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All Sanctioned Events must meet the following criteria.

#### 1 General

#### Venues

All matches must be played on courts affiliated to England Squash and organised by an affiliated club.

#### Rules

Matches shall be played under the Rules of the Game unless approved or directed by England Squash. Rules can be found at: <u>www.worldsquash.org</u>

#### **Q** Code of Conduct

All players must follow the Code of Conduct for Players. All parents, coaches, and attendees must follow the Code of Conduct for Parents, Coaches and Attendees. Tournament Organisers are encouraged to post both Codes of Conducts at their accredited tournaments. For more information and printable versions of each document, please <u>click here</u>.

#### 🔇 Eyewear

Protective eyewear is mandatory for participation in all accredited England Squash competitions. Eyewear must be worn by junior players at all times whilst on court. For more information, please <u>click</u> here.

#### **Q** Clothing

- 1. All players must wear clothing suitable for squash including non-marking soles. Please refer to the specific venue policy for further information.
- 2. Players competing in a match must not wear the same coloured top as their opponent. All players are required to bring a minimum of two different coloured tops to all matches they are scheduled to play in. In the event that two players are wearing the same coloured top for a match, the lower seeded player must change into their second top to prevent any clashes. Referees will be applying this rule with immediate effect from 20/02/2020.

#### Safeguarding including photography and video recording policy

- 1. The England Squash safeguarding policy including details on photography and video recording is available by <u>clicking here</u>.
- 2. It is mandatory for all tournament organisers to have a valid and up to date DBS check and safeguarding qualification before hosting an event.
- 3. A safeguarding lead must be present at the venue for the full duration of the event.
- 4. A qualified first aider must be present at the venue for the full duration of the event.

#### 🝳 🛛 Balls

The use of the England Squash Official Ball must be used for all matches.

**Q** Competition Entry



All entries for all levels of competition will be **ONLINE ENTRY ONLY** through the England Squash website. Failure to register directly with England Squash will result in ranking points being withheld.

#### **Q** Tournament Organiser

- 1. A Tournament Organiser/Director must be appointed to whom all disputes relating to Entries, Scheduling and Refereeing aspects shall be referred.
- 2. Changes to dates of a competition can only be made with permission of England Squash. All requests must be put in writing on email and communicated with England Squash clearly explaining the legitimate reason.

#### Tenders

England Squash will monitor the demand and tendering of events with the support of the Regional Forum Network. Allocation will be made to as many events as possible on each date. Where events are closer than 75miles between one another initially the date will be given to the first applicant with the second or more being provided further options of dates. If none of the dates suit, a further look into the feasibility to host both events will be done involving both tournament organisers, and the Regional Forum in question. We wish to facilitate as many events as possible on each date and therefore will aim to deliver events closer than 75miles if it is perceived possible by both organisers. We look to empower our organisers to promote and deliver successful events and see this flexibility as suiting that.

#### 2 Conditions of entry

#### Online Entry

- 1. Entries must be made online via the England Squash website through the tournament software and must be received with payment by the closing date. It is at the discretion of England Squash as to whether entries and/or fees will be accepted after the closing date.
- 2. Whilst every effort will be made to check all entries, it is ultimately the responsibility of the participant to ensure that their entry complies with the entry policies. This includes correct England Squash membership details (date of birth and gender) and entry into the correct age category and/or event. It is at the discretion of England Squash as to whether entries made in error will be accepted.

#### 🝳 Wait Lists

Due to the high demand for positions in Silver, Gold and Platinum events, draw sizes may be capped. Any additional entries outside of the draw size will be placed on a reserve list pending withdrawals. England Squash will not be held liable for any expenses incurred by those placed on reserve lists. We advise that all players when making bookings for tournaments should use services with a full comprehensive refund policy.

