



IRISH SQUASH

JUNIOR MATTERS 2011-2012

Please note there have been some changes to the guidelines for this season.

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Player Behaviour:

All junior players are required to be familiar with the Conditions and Rules for Juniors Travelling to Tournaments and Events. A copy of these conditions and rules is available from your Provincial Junior Secretary and can also be downloaded from your provincial website and from www.irishsquash.com

Tournament Organisation:

All four Provincial Junior Opens will be run over either 2 or 3 days as each provincial organisation sees appropriate.

The Irish Junior Nationals will be run over three days.

Players and parents should note that when a tournament is played over 2 days that matches will be scheduled for 9.30 on Saturday and Sunday mornings to allow for reasonably early finishes on both days.

Tournament Draws:

The standard Swiss 8 or Swiss 16 and where a competition is 'over-subscribed' players 9 and 10, and 17 and 18 will be reserves. Entries of 11 and over will result in a 16 draw.

It is also open to each provincial organization to adopt a mixed (gender and age) format if they so wish. This means players would be seeded e.g. 1 to 100, with draws of 16 from the top down.



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Withdrawals:

Where a player withdraws from the competition up to the day of the event there will be a redraw but where the withdrawal is on the day of the competition there will be a redraw only where the player is in the top 4. Players should also note that penalties apply for players who withdraw after the draw or who fail to complete the competition. The byelaws on late withdrawal can be found on the competition entry page on www.irishsquash.com.

Entry Fees:

The entry fee is payable at the venue before the first match. Entry fees will be €20 (£15stg) per player (€30/£25 for 2 siblings & €40/£30 for 3 siblings). In the case of the four Provincial Junior Opens there will be an Irish Squash subsidy of €10 (£8stg) per player (or 50% for siblings) thereby reducing these entry fees.

Seedings:

Tournaments will be seeded by the Junior Secretary on the basis of Irish Squash rankings published on www.irishsquash.com. Rankings will be updated after each tournament. Players dissatisfied with their rankings should, in the first instance, communicate through their Provincial Junior Secretaries (listed above).

Balls:

In line with ESF tournaments the Dunlop Double Yellow ball will continue for all age groups except U11s.

Selection Criteria for U13, U15 and U17 Irish Teams 2011 - 2012:

1. Players must be eligible to play for Ireland (see Byelaw 7) and be under the relevant age on the final day of the competition and be selected by the selection committee.
2. The Selection committee comprises: The Junior Administrator, The Team Coach, and The Team Manager.
3. Team Selection will be based on the ranking points gained from a player's best three



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competitions from The Connacht Open; The Ulster Open; The Munster Open; The Leinster Open; The Irish Junior National (Closed) Championship. The Irish Junior Nationals earns higher points than the Provincial Opens. In the event of equality of points the selection committee will chose the player finally

4. Players wishing to be considered for selection must play in the Irish Junior Open, although that competition will not earn any points.
5. If a player is unable to compete in a tournament (or complete all matches over a tournament weekend) due to illness/injury a doctors/physiotherapists certificate/letter must be submitted to Irish Squash in the week following the tournament.
6. The Selection Committee will also consider a player's general behaviour on and off court, attendance at squad sessions, commitment to squash and adherence to whatever training programme is recommended by the Team Coach. *Players may be selected to play on teams outside their own age group, at the discretion Junior Sub-Committee of Irish Squash and of the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee may also take advice from the National Coach, when making decisions on team selection*
7. Once a player receives notification of selection, all monies must be paid by the required date, otherwise their selection will be revoked.
8. Players moving up from one age group to the next during the season will carry over 30% of the points gained at the younger age group.
9. Where players enter a tournament in an older age group the points thereby earned will also be credited to their actual age group.
10. The Selection Committee will have the final say in team selection matters.

Selection Criteria for U19 Irish Panels 2011 - 2012:

1. Players must be eligible to play for Ireland (see Byelaw 7) and be under the relevant age on the final day of the relevant competition and be selected by the selection committee.
2. The Selection committee comprises three members: The Junior Administrator, The Team Coach, and The Team Manager. The selection Committee may also take advice from the National Coach, when making decisions on team selection.
3. A panel of players (6 boys and 4 girls) will be selected on the basis of the points earned at the Connacht Junior Open and the Irish Junior Nationals. *Players from younger age categories may be selected and added to this panel on the basis that their presence would*



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strengthen the panel. Compulsory tournaments - Irish Junior Open and Irish Senior Nationals.

4. The Selection Committee will select the team from the members of the panel based on what it considers would be the strongest team.
5. The selection committee will also consider a player's general behaviour on and off court, attendance at squad sessions and *commitment to squash* and adherence to whatever training programme is recommended by the Team Coach.
6. If a player is unable to compete in a tournament (or complete all matches over a tournament weekend) due to illness or injury a letter or certificate from the doctor or physiotherapist must be submitted to Irish Squash in the week following the tournament.
7. Once a player receives notification of selection, all monies must be paid by the required date, otherwise their selection will be revoked.
8. Players may be selected to play on teams above their own age group.
9. Players moving up from one age group to the next during the season will carry over 30% of the points gained at the younger age group.
10. Where players enter a tournament in an older age group the points thereby earned will also be credited to their actual age group.
11. The Selection Committee will have the final say in team selection matters.

Representing Ireland

It has been observed that Irish team spirit is not what it should be at some international events. It is hoped that more squad sessions and greater interaction between squad members and their Coaches throughout the season, will result in greater bonding within Irish teams and generate more team spirit.

Any player chosen to represent Ireland at junior level *must* adhere to the following basic rules:

- i. Always wear full Irish tracksuit while at tournament venue**
- ii. Always wear correct team attire when playing matches**
- iii. Where possible give support to team members and those of other Irish teams during their matches**
- iv. Follow all instruction from Coaches and Team Managers**



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Ranking points:

The points to be earned in this season's junior tournaments are the same as those in use on the Senior Tour. The extra points for the Junior Nationals do not apply to U19 players.

Players who move up in age group carry 30% of the points already earned at the younger age group.

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Nationals	2000	1800	1600	1400	1200	1000	900	800	700	600	500	400	300	200	100	80	60	40
Opens	1500	1350	1200	1050	900	750	600	450	300	150	125	100	80	60	50	40	30	20

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‘Points Rankings’ are used to select players for panels and will be published on www.irishsquash.com and updated after each tournament.

The seeding of tournaments is **NOT** based on ‘Points Rankings’ but on ‘Irish Rankings’ and these will be done by the Irish Squash Junior Secretary, Henry Gillanders.

Squad Sessions:

These will be centralised depending on the address of the players and their Coach and players are expected to attend. The dates will be published on the Irish Squash website and phone and text reminders will be sent to the players and their parents. Failure to attend squads may lead to a player not being selected on a team. There will be many more squad sessions than there has been in previous years.



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Schools Competition:

The age rule for these competitions is the same as all other junior competitions and a player must be under the relevant age on the final day of the competition.

Communication between players/parents and Irish Squash:

If you have an issue relating to junior squash please let us know by contacting your Provincial Junior Secretary who will be able to provide you with an explanation or who will be able to follow up your query through the Irish Squash Junior Committee and the Irish Squash Junior Secretary

Please consult the bye-laws of Irish Squash for additional information.