

**SQUASH
WA**



COMPETITION BY-LAWS (PENNANT & LEAGUE)

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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 Squash WA.

- 1.1.2. Players must always place safety first and not take any action that could endanger the opponent.
- 1.1.3. Players must respect the rights of the opponent and play honestly.

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. Individual Members of Clubs or Teams shall direct queries to their Club Captain.
- 1.4.2. A Club Captain shall be solely responsible for notifying the Committee of any matter concerning a Club’s Pennant Team. Refer to Appendix A: Communication Processes.

1.5. 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 throughout 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” means a group of Players that is a financial Member of the Squash Rackets Association of Western Australia (Inc).
1.6.4.	“Club Captain” means a Club representative, nominated by that Club, duly notified in writing, to the Association.
1.6.5.	“Committee” means either the Pennant and/or the League Committee.
1.6.6.	“Competition” means any Pennant or League Competition organised by Squash WA in the Metro area.
1.6.7.	“Competition Management Platform” means the nationally recognised software platform.
1.6.8.	“Competition Points” means points won and accumulated during Fixtures that determine ladder position.
1.6.9.	“Division” means any Division in any Competition.
1.6.10.	“Final” or “Finals” means Semi –Final, Preliminary Final, and/or Grand Final.
1.6.11.	“Fixture” means a set of matches played and completed between two Teams on a scheduled date, prior to Finals.
1.6.12.	“Forfeit” means a victory by one Player over another, without completing the match.
1.6.13.	“League” means a series of matches, played between selected Teams in the same Division, commencing at week one, and concluding with a Grand Final.
1.6.14.	“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 the best of 3 or 5 games.
1.6.15.	“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.
1.6.16.	“Non-financial” means failure to pay outstanding monies owed to the Association, within the prescribed period.
1.6.17.	“Office” means the Office of the Squash Rackets Association of Western Australia (Inc) trading as Squash WA.
1.6.18.	“Pennants” means a series of matches, played between Clubs in the same Division, commencing at week one, and concluding with a Grand Final.
1.6.19.	“Player” means a person who is a financial Members of a Club
1.6.20.	“Prescribed Date” means any specified date, published by Squash WA, relevant to these By-Laws.
1.6.21.	“Ranked” or “Ranking” means the points associated with a Player, as allocated by the Ranking system.
1.6.22.	“Registration” means the registration of a Club Members on the Competition Management Platform.
1.6.23.	“Reserve” means a Members of a Club, who substitutes for another Player in a Team in which the Player is not nominated.
1.6.24.	“Round” means a set of Fixtures such that each Team plays every other Team once.
1.6.25.	“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 Squash WA. For Pennant and League (except Day League) competitions there are three Seasons per year – Autumn, Winter, and Spring. For Day League competition there are two Seasons – Autumn and Spring. For State Premier League the Seasons will be decided by the Committee at the start of each year. The dates for each Season will be published at the commencement of each calendar year.
1.6.26.	“State Premier League” means both Mens and Ladies Divisions.
1.6.27.	“Team” means a group of Players, nominated by a Club Captain, or selected by the Committee, to participate in a Pennant or League Competition, respectively.
1.6.28.	“Squash WA” means the Squash Rackets Association of Western Australia (Inc).
1.6.29.	“Withdraw” means requesting that the Team be removed from all subsequent Fixtures and Finals.

2. Fees
 - 2.1. Fees - Nomination
 - 2.1.1. A non-refundable Nomination fee shall be paid to the Association by each Member entered into a Competition conducted by Squash WA.
 - 2.1.2. The Nomination fee amount shall be approved for each Competition by the Board.
 - 2.2. Fees - Court
 - 2.2.1. For all Competition Fixtures including Finals, the court fees shall be shared between competing Teams, except as provided under By-Laws 7.1.7, 7.1.8 and 7.1.9.
 - 2.3. Club Affiliation Fees - Outstanding
 - 2.3.1. Teams of non-financial Clubs are not eligible to compete.
3. Player Registration and Nomination
 - 3.1.1. A Player being nominated into a Competition must be a financial and registered Member of a Squash WA affiliated Club.
 - 3.1.2. A Player shall agree to be bound by decisions arising from the Association's Constitution, these By-Laws, 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.
 - 3.1.3. The Committee must be notified of any additional Player wishing to participate in a Competition.
 - 3.1.4. All points shall be forfeited for each Match in which an unregistered Player participates.
 - 3.1.5. It is the sole responsibility of Players to ensure their details recorded in the Competition Management Platform are current and updated within fourteen (14) days of any further changes. Any changes to a Player's availability must be communicated to the Committee.
 - 3.1.6. A Player must nominate in one Division (per competition), however may reserve in other Divisions during that Season.
 - 3.1.7. A Player may be nominated in two or more Competitions.
 - 3.1.8. Club Captains must recommend a Provisional Ranking for any new Player upon their first nomination.
4. Grading of Teams and Players – Pennant Competitions
 - 4.1.1. Club Captains must submit to the Pennant Committee, no later than the Prescribed Date, all their Teams in any Pennant Competition, via the Competition Management Platform, showing the Ranked order from highest to lowest Player.