#### 🝳 Withdrawals

1. Withdrawals must be communicated in writing to competitions@englandsquash.com as well as to the tournament organiser. Withdrawals from any competition (including withdrawals from the



plate) must be notified to the tournament organiser as soon as possible pre event or on the day with a valid reason. Any reason for withdrawal must then be confirmed in email to England Squash and the tournament organisers within 7 days of the competition and in the event of illness or injury must be accompanied by a letter of explanation and/or a medical certificate where appropriate.

Failure to provide sufficient notice or a letter of explanation and/or a medical certificate within 7 days post competition will result in a default being awarded against your ranking with the tournament being listed as 0 points in your best 7 rankings results.

- 2. No player shall enter or be entered into two or more competitions if the published dates of the competitions overlap unless otherwise agreed with the tournament organiser and England Squash. Any player deemed to have entered two or more competitions for the purpose of withdrawing from one after the closing date (withdrawing from a Bronze after getting into a Silver) will not receive a refund of their entry fee.
- 3. Upon entering an event, participants are expected to play in all scheduled games to which they are involved and must be prepared to play at the times stated for each competition. No games shall be conceded before the event unless agreed to by the tournament organiser and/or England Squash. England Squash will only take into consideration requests made for Copper and Bronze competitions. Requests made for Silver/Gold/Platinum events will not be accepted under any circumstance pre event.
- 4. In the event of emergencies or delays on the day of the event, participants must contact the tournament organiser to inform them. It will be at the tournament organisers discretion as to whether they are allowed to continue in the competition.
- 5. Any persons requesting a refund for a tournament entry fee, needs to have made an application by email to either the tournament organiser or England Squash. This email needs to be delivered before 12:00pm on the day entries for the event close (Date available on the England Squash website). Any further requests may be made to either the event organiser or England Squash, both parties reserve the right to Approve or Deny the request.
- 6. In case of dispute over the validity of the reason of withdrawal tournament organiser must notify England Squash within 7 days. England Squash will then have the power to check up on rational and have the final decision on the points allocation. Any appeals can be put through the appeals process highlighted later on.

#### Player Referee Marking

 During all junior competitions, junior players are required to mark matches. Both players from the match are expected to referee/mark together and must be ready and present immediately following the completion of their match. By entering an event, the participating player is agreeing to be bound by such terms unless special dispensation is requested in writing to competitions@englandsquash.com and to the tournament organiser.



2. A player not fulfilling their refereeing responsibilities may lose their England Squash referee certification and will need to retake the online referee exam. Current referee certification is required to maintain a England Squash junior ranking. Additionally, <u>a player who abandons their referee responsibilities will be marked as a default with zero points being awarded for their participation in the event and against their ranking.</u>

#### **Q** Cancellation / Additional Expenses

England Squash and/or the tournament organiser will not be liable for any expenses incurred as a result of an event being cancelled or postponed. All expenses are at the sole risk of the entrant.

#### **Q** Code of Conduct

By entering an event, the participating player, parent or guardian is agreeing to be bound by the <u>England Squash Code of Conduct</u>. More details on the Code of Conduct can be found on the England Squash website, and in the appendix.

#### 3 Gender Policy

At both Copper and Bronze sanctioned events on the junior circuit, requests may be made to play in the opposite gender category as these are deemed participation level events. Any requests must be sent directly to England Squash by email to <u>competitions@englandsquash.com</u> and must be supported by justifiable reasoning. All requests will be considered by the Talent and Performance Team.

#### 4 Draw Formats and Sizes

#### **Q** Copper and Bronze Competitions

- <u>A minimum of 3 scheduled matches will be provided for all players</u> in an accredited tournament. Players are expected to complete all scheduled matches. Late withdrawals, injuries, or other unexpected events may lead to some players receiving 2 or fewer matches.
- 2. Copper and Bronze competitions may run draws listed within the Appendix section. Any draw types that fall outside of this must be pre-approved by England Squash before being used at a competition.
- Categories may be merged when necessary to ensure a minimum of 3 matches is achievable. Where categories are merged the rankings allocation will work in the following way;
  - Players will receive their ranking points at the category in which they entered providing 2 or more players have entered in that category. Players will be listed in order of which they finished within their own category. For example if 2 GU11 players are merged with 3 GU13 players, the



GU11 players can still receive ranking points at their entered category with finishing positions listed as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Where categories only have one player entered, the category can still be merged however the player entered will not receive any ranking points.
- 4. Copper and Bronze competitions will endeavour to accept all entries however in the event that the tournament organiser is unable to schedule all matches then draw sizes may be capped. Any additional entries will be added to a waitlist.

