

## **RULES FOR INTERCLUB IN CENTRAL SQUASH REGION**

1. The laws of Squash Rackets for the time being sanctioned by Squash NZ so far as they are applicable and do not conflict with the following shall be observed. The competition shall be open to all clubs who are affiliated to the Association and are financial for that financial year.
2. Clubs will be permitted to enter no more than two teams (Manawatu Wanganui Ruapehu Zone), two teams (Taranaki Zone) for each court they make available for Interclub play. Additional teams from one or more clubs may be accepted at the discretion of each zone committee.
3.
  - a. All players must be financial members of their club. A player belonging to more than one club must nominate at the beginning of the season which club he will represent for Interclub play BUT he must also state and appear on that grading list and on the District grading list for the season which he will represent for National Championships, Teams events and tournaments. (A player may be able to represent one club for Interclub and another for Teams events etc).
  - b. Players may play for only one club during the competition unless they have the approval of their zone committee to change clubs.
  - c. Where a player does not have a current NZ grading the Club Statistician of his club shall give him an unofficial grading and in doing so notify the iSquash Administrator involved immediately.
  - d. The Performance Director will prepare a Rules and Refereeing resource/workshop for all interclub players who must sit and attend prior to playing interclub. Failure to do so will result in the team forfeiting that players match.
  - e. Ladies may play in a nominated Men's team provided that their club cannot offer that player a Women's team to play in and with the approval of their zone committee and iSquash Administrator.
  - f. Players must remain in the same team in which they commenced playing at the start of the season throughout the whole season irrespective of any subsequent change in their grading. Players may move up a division but after three matches can not return to the lower team.
  - g. Teams playing order must be submitted in order of the latest grading list available on the Squash NZ website at the time of registering the team.
  - h. If a player elects to play Premier league, they cannot play Interclub. An Interclub player can be a replacement for Premier League but after two games can not return to play Interclub for the rest of the season

**TEAM ENTRY**

4. a Playing format shall be decided by each zone committee annually. The teams submitted shall be graded by the respective organising committees.
- b. Each individual game shall be the best of 5 games. The team winning the most matches shall win the tie.
- c. Points shall be allocated as follows:  
1 point for each match won  
2-bonus points for the team winning the most matches in the contest, plus  
Any team winning by default will be credited with 1 point for each player plus 2 bonus points for that tie.
- d. Where there is a tie in a team event, winner will be determined firstly by total games, then total points, if this is still a tie then each team will receive 1 point for the tie.
- e. At the conclusion of the Interclub competition divisional winners shall be declared based upon the number of points accumulated. Where 2 teams are tied on equal points the winner shall be declared based upon who beat whom. Where 3 or more teams are tied on equal points the winners shall be declared based upon a match/game count back. Where a division is split for second round, points start again.
- f. The host team shall be responsible for entering the results, agreed by both Captains, within 3 days onto the iSquash website.
- g. The ball to be used is as specified by Central Squash.

**TEAM COMPOSITION**

5. a. Numbers in team shall be decided by respective committees.
- b. No team shall be permitted to change Divisions during the course of the competition.
- c. Prior to commencement of play in each contest, teams must be listed in order of latest Squash NZ website. Captains are advised to check the Squash NZ website at least weekly to confirm team member points and player order.
- d. The team captain is to arrange for and carry a letter from the District Statistician to cover any obvious error in the playing order on the grading list.
- e. Replacements shall be allowed in teams. Any player who has played three times for a higher division can not play for a lower division. (The exception is when being a replacement in Open Interclub). Replacements must be of a similar grading to the other members of the team he/she is to play for but must not have been graded higher than the listed grade for the Interclub division as at the beginning of the season.
- f. No team shall use more than 2 replacements or 1 in the case of a team of 3, in any tie without the prior approval of the disputes committee.

- g. Where a Club has more than 1 team in any Interclub division, replacements shall not be allowed from one of the other teams in that division without the prior approval of the disputes committee.
- h. Team captains are responsible for ensuring team members are familiar with the etiquette of interclub (e.g. suppers and offering a drink), and for upholding the good behaviour and sportsmanship of their team.

#### **DEFAULTS**

- 6.
  - a. A Team may **DEFAULT** not more than 2 matches in any one contest. Not more than 1 match when a team comprises less than 5 members.
  - b. A **DEFAULTING** team will be fined a maximum of \$100 per **DEFAULT**. The zone interclub disputes committee has the authority to decide if the team being defaulted is to receive part or all of the fine monies. Fines to be posted as soon as possible.
  - c. When a team is **DEFAULTING** 1 or 2 of their players this must be taken from the bottom of the order, i.e. in a 5 member team, number 5 then 4 defaults, moving team members up to cover the top places.
  - d. The **DEFAULTING** team must put in writing the reason for the **DEFAULT** to the respective controllers within 7 days.

#### **WITHDRAWALS**

- 7.
  - a. A penalty of \$100 will be imposed on any club withdrawing a team after the draw has been completed (i.e. after the first Zone meeting at which divisions are sorted out).

#### **PROTEST**

- 8. All protests should be submitted within 3 days and referred to the respective Zone disputes committee.

#### **DISTRICT PLAYOFFS**

- 9.
  - a. The winning teams of zones, in both Men's and Women's sections, will be played off to decide Central Squash graded winners on a date to be decided by the Board of Directors. This may, involve Zone playoffs to decide grade representatives.
  - b. That interclub teams that do not attend Central Squash interclub play offs be fined a minimum of \$100 per team at the discretion of the events dispute committee.

#### **MASTER INTERCLUB**

- 1. Separate competition for men and Women
- 2. All Interclub rules shall apply.
- 3. Qualifying age is 35 years and over on date of playing.
- 4. Playing nights to be decided by Zone committees.
- 5. Team Composition - To be determined by each Zone Committee.

**PREMIER LEAGUE**

If a player elects to play Premier League he cannot play Interclub. An Interclub player can be a replacement for Premier League but after two games cannot return to play Interclub for the rest of the season.

All rules for Interclub applies to Premier League (NOTE 3G).

**COMPOSITE INTERCLUB**

1. Separate competition for men and Women
2. Playing nights to be decided by the zone committee.
3. All Interclub rules apply.
4. Team Composition: To be determined by each Zone Committee.