Squash there will be no credits or refunds for Player Registration or Team Nominations.

### 2.3 Fees - Court

- 2.3.1 For all Competition Fixtures including Finals, the court fees shall be shared between competing Teams, except as provided under By-Laws 7.7, 7.8 and 7.9.

#### **2.4 Fees - Outstanding – Pennant Competitions**

- 2.4.1 Teams of non-financial clubs are not eligible to compete in finals unless a process and timetable for the Club to become financial has been agreed to by the Office.
- 2.4.2 A Club that fails to pay all outstanding fees from the previous Season by the commencement of a new Season may be ineligible to accumulate Pennant Points until such outstanding amounts are fully paid and may start accruing points only after full payment has been made.

#### **2.5 Fees - Outstanding –League Competitions**

- 2.5.1 A non-financial Player is not eligible to compete in finals unless a process and Timetable for the Player to become financial has been agreed to by the Office.
- 2.5.2 A Player that fails to pay all outstanding fees from the previous Season by the commencement of a new Season may be ineligible to participate until such outstanding amounts are fully paid and may start participating only after full payment has been made.

### **3. Player Registration and Nomination**

- 3.1 A Player being nominated into a Competition must be a financial and registered member of a Club.
- 3.2 A Player shall agree to be bound by decisions arising from the Association's Constitution, these By-Law, resolutions of the Board, and the following:  
The Squash Rackets Association of Western Australian (Inc) and its Officers, employees or agents shall not be liable for any death or personal injury or loss or damage to property, sustained or incurred by any person in or upon the Association's premises or participating in any tournament, championship, Competition or activity conducted by or on behalf of the Association.
- 3.3 The Office must be notified of any additional player wishing to participate in a Competition.
- 3.4 A Team may forfeit all points for every Match in which an unregistered player participates.
- 3.5 The Office must be notified of any change in a Players Registration detail within 14 days of the change.
- 3.6 A Player may play in any or every Competition but shall be nominated to participate in only one Division per Competition.
- 3.7 A Player may be nominated in two or more Competitions.
- 3.8 Club Captains must recommend a Provisional Ranking for any new player upon their first nomination.
- 3.9 A non-refundable Team Nomination fee will be charged after the Confirmation Team Lists are received as per dates set by the Office.

### **4. Grading of Teams and Players – Pennant Competitions**

- 4.1 Clubs must submit to the Office, no later than the Prescribed Date, all their Teams in any Pennant Competition, set out on the prescribed form, showing the Ranked order from highest to lowest Player.
- 4.2 The Office shall consider the Teams submitted by Clubs and may change the SportyHQ points of any Player of any Club at any time, based on past and current performance.
- 4.3 A Club Captain may apply in writing to WA Squash to have a Players SportyHQ point number altered.

### **5. Grading of Teams and Players – League Competitions**

- 5.1 The League Committee must submit to the Office, no later than the Prescribed Date, all the teams in the League Competition, set out on the prescribed form, showing the Ranked order from highest to lowest Player.

- 5.2 The Office shall consider the Teams submitted by League Committee and may change the SportyHQ points of any Player at any time, based on past and current performance.
- 5.3 The League Committee may apply in writing to WA Squash to have a Players SportyHQ point number altered.

#### **6. Order within Teams**

- 6.1 If a dispute arises over the Ranking order of a Team, prior to a Fixture, the Fixture shall be played and the disputing Team shall submit a written protest, endorsed by its Club Captain, to the Office within seven (7) days. The protest shall be decided by the Office.
- 6.2 Individuals in teams must play in Ranking order (higher Ranked player playing above a lower Ranked player) except as provided for in By-Law 6.1.3.
- 6.3 If a team has two or more players less than 30 Ranking points apart, these particular Players may play in any order.
- 6.4 In all Finals the Players must play in Ranking order.