#### Silver and Gold Competitions

- <u>A minimum of 3 scheduled matches will be provided for all players</u> in an accredited tournament. Players are expected to complete all scheduled matches. Late withdrawals, injuries, or other unexpected events may lead to some players receiving 2 or fewer matches.
- 2. All Silver and Gold competitions <u>must run as Full Monrad draws</u> with all players playing through all stages of the competition into final finishing positions as part of the Monrad. The only exception to this is division sizes of 6 players or less whereby round robin groups may be used.
- 3. Where a Monrad draw does not guarantee all participants a minimum of 3 games, draw sizes will be capped.
- 4. Whereby we receive an odd number of entries below 26 players in a division, the final draw size will be capped at <u>the nearest even entry size</u>. For example if 13 players enter a division, the draw size will be capped at 12 with the additional player being placed on reserve in the event of a withdrawal. The exception to this is draw sizes of 10 and 18, these will be capped at the nearest Monrad size of 8 and 16 with additional players placed on reserve in the event of a withdrawal. Draw sizes of 15 will also be accepted as these guarantee all players 3 matches. Please see our Appendix for further details.
- 5. This policy is in place to resolve scheduling issues resulting from the structure of the draws and potential changes to draw formats in the event of withdrawals.. It is imperative that draws be consistent and transparent pre-event.
- 6. Silver and Gold competitions may use 64 draw sizes if possible. Tournament organisers must make a written request to England Squash to run a 64 draw size. A minimum of 40 players is required and all scheduling must align with England Squash rules and regulation regarding playing time.
- 7. All Silver and Gold draws should be completed using the seedings provided by England Squash using the random draw method.

Top seeded players should be placed at the top of the draw, and the second seed at the bottom, seeds 3 and 4 must be drawn randomly and placed in the 3/4 slots. The 5/8 seeds must then be drawn randomly and placed in the 5/8 seed positions and so on for 9/16 seedings. Unseeded players must be drawn randomly into the remaining slots.

8. In the event of withdrawals after a draw has been made, replacements can be made from a reserve list compiled from those players who did not initially secure a place in the draw. Reserve players will be contacted in order of seeding position until the position is filled.



- 9. Re-draws for Silver and Gold draws will only be done if a top 8 seed withdraws from the competition. No re-draws will take place after any withdrawal after 9am on the day prior to competition. It is the tournament organisers duty to make sure this is communicated affectively.
- 10. If byes are required in the draw, this must be given to the number 1 seed. If other byes are necessary, then those should be awarded to the next highest seed.

#### 5 Break Between Matches

- The following times should be used as a guideline for Tournament Organisers when creating schedules. Tournament Organisers should take into account the ability level of the players involved and the stages of the tournament when creating an affective schedule. For example 2 hours minimum is required for a Silver competition however in the latter stages of the competition organisers may need to increase the time between matches to 2.5 or 3 hours to account for the length of the fixtures being played.
  - 1. For Platinum and Gold competitions, players will have a minimum of 3 hours between scheduled match start times.
  - 2. For Silver competitions, players are recommended to have a minimum of 2 hours between scheduled match start times.
  - 3. For Bronze and Copper competitions, players are recommended to have a minimum of 1.5 hours between scheduled match start times.

