



Irish Squash Tournament Guidelines

The aims of Irish Squash Tournaments are:

- ✓ To ensure the quality of Irish Squash Competitions;
- ✓ To find the means to have good representation from Irish Squash;
- ✓ To promote Squash through the event; and
- ✓ To ensure that participants are treated fairly.

Participants Conduct

Participants, including players, coaches, officials, parents, spectators and organizers, will conduct themselves at all times in a manner which brings credit to the sport of squash.

Participants are expected to be familiar with the Irish Squash Code of Conduct, and Irish Squash Disciplinary Process.

Participants will be responsible for damage to property and will be responsible for the financial compensation of the damaged property.

Irish Squash Code of Conduct

The rules of Squash as laid out by the WSF will apply. All participants including players, coaches, officials, parents, spectators and organizers are expected to behave in a manner which will bring credit to Irish Squash. The following list of behaviours which is not intended to be exhaustive is considered contrary to expected behaviour.

- Verbally or physically abusing an opponent, the marker, referee, officials, spectators or the sponsors;

Showing dissent (to include repeated dispute of decisions) to the marker, referee or officials, including foul language and obscene or offensive gestures;

Deliberate contact between players or between players and playing equipment;
- Abusing playing equipment or the court;

Failing to comply with the condition of entry of an event including any rules with regard to clothing or advertising;

Failing to complete a match or in the opinion of referee or tournament official failing to give their best efforts – unsportsman like conduct.

Any other unreasonable conduct which brings the game into disrepute.



Tournament Withdrawals

Please note the following alteration to Irish Squash Bye-Laws in relation to players who make late withdrawals and / or fail to complete competitions:

'In the event a player scratches from a tournament after the draw is made then a two tournament ban is imposed on the offending player (relevant to both senior and junior). A one tournament ban and 0 points penalty will be imposed should a player pull out during the tournament. Either of the above will not be enforced in the event of a medical cert being submitted within one week of the match'.

This bye law came into effect on January 1, 2007

Irish Squash Code of Conduct for Referees

Referees should:

- Be punctual, polite and impartial
- Declare any conflict of interest due to relationship/friendship with specific players
- Advise the Tournament Referee of any past problems with specific players
- Report breaches of the Code of Conduct, Rule 17, by players or officials to the Tournament Referee.
- Refrain from public criticism of fellow officials, players, organizers, sponsors or events that may bring the game into disrepute.

Irish Squash Code of Conduct for Spectators

Spectators including parents and coaches must remain silent during rallies, and should not encourage extended and undignified delays between rallies by attempting to provoke discussion between players and officials, or between the players themselves.

Spectators should

- Encourage players to participate within the rules and regulations of the game
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams
- Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome
- Respect the decisions of officials and encourage players to do the same
- Respect referees, officials, coaches, players and spectators.
- Not enter the court of play



Irish Squash Disciplinary Process

During the Tournament

The tournament organiser may eject a coach, official, parent or spectator and may disqualify and /or eject a player from an event if they deem their behaviour to be contrary to the code of conduct. The tournament organiser must in this instance give a written report to Irish Squash within one week. There can be no appeal to the tournament organiser's decision to eject or disqualify a person during the tournament.

After the Tournament

Any person can make a written complaint to Irish Squash within one week of the conclusion of the tournament. On receipt of a written complaint Irish Squash will appoint two separate committees one a disciplinary and one appeal if required..

Sanctions

A variety of sanctions is available to the disciplinary committee. The following list though not intended to be exhaustive is indicative of sanctions available.

- Impose warning
- Withhold prize money
- Impose suspension or expulsion from Irish Squash
- Exclude from future tournament(s)
- Exclude from representing Ireland in International Tournaments

Irish Squash will notify all provincial or national associations if their members break the code of conduct.

The appeal committee can confirm, set aside, reduce or increase any sanctions previously imposed.