- 4.1.2. The Pennant Committee shall consider the Teams submitted by Club Captains and may change the ranking points of any Player of any Club at any time, based on past and current performance.
 - 4.1.3. The Pennant Committee may move Teams to different Divisions to ensure integrity and a fair competition.
 - 4.1.4. A Club Captain may apply in writing to Squash WA to have a Player's ranking points altered.
 - 4.1.5. Any queries regarding a Division that a Team has been placed into, should be directed to the Club Captain in the first instance, who will then submit it to the Pennant Committee.
5. Grading of Teams and Players – League Competitions
 - 5.1.1. The League Committee must submit to the Office, no later than the Prescribed Date, all the Teams in the League Competition, via the Competition Management Platform, showing the Ranked order from highest to lowest Player.
 - 5.1.2. The League Committee may apply in writing to Squash WA to have a Player's ranking points number altered.
6. Order within Teams
 - 6.1.1. Individuals in Teams must play in Ranking order (higher Ranked Player playing above a lower Ranked Player)
 - 6.1.2. 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 Committee within seven (7) days for a decision.
7. Starting Times, Order of Play, and Forfeits
 - 7.1.1. Clubs shall start Fixtures and Finals in a Competition at a time which shall be specified in the Competition Management Platform prior to the commencement of each Season.
 - 7.1.2. The Committee 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.
 - 7.1.3. 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 7.1.15.
 - 7.1.4. 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.
 - 7.1.5. The other captain shall then nominate the second Match (once a Player has won two games) and thereafter the choice shall alternate between captains.
 - 7.1.6. 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.
 - 7.1.7. A four-person Team having only three Players present, or a three-person Team having only two Players present, at the published starting time, shall Forfeit the

- bottom position, except as provided under By-Law 7.1.15 and By-Law 20.1.5. The shortfall of court hire must be paid by the forfeiting Team.
- 7.1.8. A four-person Team having two or less Players present, or a three-person Team having one Player present, at the published starting time shall be subject to a Forfeit by the opposition Team, except provided under By-Law 7.1.15. The Forfeiting Team shall also be liable for the entire court fees for the Fixture or Final, unless the venue 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.
- 7.1.9. If both Teams have only two Players present (four-person Teams), or if both Teams have only one Player present (three-person Teams), the Fixture or Final shall be declared invalid, and the court hire shall be shared equally by both Teams.
- 7.1.10. 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 that part of the Fixture or Final yet to be played. When a Fixture or Final is postponed, the Team captains shall arrange with the venue operator of the same venue for a suitable time to finalise play within fourteen (14) days. NB: Matches must be played by the last round of the Season. If matches are not replayed/completed by the last round of the Season, the Committee shall reserve the right to award Competition points as deemed necessary.
- 7.1.11. The scores, including those for the current Match, shall stand in any Fixture or Final postponed under the provisions of By-Law 7.1.10, unless both Players in the current Match agree to start their Match again.
- 7.1.12. The Players of each Team involved in a Fixture or Final that has been postponed under the provisions of By-Law 7.1.10 shall not be altered when play in the Fixture or Final is continued, unless agreed to by both Team captains.
- 7.1.13. The Committee may order that a postponed Fixture or Final be replayed either in part or in full after duly considering all circumstances.
- 7.1.14. 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 fourteen (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 18.2.8.
- 7.1.15. 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 beforehand.
- 7.1.16. 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 order of play for all matches.
- 7.1.17. Except under the provisions of By-Law 7.1.15, 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 7.1.3 may also apply.

- 7.1.18. If a Player requests permission to play first and the opposing captain agrees, the opposing Team has the right to nominate the order of play for the remaining matches.
- 7.1.19. Under exceptional circumstances, 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.
- 7.1.20. Fixtures shall be played out in full.
- 7.1.21. The Association, under exceptional 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 Squash WA.
- 8.1.3. Finals in all Divisions shall be played out in full.

