



# **INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **JUNIOR**

## **REGULATIONS**

Updated April 2023 (2023/24 Season)

**Please read the regulations carefully before  
entering teams into the championships**

**The regulations must be always adhered to.**

**1. TITLE:**

The competition is called "The England Squash (ES) Junior Inter County Squash Championships."

**2. ORGANISATION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

The Championships are organised by England Squash. (See Appendix A for the schedule of junior categories for this season).

**3. FORMAT:**

**Stage 1**

- Boys: Stage 1 will be split into 4 Regions: North / Midlands / South East / South West.
- Girls: Stage 1 will be split into 2 Regions: North & South. Please see appendix 1 for a breakdown of the region, each county has been assigned to. Counties have been placed with consideration to geographical location and county entries within the previous seasons. Counties can request to move regions as part of the final feedback loop. Requests must be made via email by a county official to [junior.intercounty@englandsquash.com](mailto:junior.intercounty@englandsquash.com).
- A regional representative will be appointed to support our tournament director in the delivery of stage 1.
- Schedules will be distributed 4 weeks prior to the start of Stage 1 with timings for each fixture. No changes will be made to the schedule from the Wednesday before stage 1 unless all team managers are notified and agree to the changes.
- Hosting clubs will be organised by England Squash within the designated regions. If a county/club wishes to host within their region, please contact us via email to register your interest at [junior.intercounty@englandsquash.com](mailto:junior.intercounty@englandsquash.com).
- Stage 1 will see all age group play across one day to reduce costs associated with travel and accommodation. Counties with the furthest distance to travel will be scheduled with better match times within the group.
- Groups will consist of 4 teams and will compete in a best of 3 scoring system. Where groups can only be made up of 3 teams, they will compete in a best of 5 scoring system.
- Sport Manager will be used as the tournament software. Nominations will open 4 weeks prior to Stage 1.
- Contact names and numbers for organisers at each venue will be made available prior to Stage 1 as well as Tournament Director who will be the first point of contact.
- Team captains will have roles specified by England Squash prior to stage 1 so they know what to expect on the day.

**Main Finals:** Teams advancing from stage 1 into the main finals will play in an 8 team monrad tournament to determine final finishing positions. This will be played across 2 days in a central location organised by England Squash

**Plate Finals:** Teams advancing from stage 1 into the plate finals will play in a 4-team round robin tournament to determine final finishing positions.

**4. DATES:**

Stage 1: 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Finals and Plate Finals: 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

- Finals: All age groups will be played over both days.
- Plate Finals: Played on one day.

**5. ENTRIES:**

Entry to the competition is online, a link and login will be sent to county secretaries and contacts, entries must be made no later the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**It will be at the discretion of England Squash as to whether late entries will be accepted.**

**Counties will pay a £12 per individual entry (£60 for 5 player team or £36 for 3 player team). (The fee will go towards the combined hosting of the event by England Squash).**

On submission of teams, a strict order of merit and ranking must be adhered to. Where counties have B teams, they must remain in order of merit. Split strengthening of teams is not allowed. England Squash holds the right to query the order of merit where required.

The same order of merit must be applied to both Stage 1, 2 and Finals of all ICC events. Strengthening teams at later events is not allowed. England Squash holds the right to query the order of merit where required.

**Upon closure of entries, there will be no refunds for any team withdrawing.**

**In the event of cancellation or withdrawal, England Squash accepts no liability for further costs associated with the event such as hotels and travel.**

**By entering a team, counties and their players are agreeing to be bound by the rules and regulations of the competition and the England Squash Code of Conduct.**

## **6. TEAMS:**

Boys U13s, U15s & U17s teams will consist of 5 players.  
Boys U11s, BU19s and all Girls teams will consist of 3 players.  
Counties can enter multiple teams per age category.  
Players can only complete in one age category.  
Players can play up an age category subject to the regulation above.

**A player may play a maximum of 3 matches in a day best of 5 (maximum of 2 matches for U17 & U19). It will be at the counties discretion how they select their teams within the age categories.**

## **7. QUALIFICATION:**

### **a. England Squash Membership**

All players representing teams in the Championships must be current members of England Squash at the time of participation. Membership numbers must be entered into the tournament software which will run a membership check.

**Team managers have the responsibility to ensure that all players are members of England Squash prior to participation. If an ineligible player takes part the team that they represent will be scratched from the Championships.**

### **b. Player Eligibility**

- i. Players are able to compete in the Championships if they are a current British or Irish Citizen.
- ii. Players can only represent one county during the season.
- iii. Age eligibility will be based upon the starting date of the competition. If a player is of the correct age as of the first date of stage 1 then they will be eligible for the remainder of the competition at that age category. For example, a player under the age of 11 may compete for a U11's team for the duration of the competition if they are of the correct age up to and including the last date of Stage 1. **Please note a 19 year old playing in the final will have the wear eye protection. No exemptions.**
- iv.
- v. Players are qualified to play for their county/region of birth or residency agreed by upon by England Squash under the existing residency rules. Players residing in boarding schools will have no exception to this.
- vi. Overseas players who are a boarding schools or University may play for the county

where they reside.

- vii. Whereby the county in which a player qualifies for, does not have a team, the player may make a request to England Squash to represent a different county along with an email from the county that does not have team authorising the switch. It will be at the discretion of England Squash as to whether this request will be accepted.
- viii. A player may continue to represent a county that they have played for in the Championships after they have stopped living in that county and provided that they have not played for any other county.
- ix. In all cases where a player's qualification is in doubt, it is obligatory on the county they want to play for to prove the qualification to the satisfaction of England Squash.
- x. Girls are permitted to play within boys categories without need for consultation with England Squash as long as the county does not have a Girls team in that age group.
- xi. Juniors can play a maximum of 3 matches a day best of 5 (maximum of 2 matches for U17 & U19). It is for the team manager to manage the squad accordingly.

