



TOURNAMENT ETIQUETTE GUIDELINES

The purpose of this list of Tournament Etiquettes is to ensure that all players, supporters, clubs, tournament organisers, and all other stakeholders do their utmost to uphold the values and integrity of tournaments held in the Auckland region. It recognises the challenges and difficulties in organising a tournament, while ensuring allowances are made for maximum participation and enjoyment from players

All persons, by entering into a club or regional tournament at a Squash Auckland affiliated facility, will agree upon good faith to abide by the Squash Auckland Tournament Etiquettes outlined below

Players - Tournament Entry

- At the time of entering a tournament, you must state all times you may be unavailable for the advertised duration of the tournament. If the request is unreasonable or deemed unworkable, it is at the discretion of the tournament organiser to withdraw the entry from the tournament before the draws are made
- Entries received after the closing date will be accepted at the discretion of the tournament organiser
- Once the draws are completed, game times or venues may only be changed after agreement by the tournament organiser and the mutual consent of your opponent
- If you are required to withdraw from the tournament after the tournament organisers have completed and released the draws, the host club will attempt to find a replacement player or place a reserve into the draw to ensure all players receive their full allocation of matches. If a replacement player is unable to be found, the host club may request partial or full payment of the entry fee
- Players must be at the club 15 minutes prior to their scheduled match time
- Players who arrive more than 15 minutes late for their match may be defaulted by the tournament organiser with a loss of the match and grading points. This is to help the tournament organisers ensure the tournament runs to time
- Accept that every negative action (withdrawing from a tournament, turning up late to your match, not marking/refereeing, etc.) also negatively impacts on others involved in the tournament – running a tournament is difficult enough as it is!

Players - Tournament Play

Play within the rules. Play to win but play fair

- Respect your opponents
- Make sure you only warm up for a maximum of five minutes (two and a half minutes each side)
- Respect the decisions of officials. They are the sole adjudicator of the match
- Ensure language, presentation, manner and punctuality reflect high standards
- Be considerate in, and accept responsibility for, your actions
- Shake your opponents hand and thank the officials at the conclusion of play
- The tradition in squash is for the winner to buy their opponent a drink
- After your match, you **must** mark/referee a match unless advised otherwise by tournament control. Ask tournament control which match you would like them to do

Supporters/Parents

Respect the decisions of tournament officials and teach children to do likewise

- Do not openly criticize players/coaches/managers/officials in front of other people, either on court or off court
- Never ridicule or yell at a player/child for making a mistake or losing a competition. Children learn best by example
- Show appreciation for coaches, officials and administrators
- Ensure your child stays at the club following their match to mark/referee
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from squash

Referees/Markers

- Enforce the rules fairly and with empathy
- Be familiar with the rules by attending a Rules Night and completing the online Club Referees Exam on the Squash NZ website – this will give you confidence to make the right calls

Tournament Organisers & Directors

- Treat the entry of all players equally and fairly
- Use discretion carefully regarding tournament withdrawals, keeping in mind injuries and emergencies do happen balanced with the need to ensure all entrants receive sufficient matches for their entry fee
- Ensure the tournament finish date and all terms and conditions of entry (i.e. withdrawal penalties) are clearly stated on the tournament poster and in iSquash
- Ensure a tournament organiser is available for contact at all times to receive enquiries from participants
- Ensure the conditions of your club's liquor license is adhered to at all times, including the refusal of service to minors and having food available for purchase at the club
- Ensure that tournament draws are released at least 72 hours before the start of the tournament, and results are entered into iSquash within 3 days of the conclusion of the tournament (sooner if at all possible)
- Attempt wherever possible to have players mark/referee players of their own grade and gender, or as close to it as possible