

2026 Junior Prince Series Details and Hosting Guidelines

Thank you for hosting a Junior Prince Series! The Prince series is a great thing to be part of, many of our juniors who are representing Squash Central and Squash NZ all began in the Prince tour over the years. The players all form long lasting friendships, learn to understand and adapt to the competitiveness of squash, and learn to score/referee in a friendly safe environment.

Below are Central Squash's guidelines for running a successful event.



Junior Prince Series

Central Squash has been supporting the growth of our juniors in the district for 20 years and are incredibly grateful for our long-standing sponsors Prince. The Prince Series runs on Sundays throughout the squash season, all over the Central District. Due to calendar restraints, occasionally two prince series may run on the same day at different ends of the region.

The Junior Prince Series is open to all juniors **E2 and below**.

- players may go over the points requirement as they play and their SquashLevel fluctuates and if they do so, they are allowed to play.
- Provided a player is E2 and below at the start of the series, they can continue to play throughout the series, however we understand there may not always be a suitable draw available for them. If there is any doubt, please contact the Junior Convener.
- A junior is a player under 19 years old.
- Ungraded juniors need to be on the grading list and be a financial member of a club before competing.
- Players should be able to serve with some consistency (grading requirement).
- Photos and points will be updated to our website and social media weekly.
- Players are expected to be at the hosting club ready for play by 9:30am. Please remember the clubs are trying to get through 3 games for everyone.

Prizes

\$1000+ worth of Prince Squash prizes will be presented to the top eight boys and top eight girls at the conclusion of the series final. We cannot thank Prince enough for their continued sponsorship of this event.

Squash Central will also award five coaching scholarships valued at \$100 each.

Prize Criteria

For every Prince Series tournament you play, you will automatically be entered into the running! Points will be awarded as follows:

- Tournament Played - 5 points
- Matches Won - 1 point
- Division Won - 2 points

A maximum of 10 points can be awarded each round to ensure no unfair advantage.

1 point will be awarded for a bye win when it was no fault of the player and was one of their 3 guaranteed games.

Points will be updated regularly on our website www.centralsquash.co.nz under Juniors, Prince Junior Tournaments.

We will only count the **results of your top 5 tournaments**. Throughout the series you can keep trying to better your tournaments, but make sure you get to at least 5 tournaments to be in to win!

Hosting Requirements

Please ensure all organisers of the Junior Prince Series are aware of the following:

- List your prince series tournament on MySquash Competitions prior to the series starts.
- Entries are to close the Thursday prior to the event.
- All Prince Series start at 9.30am to allow for families to travel. It is at the organisers discretion to play local games earlier or to give families who have further to travel later games.
- Central Squash will make tournament fliers and post them on our Central Squash Facebook page. Please ensure your Club shares the tiles on your social media and with your junior members.
- The Junior Prince poster will include the contact email for each Club. Please ensure you have provided these details to the District Administrator when requested.
- Encourage all players to enter themselves via MySquash Competitions. Players need to get into this habit.
- Entry fee recommendation is no more than \$5.
- All players are to receive a prize from the hosting Club. (This is usually a drink and a chocolate bar, but is at the Club's discretion.)
- Division Winners are to receive something extra from the above.
- Prizes should not be in competition with our sponsor Prince.
- Please use the SNZ recommended competition ball brand Dunlop. Blue dots should be used where necessary. Lowest seed gets to select the ball.
- Eyewear is **COMPULSORY** for all players. Ideally the club will have a few spare pairs for emergencies.
- There is one spot prize supplied by Prince per tournament, to be drawn from the players attending. Please ensure photos are taken of the prize winners for our sponsor.
- **TAKE PHOTOS!** Junior families appreciate the photos, these are posted to our website and on social media. Action shots, shots that show the fun environment of the series and group photos.

Draws

- All players should play 3 games.
- If possible try to avoid mixed divisions. We appreciate this may not always be possible.
- All games are to be played to 11 points, best of 5, win by two.
- If large entries are contributing to a projected late finish, games can be reduced to best of 3 - only in special circumstances and should be approved by the Junior Convener.
- We do not recommend byes in a draw, the players will not receive any points on byes. Byes through illness or injury after the first round matches are unavoidable of course and the draw sheet should reflect the reason.

Count-backs

Count backs are to be done as per SNZ recommendations. Please note MySquash Competitions is not to be used and may produce different results to the below recommendations.

SNZ recommendation:

In the event of two or more players finishing equal at the end of a round-robin pool play, then the winner shall be determined by:

- i. First by greater number of matches won;
- ii. If two players are still equal, then by the result between those two players.
- iii. If three or more players have won the same number of matches, then by the greater positive difference between games won and lost in matches between those three players;
- iv. If two players are still equal, then by the result between those two players.
- v. If three or more players still equal, then by greater positive difference between points won and lost in matches between those three players;
- vi. If two players are still equal, then by the result between those two players.
- vii. If more than two players are still equal, then by the drawing of lots.

After the tournament:

- Hosting clubs are to load all scores into MySquash Competitions. Please ensure all set scores are loaded accurately.
- A Facebook post with photos, winners and an acknowledgement to Prince as sponsor should be made by the hosting Club or the information sent through to the Central Facebook page for sharing at the conclusion of the day.
- **Completed tournament draws, along with photos must be emailed to admin@squashcentral.co.nz no later than Tuesday after your tournament.**
- Central will not get the results from MySquash Competitions.
- Draws must clearly indicate all players by their full name, squash code, the division winner and outcome of each match.
- Please don't use nicknames or abbreviations as this may lead to duplicates on the Prince points system.

All disputes must be directed to the Junior Convener in the first instance via email: juniors@centralsquash.co.nz. Disputes will be taken to the Squash Central Committee where necessary for final resolution.

Constructive feedback is always appreciated, please forward any comments or queries regarding the series to the Junior Convener.

Thank you again for hosting the Junior Prince at your club, we appreciate you supporting and encouraging our younger players to get involved in competitive squash.

Note: By entering any Squash Central event, you agree to your photograph being used in photography promoting the event unless you advise the tournament organiser prior.