**c. County Eligibility**

A county is eligible to apply to enter any of the categories in the Championships provided it is recognised as being a county (in England) a region (in Wales) a District (in Scotland) or a Province (in Ireland) by England Squash and is authorised to compete by the relevant Association/Federation.

**8. ORDER OF PLAY**

3 player teams: 3,1,2 (all matches on one court)

5 player teams: Court A: 3,1,2

Court B: 5,4

**9. REFEREES:**

Referees will be appointed by England Squash. Players will be required to act as markers/referee for games. In a 3-player tie, the 2's will mark/referee first, followed by the players who have just finished playing. In a 5-player tie, the 2's and 4's will mark/referee first, followed by the players who have just finished playing.

**10. SCORING:**

**ALL MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED USING PAR TO 11 SCORING:**

- a. A match is played between individuals.
- b. Matches may be played in either a best of 3 or best of 5 formats.
- c. A tie is a series of five matches played between two counties. With the exception of Girls & Boys U11 & U19 categories which involve three matches.
- d. One point is awarded for each county game won in a match.
- e. Five bonus points are awarded to counties winning a best of 5 tie. Three bonus points when teams consist of 3 players.
- f. At the end of the stage counties are placed:
  - i. Firstly, on the number of ties won
  - ii. Secondly on the number of points
  - iii. If the above are equal for two counties, on the result between the two counties
  - iv. If the number of points is equal for three counties, on the number of matches won
  - v. If the above are equal, the greatest positive difference between total games won and total games lost
  - vi. If all above are equal the total positive difference between total points won and total points lost

**11. RULES OF PLAY:**

WSF Rules of Squash apply. The Championships must be played on courts that comply with WSF specifications. All competitors must wear goggles also within the specifications.

**12. DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:**

England Squash may disqualify a player or county from the Championships, fine a player or county, or deduct points from a county during the Championships. Players or counties shall have the right of appeal which should be in writing within ten days of receipt of a disciplinary ruling. Any appeal will be

heard at a place and time at the discretion of England Squash. All out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with such an appeal shall be paid by the party or parties to the appeal and in such a manner as England Squash determine.

**13. CODE OF CONDUCT:**

It is the responsibility of competing counties to ensure that the team manager complies with England Squash [Child Protection](#) criteria and that all players in their teams abide by the England Squash Code of Conduct.

Instances of unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated and will be dealt with severely.

**14. MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THE REGULATIONS:**

Any matters arising regarding qualification which are not covered by these Regulations should be submitted to England Squash not less than fourteen days before the date on which a decision is required so that a ruling can be given. The decision of England Squash in all matters in relation to the Championships is final.

**APPENDICES**

**A: JUNIOR PLAYER'S WELFARE AND BEHAVIOUR**

**B: REGIONS**

## **APPENDIX A**

### **JUNIOR PLAYER'S WELFARE AND BEHAVIOUR**

Squads competing in the Junior Inter County Championships will be deemed to fall within the control of the appointed Team Manager, both on and off court, for the duration of each competitive fixture.

England Squash advises Team Managers to obtain the following information concerning juniors in their team:

1. Contact details of Parents / Guardian.
2. Contact details of Family Doctor.
3. Emergency contact.
4. Medical history, condition and requirements, e.g., asthma, heart condition, diabetes, fits, fainting or blackouts, allergies.
5. Special dietary requirements.
6. Any addition information which may be relevant.

#### **THIS LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE**

Each Team Manager (and not the Host Organiser) is responsible for ensuring that players adhere to the ES Code of Conduct on court.

#### **OFF COURT**

In public places, especially hotels, consideration should be given to other guests in all respects.

The purchase and consumption of alcoholic drinks is strictly forbidden by any player under the age of 18. Any player 18 years or over wishing to purchase and consume alcohol may only do so with prior permission by the Team Manager.

Dissent to a match official or organiser is not acceptable, and players who show dissent or abuse will be severely sanctioned.

It is recommended that each team member is given a copy of this Appendix so that the importance of responsible behaviour is made clear to them. Players should sign a sheet before each weekend, acknowledging their understanding and willingness to abide by these regulations and guidelines.

#### **PARENTS / MANAGERS**

***Parents / Managers must refrain from interference in matches. All complaints should be directed to the Host Organiser. ES reserves the right to ban any manager or parent from courtside at any event should it be felt necessary to do so.***

## Appendix B

### Region 1: North

County Name	Region
Cheshire	North
Cumbria	North
Durham and Cleveland	North
Lancashire	North
Merseyside	North
North Wales	North
Northumbria	North
Staffordshire	North
Yorkshire	North
Scotland	North

### Region 2: Midlands

County Name	Region
Bedfordshire	Midlands
Derbyshire	Midlands
Herefordshire	Midlands
Leicestershire	Midlands
Lincolnshire	Midlands
Northamptonshire	Midlands
Nottinghamshire	Midlands
Oxfordshire	Midlands
Shropshire	Midlands
Warwickshire	Midlands
Worcestershire	Midlands
Ulster	Midlands

### Region 3: South East

County Name	Region
Berkshire	South East
Buckinghamshire	South East

Cambridgeshire	South East
Essex	South East
Hertfordshire	South East
Kent	South East
Middlesex	South East
Norfolk	South East
Suffolk	South East
Surrey	South East
Sussex	South East

**Region 4: South West**

<b>County Name</b>	<b>Region</b>
Avon	South West
Cornwall	South West
Devon	South West
Dorset	South West
Gloucestershire	South West
Hampshire	South West
Somerset	South West
South East Wales	South West
Wiltshire	South West