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Guidance for hosting club competitions in STEP 3

Following the news that clubs and venues can host competitions again from 17th May, below are some examples of the types of competition your club/venue can host to entice players back for some competitive action. All competitions should be run in line with our latest Back to Squash guidance including current rules on social distancing.

Box leagues

- Clubs can ask members to sign-up to the box leagues onsite or via their website/tournament software.
- Clubs can appoint a Leagues Officer to be responsible for updating the leagues with any promotions and relegations as well as assigning new members wishing to enter the leagues.
- Clubs should ask participants to provide their grade (based on if they play competitively / county leagues) and contact details, enabling the names to be sorted into a rough playing order based on ability.
- Leagues are assigned based on this information.
- Players are responsible for organising their own matches and booking courts in their league.
- The box leagues can consist of up to 5 players or more and points are awarded thus:

Result	Points
3-0	8 - 2
3-1	7 - 3
3-2	6 - 4
2-2	5 - 5
1-1	5 - 5
1-0	6 - 4
2-0	7 - 3
2-1	6 - 4

- Six bonus points are awarded to any player who has played all 4 matches in a month, making the maximum available points 38.

Ladders

- Clubs can ask members to sign-up to the ladders onsite or via their website/tournament software.
 - Clubs may appoint a Ladder Officer to be responsible for updating the results and ladder standings.
 - All players compete in a first match against another player. Players are placed on the ladder in order of their results (players who win 3-0 go to the top of the ladder etc).
 - Any player can challenge a player two positions above them on the ladder. These challenges generally should not or can not be declined. If the lower-placed player wins the match, then the two players swap places on the ladder. If the lower-placed player loses, then they may not challenge the same person again without challenging someone else first. When the higher-ranked player beats a lower-ranked player, standings remain unchanged.
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- Add levels to your ladder to balance out the ability level of the competition. Players can only challenge someone above them in their level or if they reach the top of their level they can challenge the person lowest in the level above.
- When a player first registers, he or she will be unranked.
- A player becomes ranked upon the first win against a ranked player.
- A player that has been inactive during a whole month will be dropped by one rank on the first day of the following month.

Team leagues

- Clubs can ask members to sign-up to the leagues onsite or via their website/tournament software.
- Clubs may appoint a League Officer to be responsible for updating the results and league standings.
- Players are organised into one of 5 different ability level groups and then one player from each group is selected for the teams.
- Once the teams are organised, they are asked to choose a captain and a team name.
- A fixture list is organised for each team to compete against each other. Teams are responsible for organising their matches and court bookings.

Club championships

- Clubs can ask members to sign-up to the club championships onsite or via their website/tournament software.
- Clubs may appoint a Competition Officer to be responsible for updating the results and final standings.
- The club championships give all members the opportunity to compete for the title of Club Champion.
- Round robin groups can be used to ensure all players receive multiple matches and a final finishing position.
- Full monrad draws can be used to ensure all players receive multiple matches and a final finishing position.

Graded tournaments

- Clubs can ask members to sign-up to the skill level tournaments onsite or via their website/tournament software.
- Clubs may appoint a tournament officer to be responsible for updating the results and league standings.
- Like box leagues, a graded event is one that enables players of a similar standard to compete. For example, an A grade would see the best players in the club competing, whilst the D grade could be for beginners or lower league players (subject to size of your membership etc.)
- Graded events give each member of the club the opportunity to win a title or a trophy and ensure that all members are given the best chance of a positive competitive experience.
- They also offer the perfect opportunity to experiment with different scoring and event format.
- Round robin groups can be used to ensure all players receive multiple matches and a final finishing position.
- Full monrad draws can be used to ensure all players receive multiple matches and a final finishing position.
- Different scoring systems can be used dependent upon the grading level to make the competition more enjoyable depending upon ability.

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