#### **7. Starting Times, Order of Play and Forfeits**

- 7.1 Clubs shall start Fixtures and Finals in a Competition at a time which shall be specified in SportyHQ prior to the commencement of each Season.
- 7.2 The Office may permit a Fixture to be transferred from the scheduled date to another date provided each Team's Club Captain agrees and an application is submitted in writing.
- 7.3 In any Fixture or Final, both Teams must have all Players present ten minutes prior to the published starting time, unless special permission for late arrival has been granted under By-Law 7.14.
- 7.4 Prior to the start of play, if both teams are in attendance a racket shall be spun, and the winning captain shall nominate the first Match of the Fixture or Final to be played.  
The other captain then shall nominate the second Match (once a player has won two games) and thereafter the choice shall alternate between captains.
- 7.5 If only one Team has all Players in attendance ten minutes before the published starting time of a Fixture or Final, it shall nominate the order of play for the whole Fixture or Final. If neither Team has all Players present ten minutes before the advertised starting time, the Team that first has all Players in attendance shall nominate the first and second matches.
- 7.6 A Team having only three Players (four person Teams), two Players (three person Teams) present at the published starting time shall Forfeit the bottom position, except as provided under By-Law 7.14 and By-Law 20.1.5.
- 7.7 A Team having only two or less Players (four person Teams), one Player (three person Teams) present at the published starting time shall be subject to a Forfeit by the opposition Team, except provided under By-Law 7.14. The Team may also be liable for the entire court fees for the Fixture or Final, unless the centre management is able to hire the courts immediately, or the Team has given at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the Fixture or Final.
- 7.8 If both Teams have only two Players (four person Teams), one Player (three person Teams) present, the Fixture or Final may be declared null and void and the court hire shall be shared equally by both Teams.
- 7.9 If unforeseen circumstances prevent two fully present Teams from starting play in a Fixture or Final within 30 minutes of the published starting time, or play is interrupted for at least 30 minutes, the opposing Team captains shall agree to postpone the unplayed part of the Fixture or Final. When a Fixture or Final is postponed, the Team captains shall arrange with operator of the same venue for a suitable time to finalise play within twenty-one days. NB: Matches must be played by the last round of the season. If matches aren't replayed/completed by the last round of the season, WA Squash shall reserve the right to award Competition points as deemed necessary.
- 7.10 The scores, including those for the current Match, shall stand in any Fixture or Final postponed under the provisions of By-Law 7.9, unless both Players in the current Match agree to start their Match again.
- 7.11 WA Squash may order that a postponed Fixture or Final be replayed either in part or in full after duly considering all circumstances.

- 7.12 The Players of each Team involved in a Fixture or Final that has been postponed under the provisions of By-Law 7.9 shall not be altered when play in the Fixture or Final is continued, unless agreed to by the opposing Team captain.
- 7.13 If a Team forfeits a Match because of non-attendance of a Player, that Player may be responsible for one-quarter (four person Teams) or one third (three person Teams) of the court fees due for the Fixture, payable by the offending Team's captain to the venue. If the court fees are not paid within 14 days of the offence the Centre shall advise the office in writing and the Player will then be ineligible to compete until the court hire fee is paid as specified in By-Law 18.2.10.
- 7.14 A Player of a Team may arrive after the published start of a Fixture or Final if the permission from the opposing Team captain is obtained at least 24 hours beforehand.  
A set time of arrival to play the Match must be agreed to, and arrival after this time may result in the Match being forfeited. If the opposing captain does not agree to the late arrival, the Fixture or Final must proceed at the published starting time, date and venue. If a Player is granted permission to be late, the opposing Team shall have the right to nominate the first two matches played.
- 7.15 Except under the provisions of By-Law 7.14, if no arrival time was agreed upon, when a late player arrives after the completion of all other matches, the opposing captain may claim a forfeit at that position. By-Law 7.4 may also apply.
- 7.16 If a Player requests permission to play first and the opposing captain agrees, the opposing Team has the right to second and third choice.
- 7.17 Under extenuating circumstances and, a Match may be rescheduled for another time if both Team captains agree, but in any case, the Match must be played prior to the published starting time of the next Fixture.
- 7.18 Fixtures shall be played out in full except as provided for in By-Law 8.1.4.
- 7.19 The Association under extenuating circumstances may amend, suspend, postpone or cancel any Competition in the best interests of Clubs (Force-majeure, pandemics etc)

