



# Junior Sanctioned Competitions

INFORMATION PACKAGE 2023-24



# Sanctioned Events Changes 2023/24



## ENTRY PROCESS:

- Online entry through ES tournament software
- All entrants to be ES active members

## DRAW FORMAT:

- Full-monrad, or round robin if less than 8 players
- Seedings determined by panel and will be published online
- Minimum 14 courts

## OFFICIATING:

- Official ES Referees appointed for semis and finals only
- Supervisor appointed at all other times. Rounds and quarters will be officiated by players (both players of the previous match to promote teamwork)

## ENTRY FEE\*: £55

- Inclusive of tournament souvenir
- Closing date: 4 weeks before event

## FINANCES

- No refund after closing date

\*All TO must use the tournament software, Sport Manager, for the duration of the competition for scheduling, submitting results and recording withdrawals. Any TO not using Sport Manager will be subject to a 50% levy for their competition.



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- Referees budget to be agreed in advance of competition

## ENTRY FEE: £50

- £17.50 levy retained by ES\*
- Inclusive of tournament souvenir
- Closing date: 4 weeks before event
- ES Sanctioned logo must be used

## FINANCES

- No refund after closing date
- Accounts will be settled within 30 days post event.



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## DRAW FORMAT:

- Full-monrad, or round robin if less than 8 players
- Seedings determined by panel and will be published online
- Minimum 8 courts

## OFFICIATING:

- 1x Official ES Referee appointed (unless requested)
- All games to be officiated by players (both players of the previous match to promote teamwork)
- Referees budget to be agreed in advance of competition

## ENTRY FEE: £38

- £11.40 levy retained by ES\*
- Inclusive of tournament souvenir
- Closing date: 4 weeks before event
- ES Sanctioned logo must be used

## FINANCES

- No refund after closing date
- Accounts will be settled with TO within 30 days post event.



## ENTRY PROCESS:

- Online entry through ES tournament software
- All entrants to be ES active members

## DRAW FORMAT:

- Best-of-5 or Best-of-3 games
- All seeds will be published online

## OFFICIATING:

- All games to be officiated by players (both players of the previous match to promote teamwork)

## ENTRY FEE: £22

- £5.50 levy retained by ES\*
- Optional souvenir provided by TO which will influence entry fee
- Closing date: 2 weeks pre-event
- Draws to be published 10 days pre-event
- ES Sanctioned logo must be used

## FINANCES

- £50 registration fee
- No entry refund after closing date
- Accounts will be settled with TO within 10 working days post event.



## ENTRY PROCESS:

- Online entry through ES tournament software
- Open to members and non-members

## DRAW FORMAT:

- Best-of-5 or Best-of-3 games
- All seeds will be published online
- Flexible draw formats

## OFFICIATING:

- All games to be officiated by players (both players of the previous match to promote teamwork)

## ENTRY FEE: £18 members / £23 non-members

- £4.50 member or £6 non-member levy retained by ES\*
- Optional souvenir provided by TO which will influence entry fee
- Closing date: 1-2 weeks pre-event
- Draws to be published 7-10 days pre-event
- ES Sanctioned poster template must be used

## FINANCES

- £50 registration fee
- No entry refund after closing date
- Accounts will be settled with TO within 10 working days post event.

# Benefits to Hosting Competitions

- Provides local juniors with an opportunity to start their competitive pathway, without having to travel too far.
- Supports a club's or county's development plan.
- Promotes teamwork between volunteers, coaches and tournament organisers
- Provides revenue to hosting coach, club or county
- Encourages good sportsmanship and fairness

**It's fun!**



Estimated  
**300** entries



Estimated  
**300** entries



Estimated  
**250** entries



Estimated  
**50-80** entries



Estimated  
**30-50** entries

# Key Information

## Registration Process

A registration fee of £50 for a Bronze or Copper competition will be charged as part of the tournament application process. This must be paid before a competition is added to the software.

This fee will guarantee the day or weekend agreed with England Squash and is designed to protect the interests of all parties.