#### 6 Seeding

Copper and Bronze Competitions

- 1. Once entry has closed, seedings will be completed by England Squash and sent to the Tournament Organiser within 2 working days.
- 2. For Copper and Bronze competitions, England Squash will seed appropriately from the Junior National Ranking system. Tournament Organisers will be allowed to move seeds outside of the rankings system with reasonable justification provided to England Squash.
- 3. All seeding related questions must be directed towards the tournament organiser.

Silver and Gold Competitions

- 1. All Silver and Gold competitions will close for entries 4 weeks prior to the competition start date. Late entries for such competitions will only be accepted under special circumstances and a note will be made against the record of the player/s with no future requests in the same season granted.
- 2. Upon closure of entries, England Squash will seed the competition based upon the existing entry list. A 'provisional' seeding list will then be published (please note that late entrants may be added to this



list resulting in seeding positions changing) to competition entrants with a short window being provided for players to request their seeding position be looked at.

- 3. Upon closure of the seeding window, no further requests will be considered.
- 4. All seeding requests must be made in writing and submitted before the deadline to the competitions email <u>competitions@englandsquash.com</u>. England Squash will not take any requests over the phone and any calls relating to seedings or rankings will be directed immediately to the competitions inbox.
- 5. All requests must be based upon head to head records against players seeded higher in separate brackets of the draw within the previous 12 months. Head to head records <u>must demonstrate three examples</u> of significant results against players seeded higher in different brackets of the draw. For example, a player seeded 17-32 may request their seeding position be amended if they have three results against opponents in the seeding bracket 9-16 within the past 12 months. <u>Requests with less than three examples will not be considered.</u>
- 6. Requests will also be accepted if an error in the rankings has been made. For rankings requests to be considered they must be reported through the official rankings request form on the website. Please visit the England Squash rankings information page for further details. England Squash Rankings.
- 7. Upon closure of the seeding window, England Squash will take into consideration all relevant requests. Any changes made will be at the discretion of England Squash and will be final. No further requests will be accepted.
- 8. For Silver and Gold Sanctioned Events, England Squash will apply a specific performance based seeding process. The aim of this process is to ensure that fairness and integrity is applied to the seeding of these events. Silver events are deemed selection events and Gold events are deemed as mandatory selection events whereby our performance team will analyse head to head results to help determine Team England selection at the age group they wish to be selected. Seedings for these events are conducted by a seeding committee. The committee is made up of a minimum of three coaches from the performance team, who will all sign off on the final seeding positions. The seeding committee will primarily seed Silver and Gold competitions based upon the junior ranking system. In cases where the event receives foreign entries, the seeding committee may ask a representative from that nation to sit on the committee or send forward recommendations for the players of their nation.
- 9. Seeding positions maybe different to that of ranking position for one of the following reasons;
  - The player is an international entry and does not have a England Squash ranking.
  - The player has previously been injured and has notified England Squash with back dating head to heads to support a higher seeding position.
  - The player has a reasonable chance of reaching the latter stages of the competition and has head to head results to justify a higher seeding than their current England Squash ranking position.
  - 10. Upon entry into a competition, the England Squash website will provide entrants an additional information box whereby they can provide any supporting information that will help with seeding.



#### 7 Withdrawals

#### Late Withdrawal

- 1. For all junior competitions, a player may withdraw without penalty before 12:00pm on the Monday prior to the start of the tournament. Any withdrawal after this deadline and before the start of a player's first match is considered a late withdrawal. Any player who is registered for a competition and does not show up to play is also considered a late withdrawal.
- 2. Penalties for late withdrawals are as follows:
- 1st late withdrawal within an 12-month period: No penalty, but the late withdrawal will be noted on the player's record.
- 2nd withdrawal within an 11-month period: The player receives a rankings penalty. The penalty is a zero-point tournament being added to the player's record. The zero-point tournament counts as a tournament exposure and will be treated like any other tournament with regards to rankings.
- 3rd or further withdrawal within an 12-month period: For any additional late withdrawal within the 12-months, the player will continue to receive a late withdrawal rankings penalty for each tournament in question.
- 3. Any disputes relating to late withdrawals must be directed to our competitions inbox <a href="mailto:competitions@englandsquash.com">competitions@englandsquash.com</a>