## 8. Finals

### 8.1 Finals - General

- 8.1.1 If a Grand Final is tied, both teams are declared winners.
- 8.1.2 No alterations in date, time or venue of a finals match will be permitted unless directed by WA Squash.
- 8.1.3 State Grade Finals must play out Finals in full.
- 8.1.4. Finals in all Divisions shall be played out in full unless otherwise mutually agreed by the captains of both Teams.

### 8.2. Finals - Ladder Position

- 8.2.1 Teams in each Competition shall be ranked on a ladder throughout the Season, based on the Competition Points calculated by SportyHQ, during the Fixtures.

### 8.3. Finals - Which Teams Play

- 8.3.1 Unless otherwise determined by the League Committee, finals in all Divisions shall be *Three Team Final Series* with the team finishing 1st going straight into a Grand Final. Teams finishing 2nd and 3rd will play off in a Semi-Final with the winner progressing to the Grand Final.
- 8.3.2 If the League Committee determines a *Four Team Final Series* the top four teams shall play in the final series. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> shall play in the Major Semi-Final and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> shall play in the Minor Semi-Final. The winner of the Major Semi-Final will go straight into the Grand Final. The loser of the Major semi-Final will play the winner of the Minor Semi-Final in the Preliminary Final with the winner going into the Grand Final.
- 8.3.3 The League Committee shall determine prior to the commencement of each season if a four team final series is to be used in lieu of 8.3.1
- 8.3.4 If a Final (other than the Grand Final) is tied, the Team that finished higher at the conclusion of the Competition Fixtures shall be the winner.

- 8.3.5 If a team qualified to compete in the finals series withdraws prior to the commencement of the finals, WA Squash may promote the Team that finished next highest in that Division into the Finals.

#### **8.4 Finals – Venues**

- 8.4.1 Finals venues for State Grades will be determined by the Office.
- 8.4.2 Finals venues for all Pennant Divisions will be allocated to the higher finishing team on the ladder at conclusion of the Competition Fixtures.
- 8.4.3 In the event that Centre of the higher finishing team is unable to host a final for any reason, the final will be assigned to the home centre of the opposing team.
- 8.4.4 Finals venues for all League Divisions will be determined by the League Committee.

#### **9. Results**

- 9.1 The Home team is responsible for the results being entered on SportyHQ.
- 9.2 Any objection to the results that have been entered on SportyHQ must be lodged with The Office within 7days of the Match. Any objection lodged after this time will not be considered and the results as on SportyHQ will stand.
- 9.3 In the Rounds, objections to the eligibility of players (e.g.when teams breach By-Law 20.1 or 21.2 – reserving eligibility), must be lodged with The Office within 7days of the Match. Any objection lodged after this time will not be considered and the results as on SportyHQ will stand.
- 9.4 In the case of an objection to the SportyHQ result being lodged, information from the Match must be provided to the Office as required.
- 9.5 If a result is found to have gone missing, both Team captains shall consult and resubmit the correct result.

#### **10. Referees and Markers**

##### **10.1. Referees and Markers - General**

- 10.1.1 The Office may nominate the marker and/or the referee for any Match.
- 10.1.2 The referee shall penalise any Player who's on-court behavior is considered to be intimidating or could in any other way bring the game into disrepute. The following penalties shall apply, depending on the nature of the behavior:
- Warning by referee.
  - Stroke awarded to opponent.
  - Game awarded to opponent.
  - Match awarded to opponent.
- 10.1.3 Players are not permitted to request a change of marker or referee during a Match. In case of dispute, the Match shall be played, and a protest lodged by both Teams with the Office within 48 hours for consideration by the Office.