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 the Competition Management Platform, during the Fixtures.

8.3. Finals – Which Teams Play

- 8.3.1. Unless otherwise determined by the 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 Committee determines a *Four Team Final Series* the top four Teams shall play in the final series. 1st and 2nd shall play in the Major Semi-Final, and 3rd and 4th 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 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, the Committee 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 Premier League and all Pennant Divisions will be allocated to the highest finishing Team on the ladder at conclusion of the Competition Fixtures.

8.4.2. In the event that the venue of the highest finishing Team is unable to host a Final for any reason, the Final will be assigned to the home centre of the opposing Team.

8.4.3. Finals venues for all League Divisions (except State Premier League) will be determined by the Committee.

9. Results

9.1.1. The host venue, together with the Home Team, is responsible for the results being entered into the Competition Management Platform.

9.1.2. Any objection to the results that have been entered into the Competition Management Platform must be lodged with the Committee within seven (7) days of the Match, along with the correct and incorrect results. Any objection lodged after this time may not be considered, and the results as in the Competition Management Platform will stand.

9.1.3. In the Rounds, objections to the eligibility of Players (eg. when Teams breach By-Law 20.1 or 21.2 – reserving eligibility), must be lodged with the Committee within four (4) days of the Match. Any objection lodged after this time will not be considered and the results as in the Competition Management Platform will stand.

9.1.4. If a result is found to have gone missing, both Team captains shall be consulted and the correct result resubmitted.

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 with the Committee within forty-eight (48) hours for consideration.

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 4th in a three Team Final series shall provide at least two Players to mark and referee for the Semi Final in their respective Division.
- 10.3.4. Teams that finish 5th and 6th in a four Team final series shall each provide a minimum of two Players to mark and referee for the Semi-Finals in their respective Division.
Where there is Bye in a 6 Team Draw the Team finishing 5th shall provide a minimum of four 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.

11. Scoring System

- 11.1.1. All matches are Point-A-Rally scoring to 11 or 15 points with 2-point margin after 10-all or 14-all respectively and shall be determined by the Committee at the commencement of each Season.
- 11.1.2. 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 Members 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 Committee is notified in writing of all arrangements at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the Fixture being played. Alternative arrangements must be agreed upon by both parties.
- 12.1.2. All re-scheduled Matches are played before the Player undertakes official representation.
- 12.1.3. Fixtures will not be rescheduled because of unforeseen circumstances.
- 12.1.4. Any additional costs incurred will be the responsibility of the Player intending to undertake official representation.
- 12.1.5. 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. If unable to agree on a suitable time, the Committee may reschedule the fixture.
- 12.1.6. The results of Matches re-scheduled because of official representation are to be entered into the Competition Management Platform within forty-eight (48) hours of completion.

13. Awarding of Competition Points

- 13.1.1. 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.

13.1.2. 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.

13.1.3. The Winning Team in a three-Player Fixture shall be decided by total games won, then if equal games, by Matches won.

13.1.4. 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.

13.1.5. A Team that wins on a Forfeit shall be awarded all Matches, Games and Points for the Fixture.

13.1.6. A Player who wins on a Forfeit shall be awarded one Match, three Games and 33 Points (PAR 11) or 45 Points (PAR 15).

14. Balls

14.1.1. At the beginning of each Fixture, the venue shall provide a new ball to the specifications published, as per World Squash Federation specifications. Other balls may be used if agreed upon by both Team captains. The captains may choose to use any other new or used ball of the same colour coding. In the case of any disagreement, the new ball provided by the venue shall be used.

15. Clothing

15.1.1. 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 a short-sleeved shirt (preferably not a singlet), shorts, socks, and playing shoes.
- Ladies shall wear a dress, skirt or shorts with a shirt, socks and playing shoes.
- The referee may permit other garments (eg. part of a tracksuit, religious/cultural attire, etc.) to be worn during play.

16. Eyewear

16.1.1. Protective eyewear must be worn by Players under the age of 19 years, at all times, whilst on a squash court. Failure to shall result in the match being forfeited, or at least suspended until eyewear is obtained.

Eyewear reference: AS/NZS4066:1892, or ASTM F803-03, or BS 7930-1:1898

Failure to comply will render the Player concerned ineligible and points will be deducted accordingly.

16.1.2. Protective eyewear must be worn by all Players when playing in doubles competition, which has been organised or sanctioned by Squash WA and/or any of its Members Associations or affiliates.