The fee will be non-refundable in the event of cancellation. However, the full amount will be returned as part of the entry fee return payments post-event.

## Applications

- Limited to 3 applications per Tournament Organiser, and 2 per venue
- **17 Bronze weekends** – option of 1- or 2- day events
- **8 Copper weekends**



## Tournament Organiser Requirements

- Must have a valid England Squash membership, England Squash DBS and safeguarding certificate registered on the England Squash dashboard.

## Tournament Venue Requirements

- All competition venues must have a registered safeguarding lead on their England Squash dashboard, and a registered First Aider. Applications will not be accepted for any club/venue that does not have a Club Welfare Officer/Safeguarding lead and First Aider in place.
- Competitions on the same weekend must be located either 90 minutes or 75 miles apart, whichever is greater. However, we will consider hosting events closer together if there is sufficient demand.

## Levy and Fees

- England Squash levy fee for all Bronze competitions are £5.50 and for all Copper competitions are £4.50 per player (£6 for non members).\*
- In return organisers will have access to increased functionality using the tournament software (Sport Manager).

\*All TO must use the tournament software, Sport Manager, for the duration of the competition for scheduling, submitting results and recording withdrawals. Any TO not using Sport Manager will be subject to a 50% levy for their competition.

# Copper Competitions

## Target Audience

- For many players, Copper events will be their first competition experience. This level of competition therefore needs to be **fun, engaging and social**, leaving a positive and lasting impression that will inspire players to continue playing squash.
- Our aim for this season is to enhance the Copper competitions so that they make a real connection with the intended target audience.

## 2023-24 Season Updates

- This season we are offering organisers more flexibility to run Copper events in a way in which allows them to reach out to a specific target audience.

## Empowering Tournament Organisers

- Run age specific competitions, selecting one or more of the following categories in boys and girls divisions; U9, U11, U13, U15, U17 categories.
- Use flexible draw formats and scoring systems to create enjoyable formats that suit the needs of your participants.
- Entry fees are £23 for non-England Squash members and £18 for England Squash members.
- Using our enhanced Coach Finder, Organisers can easily search for coaches local to their competition who know of junior players new to the sport interested in playing competitive squash.

## ENTRY PROCESS:

- Online entry through ES tournament software
- Open to members and non-members

## DRAW FORMAT:

- Best-of-5 or Best-of-3 games
- Flexible scoring systems and draw formats (must be communicated pre-event)
- Copper level ranking points

## OFFICIATING:

- All games to be officiated by players (both players of the previous match to promote teamwork)

## ENTRY FEE: £18 members / £23 non-members

- £4.50 member or £6 non-member levy retained by ES
- Optional souvenir provided by TO which will influence entry fee
- Closing date: 2 weeks pre-event
- Draws to be published 10 days pre-event
- ES Sanctioned poster template must be used

## FINANCES

- £50 registration fee
- No entry refund after closing date
- Accounts will be settled with TO within 10 working days post event.

## RANKINGS:

- [www.englandsquash.com/competitions/junior/rankings](http://www.englandsquash.com/competitions/junior/rankings)

# Bronze Competitions

## Target Audience

- Two-day Bronze competitions allow players the chance to play in competitions with larger draw sizes across a full weekend.
- They are the ideal preparation for those players looking to make the next step into Silver competitions in the near future. One day events can expect similar draw sizes, but games must be best of 3 with a maximum of 4 games per player.

## Event Details

- Two-day Bronze competitions offer the perfect platform for clubs and organisers to build a portfolio of competitions that may in the future lead to hosting Silver or Gold competitions.
- Whilst the level of ability will remain the same as a one-day Bronze competition, the overall two-day Bronze experience will be closer to that of a Silver event allowing players to experience a full competitive weekend of squash.
- Clubs with 4-6 courts, large junior programmes and an ambition to host bigger competitions should apply. Organisers should recruit local players from nearby clubs, junior programmes as well as reaching out to neighbouring regions
- Using our enhanced Coach Finder, Organisers can easily search for coaches local to their event who may have junior players interested in playing competitive squash.
- Two-day Bronze competitions are available on the same weekends designated for one day competitions in Junior Calendar for the 2023/24 season.