##### **10.2. Referees and Markers-Fixtures**

- 10.2.1 In all Competition Fixtures, a member of one Team shall act as marker, and a member of the opposing Team as referee in each Match. This arrangement shall alternate for each subsequent Match. Both the marker and referee are required to record the score.

##### **10.3. Referees and Markers-Finals**

- 10.3.1 The Office reserves the right to appoint neutral referees and/or markers for any Final, and all Players registered in any Competition shall be available to be referees and/or markers as directed by the Office.
- 10.3.2 A Team who fails to referee or mark at a Final as directed by the Office, or as required under these By-Laws shall render their Club liable to a fine for each infringement.
- 10.3.3 Teams that finish fourth in a four team Division at the completion of the Fixtures shall provide at least two Players to be referee and marker for the Semi Final in their respective Division. Teams that finish fifth in a six team Division at the completion of the Fixtures shall provide at least two Players to be referees and markers for the Semi-Finals in their particular Division.



- 10.3.4 Teams that finish 5th and 6th at the completion of the qualifying fixtures shall each provide a minimum of two Players to carry out the duties of referee and marker for the Semi-Final fixtures.  
 The loser of the Minor Semi-Final between the 3rd and 4th shall provide a minimum of two players to carry out the duties of referee and marker for the Preliminary Final.  
 The loser of the Preliminary Final shall provide a minimum of two players to carry out the duties of referee and marker for the Grand Final.  
 Where there is Bye in a 6 team Draw the team finishing 5<sup>th</sup> shall provide a minimum of four Players to carry out the duties of referee and marker for the Semi-Final fixtures.

## 11. Scoring System

- 11.1 All matches are Point-A-Rally scoring to 11 or 15 points with 2 point margin after 10-all or 14-all respectively.  
 11.2 The PAR system to be used in State Grade and the Divisions shall be determined by Board at the commencement of each season.  
 11.3 All Doubles matches are Point-A-Rally scoring to 11 points.

## 12. Official Representation in State or National Team

A Player who is duly selected as an official member of a State or National Team (Player, manager, coach or official) may arrange with the opposing Team members to play Competition Matches, scheduled for the period of absence, at another time, provided that:

- 12.1.1 The Office is notified in writing of all arrangements at least 24 hours prior to the Fixture being played. Notification must be signed by both parties.  
 12.1.2. All re-scheduled Matches are played before the Player undertakes official representation.  
 12.1.3 The Office does not reschedule the whole Fixture because of unforeseen circumstances.  
 12.1.5. Any additional costs incurred will be the responsibility of the Player intending to undertake official representation.  
 12.1.6 If two or more Players are absent at the same time for a Team undertaking official representation, the whole Fixture shall be played before the Players' departure at a time and venue mutually acceptable to both captains.  
 12.1.7 The Office shall set the date, time and venue for a rescheduled Match if the Players or captains are unable to agree on date, time or venue.  
 12.1.8 The results of Matches re-scheduled because of official representation are to be lodged with the Office within 48 hours of completion.

## 13. Awarding of Competition Points

- 13.1 The Winning Team in a four-Player Fixture shall be decided by total matches won, then, if necessary, by total games won, then by total points scored.  
 13.2 For all four player Fixtures, the following system of awarding Pennant Points shall apply:  
     Win 3-0 = 6 points Loss 0-3 = 0 points.  
     Win 3-1 = 5 points Loss 1-3 = 1 point.  
     Win 3-2 = 4 points Loss 2-3 = 2 points.  
     Total of all points shall equal 24 points.  
 No bonus points apply  
 13.3 The Winning Team in a three-Player Fixture shall be decided by total games won, then if equal games, by Matches won.  
 13.4. For all three player Fixtures, the following system of awarding Pennant Points shall apply:  
     Win 3-0 = 6 points Loss 0-3 = 0 points.  
     Win 3-1 = 5 points Loss 1-3 = 1 point.  
     Win 3-2 = 4 points Loss 2-3 = 2 points  
     Total of all points shall equal 18 points.  
 No bonus points apply  
 13.5 A Team that wins on a Forfeit shall be awarded all Matches, Games and Points for the Fixture.  
 13.6 A Player who wins on a Forfeit shall be awarded one Match, three Games and 33 Points (PARS 11) or 45 Points (PARS 15)

#### **14. Balls**

- 14.1 At the beginning of each Fixture, the home Club shall provide one new ball to the specifications published by WA Squash. The captains may choose to use any other new or used ball of the same colour coding, but in the case of any disagreement, the new ball provided by the home Club shall be used.