17. Reports and Appeals Process

- 17.1.1. The process will be as follows:
 - 17.1.1.1. Written requests/complaints from Pennant Players are to be submitted to the Committee via the Club Captain, and written requests/complaints from League Players direct to the Committee, within 48 hours.
 - 17.1.1.2. The Committee then makes a decision. Should the Player be dissatisfied with the decision, an appeal may be escalated to the Office via the Committee, within 48 hours of the decision.
 - 17.1.1.3. The Office then makes a decision. Should the Player remain dissatisfied with the decision, an appeal may be escalated to the Board via the Office, within 48 hours of the decision.
 - 17.1.1.4. A payment of \$100 is to be presented to the Office days of the as the same time as the appeal, in order for it to be brought before the Board.
 - 17.1.1.5. If the appeal is successful, the \$100 will be refunded to the Player.
 - 17.1.1.6. Decisions made by the Board are FINAL.
- 17.1.2. A Team or individual Members of a Team subject to an appeal may participate in Fixtures until the appeal has been heard and decision published.
- 17.1.3. The Office or Board may recommend any person who is the subject of a sustained report to participate in officiating and/or Code of Conduct education.
- 17.1.4. The Office and Board shall be empowered to impose the appropriate penalty (refer to section 18.1) on any person who fails to comply with a directive of the Office or Board or is 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 enforce appropriate penalties such as award Matches, suspend and/or fine individuals and/or Teams and/or Clubs for breaches of the Rules of Squash Rackets and/or these By-Laws, for any inappropriate behavior both on and off the court.
- 18.1.2. Infringement notices will be sent directly to offending individuals, or Clubs as the responsible entity where relating to a Pennant/League Team.
- 18.1.3. Fines must be paid within twenty-one (21) days of the date of infringement notification. Outstanding fines will result in individual/Team suspension until settled. Matches played whilst under suspension will be forfeited and not able to be made up.
- 18.1.4. Any appeal against the imposition of a fine or penalty must be lodged with the Office by the relevant Player/Club within seven (7) days of the penalty being notified.
- 18.1.5. The Board shall notify the relevant Player/Club in writing within seven (7) days of the decision related to any appeal they hear. Their decision shall be final.

18.2. Specified Fines and Penalties

The following fines and suspensions are a guide only, and 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 - fine imposed.
- 18.2.7. Failing to provide markers and referees for Finals - fine imposed.
- 18.2.8. Failing to pay the specified fees or not having a negotiated payment scheme in place - suspension and/or individual/Club ineligible to compete in finals.
- 18.2.9. Deliberately falsifying a result - suspension and/or fine imposed (person responsible for “knowingly” submitting the incorrect result may also be liable for suspension).
- 18.2.10. For other breaches of By-Laws not covered above, the Office or Board may impose a fine and/or suspension at their discretion.

19. Alcohol

- 19.1.1. As per Squash WA policy, the responsible service of alcohol to, and for, all individuals, is encouraged. No individual is permitted to play or officiate a match while intoxicated. People suspected of playing or officiating while intoxicated should be reported via the disciplinary process.

PENNANT-SPECIFIC BY-LAWS

20. Eligibility to Play - Pennants

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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, the reserve's Ranking must not exceed the replaced Players Ranking.
- 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 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 the Committee at least forty-eight (48) hours before the final is to be played. Such approval will be based on:
 - Circumstances leading to the need for the replacement were 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 forty-eight (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-SPECIFIC 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.

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. Team Members 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 obtained 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 cannot 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 not be higher ranked than 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 Ranking points of the Player being replaced.

21.2.7. For the lowest level Player in the lowest Division, the League Committee will decide if the Reserve nominated is ranked appropriately.

21.2.8. 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.

21.2.9. 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 twelve (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 a reserve cannot be found 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. Eligibility to Play - Finals (State Premier League)

- 21.4.1. 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.
- 21.4.2. A reserve for the Finals must have played three of the fixtures in any Team in State Premier League for that Season. The Ranking of the reserve must not be higher than the lowest ranked Player on the Team they are reserving for. If this cannot be done, then the League Committee must be contacted for a decision.
- 21.4.3. For all Finals, Players must play in Ranking order.
- 21.4.4. If a reserve within these rules cannot be found, the Committee must be contacted.
- 21.4.5. If more than one Team requires a reserve, then the reserves will be allocated by the League Committee.

21.5. 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.

Date	Version	Details
Jan 2022	1	
Dec 2022	R1	Amended clause 20.1 as Player release is no longer
Nov 2023	R2	Updated logo and changed League By-Laws to yellow.
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Appendix A: Communication Processes

22. Pennant



23. League