#### **Q** Mid-Competition Withdrawal

- 1. The Tournament Organiser may default a player if that player has not arrived on court by 15 minutes after the scheduled match time. Players who default a match in a tournament also default any subsequent scheduled matches.
- 2. Players may be permitted to continue in the tournament at the discretion of the tournament director. In making these decisions, the TO will take into consideration the level of communication with the player, court availability, and any other relevant specific factors. In no case is the tournament director obligated to make special accommodations for a player.
- 3. If a player begins a competition but is unable to complete all scheduled matches due to illness or injury, they must inform the tournament desk in person or via a parent or guardian before leaving. Any reason for withdrawal must then be confirmed in email to England Squash and the tournament organisers within 7 days of the competition and in the event of illness or injury must be accompanied by a letter of explanation and/or a medical certificate where appropriate.

Failure to provide sufficient notice or a letter of explanation and/or a medical certificate within 7 days post competition will result in a default being awarded against your ranking with the tournament being listed as 0 points in your best 7 rankings results.



#### 8 Tournament Organisers

All England Squash Sanctioned Events will have a Tournament Organiser/Director appointed to whom all disputes relating to Entries, Scheduling and Refereeing aspects shall be referred. All Tournament Organisers will have successfully completed an online Tournament Organiser workshop and received a "pass" grade at the appropriate level for the event they are holding. We aim to empower our Tournament Organisers within the guidelines of our Sanctioned Events to allow them to make decisions that will ultimately improve the overall experience of their event. From time to time special dispensation may be granted in areas deemed appropriate by England Squash to ensure that Tournament Organisers can run their event in a way they see appropriate. Tournament Organisers are encouraged to contact England Squash in the event of any issues that may arise in the organisation of their event.

#### **Q** Roles and Responsibilities

- 1. It is the Tournament Organisers responsibility to ensure their DBS and Safeguarding certificate are valid at the time of their competition. England Squash will cancel and remove any event from the website that does not have the required safeguarding procedures in place to run their competition.
- Tournament Organisers are responsible for completing and publishing draws upon receiving seedings from England Squash. As a guideline draws should be published and communicated to <u>ALL</u> entrants 7 days (Copper and Bronze), 10 days (Silver) or 14 days (Gold) prior to the event.
- 3. Copper and Bronze Tournament Organisers will be responsible for deciding the draw format for each age category. Tournament Organisers may refer to England Squash for support. For more information on draw sizes and formats please appendix.
- 4. Silver and Gold competition draw formats will be decided by England Squash.
- 5. England Squash empower tournament organisers to promote their own events. England Squash will act as the entry mechanism, and sanctioning body for the events. Responsibility to promote and encourage applications lies with tournament organiser. It is up the tournament organiser to engage the audience in their area that the event will best suit. A more detailed overview of the audience of the events can be seen in the event guide below. England Squash will support where possible tournament organisers in materials and advice on how to best run their events in keeping with our policies and guidelines.
- 6. Tournament Organisers are responsible for submitting the results for their competition via the England Squash Tournament Organiser Dashboard. Upon receipt of the results England Squash will return the entry fee payments.

## 9 Tournament SoftwareQ Competition Entries



- 1. The 2019-20 season will see a number of changes to the way in which entries are processed by England Squash. As of September 2019 all entries for all sanctioned competitions will continue to be run via englandsquash.com in the same way as they previously have been, but the entry process will now be handled by our integration with Club Locker. This means that the first time a player enters an event they will be required to share their data with Club Locker to enable Club Locker to create them an account. England Squash will then use Club Locker to process the data from your events and competitions, and subsequently add your results and rankings points.
- 2. There are a number of key benefits to the new entry process which will be introduced throughout the upcoming season including; the ability to view current player entry lists, greater Tournament Organiser functionality, accessible automated process' including player withdrawals.
- Tournament Organisers will also be able to use Club Locker to access data such as your name and email address in order to contact you in relation to any tournaments you've entered. Tournament Organisers will bound by <u>Data Processing Conditions</u> which means they can only access and use your data in relation to any tournaments you've entered.