#### **15. Clothing**

- 15.1 Any decision by a referee on interpretation of By-Laws relating to clothing shall be final, except an item of clothing or a design approved by the World Squash Federation or Squash Australia for League play, cannot be ruled as breaching these By-Laws.
- 15.2 All clothing shall conform to the accepted standards of decency and cultural/religious traditions of Australia, as judged by the referee.
- 15.3 Clothing of any colour or combination of colours in accordance with the current WSF Rules of Squash Rackets may be worn and shall conform with the following:
- Men shall wear shorts socks, playing shoes and short sleeved shirt. Ladies shall wear a dress, skirt or shorts with a shirt, socks and playing shoes.
  - The referee may permit other garments such as part of a tracksuit to be worn during play, subject to compliance with other By-Laws on clothing.

#### **16. Eyewear**

- 16.1 Squash Australia Regulation 42 applies. Protective eyewear which meets or exceeds the frontal impact requirements of the AS/NZS4066:1892, or ASTM F803-03 or BS 7930-1:1898, must be properly worn over the eyes by all squash Players who satisfy the Squash Australia age eligibility requirements of 18 years, and all younger age group competitions, whenever they are participating in a League competition organised or sanctioned by WA Squash. Failure to do so will render the Player concerned ineligible and points will be deducted accordingly.
- 16.2 Protective eyewear must be worn by all Players when playing in doubles competition, which has been organised or sanctioned by Squash Australia and/or any of its Member Associations or affiliates.

#### **17. Reports, Protests and Appeals**

- 17.1 The Office shall be empowered to consider the conduct of the Players, referee and any other officials or onlookers involved in a report or protest, decide whether the evidence substantiates the report or protest, and impose the appropriate fine, suspension or other penalty if the report or protest is sustained.
- 17.2 A Player or official shall have the right to appeal a decision of the Office within seven (7) days of the notification of the original decision, to the Board. Any decision by the Board shall be final, and no further appeals shall be considered.
- 17.3 Any appeal against an interpretation or decision by the Office shall be lodged in writing, by a Club Captain, to the Chairperson of the Board within seven (7) days of notification of the original decision.
- 17.4 A report or protest shall be advised verbally to the Office by a Club Captain within 48 hours of the relevant incident. A written account of a report or protest shall be submitted by the Club Captain within seven days of the relevant incident. Failure to lodge a written account shall render a verbal advice null and void.
- 17.5 The Office shall have the right to call further evidence from any party or individual when hearing a report or protest. A request from the Office for information must be complied with within 48 hours or By-Law 17.12 may be invoked.
- 17.6 The Office shall refer any matter it deems fit to the Board.
- 17.7 A payment of \$100.00 is to be presented to the Office within seven (7) days of the original decision, before any appeal is heard. If successful, the \$100.00 will be refunded.
- 17.8 A Team or individual member of a Team subject to an appeal may participate in Fixtures until the appeal has been heard and decision published.

- 17.9 The failure of any Player to attend a hearing of the Office or the Board, when called to do so, shall render the Player liable to a fine and/or suspension from play.
- 17.10 The Office or Board shall be empowered to instruct any referee and/or Player who is the subject of a sustained report or protest to attend a lecture conducted by the WA Referees Committee or to sit an examination on the Rules of Squash Rackets.
- 17.11 The Office and Board shall be empowered to impose the appropriate penalty on any Player who fails to comply with a directive of the Office or Board.
- 17.12 The Office and Board shall be empowered to impose the appropriate penalty on any Player or Team considered to have submitted a frivolous report.