## ENTRY PROCESS:

- Online entry through ES tournament software
- All entrants to be ES active members

## DRAW FORMAT:

- Best-of-5 or Best-of-3 games for 1-day event
- Seedings in line with National Junior Rankings
- Bronze level ranking points

## OFFICIATING:

- All games to be officiated by players (both players of the previous match to promote teamwork)

## ENTRY FEE: £22

- £5.50 levy retained by ES
- Optional souvenir provided by TO
- Closing date: 2 weeks pre-event
- Draws to be published 10 days pre-event

## FINANCES

- £50 registration fee
- No entry refund after draw publication
- Accounts will be settled with TO within 10 working days post event.

## RANKINGS:

- [www.englandsquash.com/competitions/junior/rankings](http://www.englandsquash.com/competitions/junior/rankings)

# County & Regional Closed Junior Competitions

## County Closed Competitions

- All Counties will have the option to register their County Closed competitions as part of the competitions process. Registered competitions will use the ES tournament software and have Copper ranking status. All England Squash junior members involved receiving ranking points.
- Registered competitions will be held on specified dates which can be found on the Competitions Calendar included and event entries will be taken via the England Squash tournament software.
- No registration fee is required for County Closed competitions.



## County Closed Competitions

- No registration fee
- Optional sanctioned Copper status
- Online entry via ES website
- £15-£22 entry fee set by TO
- £2 levy per player retained by ES
- Copper junior ranking points.

## Regional Closed Competitions

- All Regions will have the option to register their Regional Closed competitions as part of the competition application process. Registered competitions will receive Bronze ranking status. All participants must be England Squash members and all junior players involved will receive ranking points.
- Registered competition's will be held on specified dates which can be found on the Competitions Calendar and event entries will be taken via the England Squash tournament software.
- No registration fee is required for Regional Closed competitions.
- A £2 per participant levy will apply.



## Regional Closed Competitions

- No registration fee
- Optional sanctioned Bronze status
- Online entry via ES website
- £22 entry fee set by TO
- £2 levy per player retained by ES
- Bronze junior ranking points, Bronze event rules apply

# Target Audience



**A PLATINUM-sanctioned competition is a national junior competition attracting the country's best and highest-ranking juniors. Platinum competitions are the largest events of the year with matches over 4-5 days**

This event is suitable for those actively participating in Silver and Gold events, Team England, the EDP – Potential and EDP as well as select number of high achieving players in the 'Aspire Programme'.

Players can expect to play up to 4 or 5 games over multiple days.

The greatest ranking points are available for players who participate in this competition.



**GOLD competitions are 2-3 day competitions and are considered the largest and most prestigious level of domestic junior squash tournament.**

Players can expect to play up to 4 or 5 games over the course of the competition.

Some Gold competitions are considered selection events by our Junior National Performance team. Players looking to put themselves in contention for England should participate in these competitions

Gold competitions attract the highest-ranked junior players from all age groups. A greater number of ranking points are awarded in a Gold competition compared to a Silver competition.



**A SILVER-sanctioned competition is a 2-2.5 day competition which attracts higher-ranked English players.**

Ideally, players can expect to play up to 4 to 5 games over the competition.

Some Silver competitions are considered selection events by our Junior National Performance team. Players looking to put themselves in contention for England should participate in these competitions

There are 6 Silver competitions in a season with a geographical spread for accessibility.

A greater number of ranking points are awarded in a Silver competition compared to Bronze or Copper competition.



**BRONZE competitions are aimed at juniors who play at a club or county level. They are the next step in the circuit pathway with an increased level of competition and more Junior Ranking points available.**

Bronze competitions allow players looking to make the next step into Silver and Gold level competitions and the chance to experience a full competitive weekend of squash.



**COPPER competitions are entry level competitions acting as the first step into the junior sanctioned competition circuit and potential entry into the national ranking system.**

These competitions are designed to connect with grassroots squash, providing opportunities to players new to the sport who require some valuable experience and playing time.