#### Tournament Software

- Copper and Bronze competitions are allowed to use any tournament software they wish to use. Club Locker will be available to organisers throughout the season if they wish to run their event on the system however this will be subject to availability of our England Squash staff to ensure they are able to provide training and support.
- 2. Silver and Gold competitions for the 2019-20 season will be run using Club Locker as the tournament software. This is mandatory for all sanctioned Silver and Gold competitions. Training and support will be provided by England Squash.

#### 10 Disputes

- Any requests to England Squash for a decision on the rules or any other issues must be made by the participating player (parent and/or guardian) or the tournament organiser within seven days of the tournament finishing date to which it relates and must be sent in writing (by letter and/or email). England Squash reserves the right to request supporting documents and/or information that may be relevant to any dispute made. England Squash may in its absolute discretion consider any such request notwithstanding that the period of seven days has expired.
- England Squash will hold final decision over disputes which may arise under the rules and may impose such penalties on an individual/s as it deems appropriate (including without limitation, the allocation of points and/or the impositions of bans and/or fines). England Squash shall also delegate these powers to its disputes committee. The disputes committee must be made up of a minimum of 3 members one of which must be female.



- An appeal may be made against any decision of the Dispute Sub-Committee. All appeals must be made in written form (letter and/or email) and be received within 14 days of the original decision to which it relates. All appeals must be sent to England Squash.
- Any player or parent misconduct should be reported on the disciplinary report form. We hope that all organisers will adhere firmly to this disciplinary policy, and your co-operation is essential to the implementation of the necessary disciplinary procedures. Penalty measures for players will be strictly enforced by England Squash.

#### **11 EVENT FORMAT**

#### 11.1 COPPER Events



Junior Sanctioned Copper events are entry level competitions aimed at juniors who are beginners and are based locally. For many players, Copper events will be their first competition experience. This level of event therefore needs to be fun, engaging and social, leaving a positive and lasting impression that will inspire players to continue playing the sport of squash. Our aim for this season is to enhance the Copper competitions so that they are able to make a real connection with the intended target audience.

#### **ENTRY PROCESS:**

- On-line entry through ES website
- ES members & Non ES members can enter

#### **OURNAMENT SOFTWARE:**

- TO's discretion
- Club Locker training and support available subject to availability of ES staff

#### **ORAW FORMAT:**

- Best of 3 or 5 games
- Flexible scoring systems (must be communicated pre-event)
- Introductory level ranking points awarded

#### **OFFICIATING**:



- All games to be officiated by players (both players from previous match – promote teamwork)

#### **ENTRY FEE:**

- £10 -£15 Entry to be decided by TO's
- (£2.50 levy retained per player by England Squash for ES members, £5 levy retained for non ES members)
- Optional souvenir provided by TO
- Closing date: 2 weeks pre-event
- No entry refund post draw publication

#### 11.2 BRONZE Events



Junior Sanctioned Bronze events are aimed at juniors who play at a club or county level. Bronze events are the next step in the circuit pathway with an increased level of competition and more Junior Ranking points available. Bronze events will be offered as both a mixture of one or two day events throughout the 2019-20 Junior Circuit season. Players can expect to play up to 4 or 5 games over a one or two day event depending on the format. Games will either be played as best of 3 or best of 5.

#### **Q** ENTRY PROCESS:

- On-line entry through ES website
- All entrants to be ES active members

#### **Q** TOURNAMENT SOFTWARE

- TO's discretion
- Club Locker training and support available subject to availability of ES staff

#### **Q** DRAW FORMAT:

- Best of 3 or 5 games
- Seedings will be in line with our National Junior Rankings. TO's will be allowed to alter seedings with sufficient evidence.