## **18. Fines and Penalties**

### **18.1. General**

- 18.1.1 The Office and Board shall be empowered to award Matches, suspend and/or fine individual Players and/or Teams and/or Clubs for breaches of the Rules of Squash Rackets and/or these By-Laws.
- 18.1.2 The Office and Board shall take particular note of any behavior both on and off the court, deemed not to be in the best interests of the sport, and impose appropriate penalties.
- 18.1.3 All fine notices shall be sent directly to, and are the responsibility of the Club of the infringing Team.
- 18.1.4 Accounts must be paid by the end of the month following the date in which the fine was generated. A Club failing to pay all monies within the specified period shall be declared Un-financial and may not be eligible to accumulate Pennant points until such outstanding amounts are fully paid, and after full payment has been made shall start accruing Pennant points.  
*For example: a fine imposed in June is payable by 31 July.*
- 18.15 Any appeal against the imposition of a fine or penalty must be lodged with the Office by the relevant Club within seven (7) days of the penalty being imposed. The appeal must be in writing, addressed for the attention of the Chairperson of the Board, and contain reasons why the penalty should be withdrawn or adjusted.
- 18.1.6 The Board shall notify the relevant Club in writing within seven (7) days of the decision related to any appeal they hear.

### **18.2. Specified Fines and Penalties**

The following fines and suspensions may apply to all Competitions controlled by these By-Laws:

- 18.2.1 A Team losing a Match by a Forfeit – Loss of Pennant points
- 18.2.2 Playing an unregistered Player (or Reserve) - Loss of Pennant points
- 18.2.3 Playing a Player who has not been nominated - Loss of Pennant points
- 18.2.4 Playing an ineligible Player - Loss of Pennant points
- 18.2.5 Playing a Team out of order as provided for in section 7 - Loss of Pennant points
- 18.2.6 Club withdrawing a Team after nominations have closed - \$150.00.
- 18.2.7 Failing to provide markers and referees for Finals - \$30.00.
- 18.2.8 Failing to pay the specified fees – or not having a negotiated payment scheme in place - Club ineligible to compete in finals.
- 18.2.9 Deliberately falsifying a result - \$190.00 (person responsible for “knowingly” submitting the incorrect result may also be liable for suspension
- 18.2.10 Failure to pay court hire within 14 days of a Fixture- player(s) ineligible to compete until court hire fee paid.
- 18.2.11 For other breaches of By-Laws not covered above, the Office may impose a fine and/or suspension as the Office sees fit, with such fines not exceeding fines not exceeding \$190.00.

## **19. Alcohol and Gambling**

WA Squash encourages the responsible service of alcohol to and for all players. No Player is permitted to play or referee a match while intoxicated.

## **PENNANT BY-LAWS**

### **20. Eligibility to Play - Pennants**

#### **20.1 Eligibility of Reserves – Non Finals**

- 20.1.1 Reserves must be from the same Club as the player being replaced.
- 20.1.2 If a reserve is required, a player may be replaced by a reserve if that reserves Ranking does not exceed the replaced players Ranking by more than 30 Ranking points.
- 20.1.3. Reserves must comply with By-Law 6 (Order within Teams).
- 20.1.4 No restriction is placed on the number of times a player may reserve in any single Team, however matches played as a reserve do not qualify for finals eligibility unless such player is both registered and nominated in that team.
- 20.1.5 If a Team requires a Reserve, and provided a minimum of three Players (four man Team) or two Players (three man Team) are in attendance, any player may play twice, providing they comply with By-Law 6. This situation is not permitted during Finals.

