

SQUASH REGULATIONS

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1. Organization

- a. The Squash Committee (SC) of the 20th Maccabiah will be responsible for the Squash Competition of the 20th Maccabiah.
- b. The Squash competitions will be conducted according to the rules of the World Squash Federation, (WSF) (formally the International Squash Rackets Federation).
- c. The rules of the game will be the rules as published by the World Squash Federation.
- d. Participation in the Squash competition is open to any athlete who is in possession of a Participant Card issued by the Organizing Committee of the 20th Maccabiah, and is registered for the Squash competitions.

2. Entry

- a. Each participating nation may enter up to a maximum of 5 players for any one Team Event and a maximum of 8 players for any Singles Event. This applies to all sections, i.e. male, female, juniors Boys, Juniors Girls and all Masters' sections. (See paragraph c. below)
- b. A player is allowed to play in one category only of the Team Event and one category only of the Singles Event, according to his/her age group.
- c. The Male Masters age groups are: over 35; over 45; over 50; over 55; over 60; over 65.
- d. The Female Masters one age group: over 35.
- e. Juniors Boys, Juniors Girls age – born 1999-2002.

3. Events

Competitions will be held in the following categories:

- a. Team Events in the Open, Junior and Masters groups.
- b. Singles Events for Males, Females, all Masters age groups and juniors (Boys and Girls).
- c. All Singles competitions will be played out of the last player.

4. Game ball

The ball to be used in all games will be the Dunlop pro XX (double X), yellow dot, black, non-marking ball. The Squash Committee will supply balls only for competitions. A new ball will be used for each new game, or at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Players will be obliged to use their own non-marking ball for training purposes.

5. Venues and times

A. The Maccabiah Squash committee and the Sport department will determine the venues and times of the Squash competitions. Each competing country will be notified where and when they will be playing.

B. The Squash Committee has full authorization to change the venues and times of the competition as it sees fit. Notification of any change will be given to competing countries within reasonable time. These decisions will be final.

6. System of competition

DEFINITIONS:

TIES.....are between opposing teams

MATCHES.....are between individual players

START DATE.....shall mean the day of the start of the championships

a. Team Competitions:

The Squash Committee will be responsible for seeding the draw of the Team Competition. The seeding and the draw for the team competition will be made at the Delegates Meeting prior to the start of the games. For Singles seeding and draw, see paragraph 6b below.

1) Composition of Team

- i. Each team will consist of three (3) players
- ii. A team may register up to five (5) players, i.e. (3) players plus two (2) reserves.
- iii. Each player will play his opposite number from the opposing team.
- iv. Each Tie will be played by three players of one nation against three players of an opposing nation.

2) Point Scoring Systems

All ties shall be the best of three (3) matches, and each match the best of five (5) games. A team wins a TIE when it has won three or two individual Matches in that TIE i.e. 3-0, 2-1. The winner of the TIE receives one (1) point, the loser zero (0) points.

All games will be played up to eleven (11) or by a difference of two (2) points if at the choice of *hand out* at ten (10) points each.

3) Team Order

- i. Each team manager/captain will submit to the Tournament Director a complete "Team Order Form" in a sealed envelope by 14:00 hrs on the day before the Starting Date of the Team Competition.
- ii. The Team Order Form will provide the Tournament Director with a list of players, by name, in the nations team, in descending order of strength, i.e. first seed #1, second seed #2 etc., including reserves - if any.
- iii. The list of players on the Team Order Form will be the order of play of that Nation during the Team Competition and will be adhered to throughout the tournament. . In the event of #1, #2 or #3 seed is unable to play, the reserve will replace @ #3. The remaining players will move up to fill the empty spot.

4) Playing Order

- i. The Team manager/captain will submit to the Tournament Director at least one (1) hour before play on their TIE, a list of players in descending order of play who will be playing in that TIE on a *Playing Order Form*.
- ii. If no *Playing Order Form* is submitted within the time limit then the first three players listed in the *Team Order Form* will be registered to play (see "3iii" above).
- iii. Singles Competition

- 1) Each country may enter up to eight (8) players in the Singles Competition.
- 2) The Singles Competition will be played on a "KNOCK-OUT" system.
- 3) Each match will be played to the best of five (5) games.
- 4) Each game will be played up to eleven (11) points each. See Para. 6a2 above.
- 5) All competition will be played out to the last player.

7. Overall format of the team championships

- a. Up to and including seven (7) teams.
The competition will be played in a single pool.
The two top seeds will play each other in the final pool tie.
- b. From eight (8) to twelve (12) teams.

The competition will be played in two (2) pools. The *playoffs* will be played based on a knockout competition between places 1 and 2 in pool A against places 2 and 1 in Pool B.

- c. From thirteen (13) to twenty-four (24) teams.
The competition will be played in four (4) groups. The *playoffs* will be based on a knockout competition and played between places 1 and 2 in pool A against places 2 and 1 in pool C and between places 1 and 2 in pool B against places 2 and 1 in pool D.

8. Final order of teams

All teams shall play one another in a Pool to establish an order of merit. The final position shall be decided:

- a. First by the greater number of tie points won.
- b. If 2 or more teams have won the same number of ties, then by the greater positive difference of match points won or lost.
- c. If 2 or more teams are still equal, then by the greater positive difference of game points won or lost.
- d. If 2 or more teams are still equal, then by the greater positive difference of single points won or lost.
- e. If 2 or more teams are still equal, the result of the match between the position one players (in order of games and the points) of the tie between them shall determine the final order.
- f. If 2 or more teams are still equal, the result of the match between the position two players (in order of games and the points) of the tie between them shall determine the final order.

9. Referees

The Squash Committee will select a Referees' committee, which in turn will ensure that each game has a Referee. As a general rule, the winner of each game will referee the next game on that court. 1 International referee will be on hand to assist with technical issues and to referee the finals for the Open competition.

appoint the referees of the competition.

10. General

- a. These regulations are but one part of the complete 20th Maccabiah Regulations, and must be read along with the instructions found in "Basic Regulations and Disciplinary Procedures".
- b. In the event of a discrepancy between the regulations written here and those appearing in the "Basic Regulations", the regulations written here will apply and be binding.