# Competition Application Process

COPPER & BRONZE

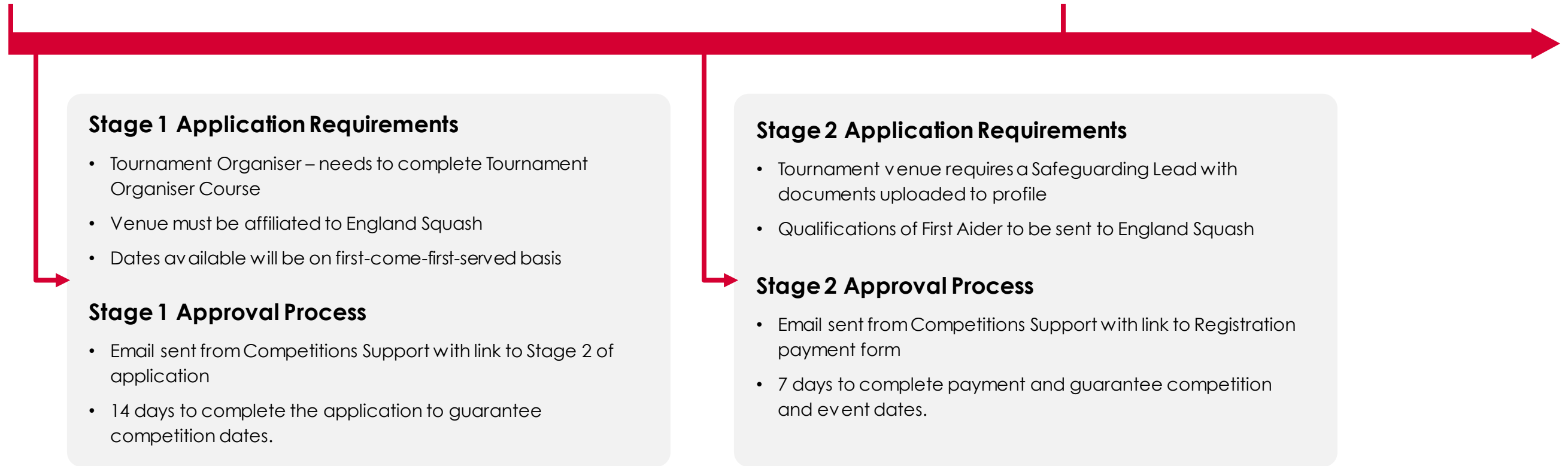


## Apply for Stage 1

Application takes less than 5 minutes!

## Registration Payment

Competition created when payment is confirmed



### Stage 1 Application Requirements

- Tournament Organiser – needs to complete Tournament Organiser Course
- Venue must be affiliated to England Squash
- Dates available will be on first-come-first-served basis

### Stage 1 Approval Process

- Email sent from Competitions Support with link to Stage 2 of application
- 14 days to complete the application to guarantee competition dates.

### Stage 2 Application Requirements

- Tournament venue requires a Safeguarding Lead with documents uploaded to profile
- Qualifications of First Aider to be sent to England Squash

### Stage 2 Approval Process

- Email sent from Competitions Support with link to Registration payment form
- 7 days to complete payment and guarantee competition and event dates.

# Competition Application Process

PLATINUM, GOLD & SILVER



## Apply for Stage 1

Application takes less than 5 minutes!  
Closing dates for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023

## Competition Created

Page created upon approval of Stage 2

### Stage 1 Application Requirements

- Tournament Organiser – needs to complete Tournament Organiser Course
- All venues must be affiliated to England Squash

### Stage 1 Approval Process

- Stage 1 reviews will be completed by 15th June 2023
- Email sent from Competitions Support with link to Stage 2 of application
- 14 days to complete the application to guarantee competition dates.

### Stage 2 Application Requirements

- Tournament venue requires a Safeguarding Lead with documents uploaded to profile
- Qualifications of First Aider to be sent to England Squash