#### **20.2 Eligibility to Play – Finals**

- 20.2.1 To be eligible to play for a Team in a Final, all Team members must have played in at least three of the scheduled fixtures of that team during the season. Team members winning by forfeit are credited as having played in that particular round. A BYE does not represent a fixture.
- 20.2.2 In exceptional circumstances a player not meeting finals eligibility requirements as at By-Law 20.2.1 may be allowed to replace a qualified player in a final, but only if the following conditions are met:  
Approval is sought and obtained from WA Squash at least 48 hours before the final is to be played.  
Such approval will be based on:  
Circumstances leading to the need for the replacement was unavoidable and it is considered the team will not gain an unfair advantage by such replacement. It is not expected that replacement would return team to full strength.  
No other nominated player qualified to play in the final is available to play  
The replacement is eligible to play for that particular club.  
The opposition team is advised details of the replacement at least 48 hours before the final is to be played. This will allow the opportunity for the opposition team time to object if they feel they are being disadvantaged.

## **LEAGUE BY-LAWS**

### **21. Eligibility to Play - League**

#### **21.1 League By-Laws**

- 21.1.1 The Pennant By-Laws will apply, except where this By-Law indicates otherwise.

#### **21.2 Eligibility to Play – Non Finals**

- 21.2.1 Teams must play in Ranked order. There is a variance of 30 points where team members may change positions
- 21.2.2 A reserve must replace an unavailable player. A team member should not be asked to stand aside to allow a stronger reserve to play
- 21.2.3 A reserve may be obtained from the League reserve list, or another League team. A team member or the reserve may play twice if they comply with By-Laws 21.2.4 & 21.2.5 below. Note that the extra court costs of the player playing twice are met from the League fund. Therefore, it is preferred that playing any player twice is used as a last resort.
- 21.2.4 A reserve can be used from the team on the bye, playing at the same level or lower, as the player being replaced. For example, if the current number 2 from a team can't play, the current number 2, 3 or 4 from team on the bye is eligible to play. This is applicable at all levels.
- 21.2.5 A Reserve from the reserve list must be no more than 30 Ranking points above the player being replaced using the current Ranking of the player being replaced.
- 21.2.6 For Division 1 Position 1 only, By-Law 21.2.5 does not apply and reserve may be used if the reserves current Ranking exceeds 30 Ranking points of the player being replaced.
- 21.2.7 For the lowest level player in the lowest division any reserve ranked 650 or below may be used. The Ranking points will be determined by the League Committee at the beginning of season.
- 21.2.8 If a reserve cannot be found within these rules, the League Committee must be contacted for help.
- 21.2.9 If both teams, after making every effort, are unable to find a reserve, they must contact the League Committee for permission to agree to forfeit that position. If permission is given, the points for that position will be divided evenly between the teams.
- 21.2.10 If there is a forfeit because no reserve can be found for one team, then that forfeit shall not affect the team order. The forfeit is at that position only

#### **21.3 Eligibility to Play - Finals**

- 21.3.1 To be eligible to play for a Team in a Final, all Team members must have played in three of the scheduled fixtures of that team during the season. Team members winning by forfeit are credited as having played in that particular round. A BYE does not represent a fixture. In the case of a shared position, eligibility should be referred to the League Committee.
- 21.3.2 A reserve for the Finals must have played three of the fixtures in any team in League for that season. The Ranking of the reserve must not be higher than the player being replaced. If this cannot be done, then the League Committee must be contacted for a decision.
- 21.3.3 A reserve for Finals from a higher division requires League Committee approval before the match. This approval must be obtained not less than

- 12 hours prior to the scheduled time of the Fixture commencing.
- 21.3.4 For all Finals players must play in Ranking order.
  - 21.3.5 If you cannot find a reserve within these rules, the League Committee must be contacted.
  - 21.3.6 If more than one team requires a reserve, then the reserves will be allocated by the League Committee.

**21.4 Penalties**

- 21.5.1 Any Ineligible player shall forfeit the position without affecting other players in the team.
- 21.5.2 Requests to vary these By-Laws should be referred to the League Committee in *advance* of play. All infringements of these By-Laws will incur penalties if *prior* permission to vary them is not given by the League Committee.

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