

National Schools Championships – 2026/27

STAGE ONE – LOCAL Division 1 & 2

Delivered from a local venue on, or by:

Key Stage 3 – Tuesday 17th November 2026
Key Stage 4 – Wednesday 18th November 2026
Key Stage 5 – Thursday 19th November 2026

- Teams split into groups of approximately 4 teams in their local areas
- No seeding
- All group games to be played on one day in a central venue (3-6 courts Division 1, 2-4 courts for Division 2)
- 3-5 players in each team, depending on Division and category
- Scoring set as first to 11, playing all 3 games regardless of whether a player wins the first 2 games. Every point counts
- Games tied at 10-10 will be 'next point wins'
- Cumulative team scoring system. A team's final points tally will consist of every point each team member scored.
- No bonus points
- Division 1 only - Top 2 teams with the most points to advance through to the 'Championship' competition in round 2. Other teams to progress to the 'Plate' competition

STAGE TWO 'Championship' – Regional Division 1 only

Delivered from a regional venue on, or by:

Key Stage 3 – Tuesday 2nd February 2027
Key Stage 4 – Wednesday 3rd February 2027
Key Stage 5 – Thursday 4th February 2027

- Teams split into groups of approximately 3-4 teams based on England Squash regions where possible
- No seeding
- 5 players in each team (4 players for mixed teams)
- Scoring set as PAR to 11, best of 3 games, games tied at 10-10 will be 'next point wins'
- One point awarded for each game won in a match
- 5 bonus points awarded to the school winning the fixture
- The top teams in each group will advance through to the 'Championship Final'

STAGE THREE 'Championship' – Finals Division 1 only

Delivered from a central venue by England Squash on:

Mixed – Monday 1st March 2027
Key Stage 3 – Tuesday 2nd March 2027
Key Stage 4 – Wednesday 3rd March 2027
Key Stage 5 – Thursday 4th March 2027

- Finals hosted by England Squash – venue TBC
- Monrad draw of 8 teams with all teams playing 3 fixtures
- 5 players in each team (4 players for mixed teams)
- Scoring set as PAR to 11, best of 3 games, games tied at 10-10 will be 'next point wins'
- One point shall be awarded for each game won in a match

STAGE TWO 'Plate' – Regional Division 1 only

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Key Stage 4 – Wednesday 3rd February 2027
Key Stage 5 – Thursday 4th February 2027

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- Scoring set as first to 11, playing all 3 games regardless of whether a player wins the first 2 games. Every point counts
- Games tied at 10-10 will be 'next point wins'
- Cumulative team scoring system. A team's final points tally will consist of every point each team member scored.
- The top teams in each group will advance through to the 'Plate Final'

STAGE THREE 'Plate' – Finals Division 1 only

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- *Format may differ if lower numbers