#### **OFFICIATING**:

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

#### **ENTRY FEE:**

- £20 set ES entry fee. (Organisers may request to increase or decrease the entry price).



- (£4.00 levy fee per player retained by ES)
- Optional souvenir provided by TO
- Closing date: 2 weeks pre-event
- No entry refund post draw publication



#### **11.3 SILVER EVENTS**



Junior Sanctioned Silver events are 2 or 3 day competitions which attract higher ranked English players. Silver events are deemed selection events with players who are Nationally ranked encouraged to apply. Players can expect to play up to 4 or 5 games across the event depending on draw sizes. There are several Silver events throughout the 2019-20 Junior Circuit season which will be geographically spread across the country so that they are accessible to all players. A greater number of Junior Ranking points are awarded in a Silver event in comparison to a Bronze event.

#### **ENTRY PROCESS:**

- On-line entry through ES website
- All entrants to be ES active members

#### **Q** TOURNAMENT SOFTWARE

- Mandatory Club Locker use
- Training and support provided by ES staff

#### **ORAW FORMAT:**

- Best of 5 games
- All Silver competitions **must run as Full Monrad draws** with all players playing through all stages of the competition into final finishing positions as part of the Monrad.
- Draws subject to caps where oversubscribed.
- Whereby we receive an odd number of entries below 25 players in a division, the final draw size will be capped at <u>the nearest even entry size</u>. The exception to this is draw sizes of 10 and 18, these will be capped at the nearest Monrad size of 8 and 16. Draw sizes of 15 will also be accepted as these guarantee all players 3 matches. Please see our Appendix for further details.

#### **OFFICIATING**:

- Games to be officiated by a mixture of players (both players from previous match to promote teamwork) and England Squash appointed referees.

#### **ENTRY FEE:**

- £30 set ES entry fee
- (£7.50 levy per player retained by ES)
- Optional souvenir provided by TO



- Closing date: 4 weeks pre-event
- No entry refund post draw publication

#### 11.4 GOLD EVENTS



Junior Sanctioned Gold events are 3-4 day competitions and are considered as the most prestigious level of domestic junior squash tournament. Gold events include the British Junior Championships and the English Junior Championships, and a further two sanctioned events of this tariff. The 2019-20 Junior Circuit season will also see the introduction of 2 new Gold Sanctioned events, increasing the number of opportunities for players to compete in high level events. Players can expect to play up to 4 or 5 games over the course of the competition. Gold sanctioned events are deemed selection events and attract the highest ranked junior players from all age groups. A greater number of ranking points are awarded in a Gold event compared to a Silver event.

#### **ENTRY PROCESS:**

- On-line entry through ES website
- All entrants to be ES active members

#### **Q** TOURNAMENT SOFTWARE

- Mandatory Club Locker use
- Training and support provided by ES staff

#### **ORAW FORMAT:**

- Best of 5 games
- All Gold competitions **must run as Full Monrad draws** with all players playing through all stages of the competition into final finishing positions as part of the Monrad.
- Draws subject to caps where oversubscribed.
- Whereby we receive an odd number of entries below 25 players in a division, the final draw size will be capped at <u>the nearest even entry size</u>. The exception to this is draw sizes of 10 and 18, these will be capped at the nearest Monrad size of 8 and 16. Draw sizes of 15 will also be accepted as these guarantee all players 3 matches. Please see our Appendix for further details.

#### **OFFICIATING:**



- Games to be officiated by a mixture of players (both players from previous match to promote teamwork) and England Squash appointed referees.

#### **Q** ENTRY FEE:

- £40 set ES entry fee
- (£12.00 levy per player retained by ES)
- Optional souvenir provided by TO
- Closing date: 4 weeks pre-event
- No entry refund post draw publication