



SQUASH REGULATIONS

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1. Organization

- a. The Sports Department of the 22nd Maccabiah will be responsible for the Squash Competition of the 22nd 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 22nd Maccabiah and registered the Squash competitions.

2. Entry

- a. Each participating country may enter up to a maximum of five (5) players for any Team Event and a maximum of eight (8) players for any Singles Event. This applies to all events, i.e. male, female, U18 boys, U18 girls and all Masters' age groups. (See paragraph c. below)
- b. A player is allowed to play in one category only of the Team Events and in 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 age group is only over 35.
- e. U18 – aged 2007-2010

3. Events

Competitions will be held in the following events:

- a. Team Events in the Open, U18 and Masters age groups.
- b. Singles Events for Males, Females, all Masters age groups and U18 (Boys and Girls).
- c. Plate (Consolation) competitions for first round losers in all Singles Events only.

4. Game Ball

- a. The ball to be used in all games will be the Dunlop 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.
- b. The Sport department of the 22nd Maccabiah will be authorized to change the ball having to notify the countries accordingly.

5. Venues and Times

The Sport Department of the 22nd Maccabiah will determine the venues and times of the Squash competitions and teams will be notified accordingly.





6. System of Competition

a. Definitions:

- 1) TIES.....are between opposing teams.
- 2) MATCHES.....are between individual players.
- 3) START DATE.....shall mean the day of the start of the competitions.

b. Team Competitions:

The Sports Department 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 Technical Meeting prior to the Start Date. For Singles seeding and draw, see paragraph 6c below.

1) Composition of the Teams:

- (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.

REMARK: Female team competition will be run in the round robin system.

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) points, except that if the score reaches 10 all, the games continue until one player leads by 2 points.

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.

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 "3C" above).

c. 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 to eleven (11) points each. See Para. 6a2 above.
- 5) There will be a Plate competition for the first-round losers.





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

- a. All teams shall play one another in a Pool to establish an order of merit.
- b. The final position shall be decided:
 - 1) First by the greater number of tie points won.
 - 2) If 2 or more teams have won the same number of ties, then by the greater positive difference of match points won or lost.
 - 3) If 2 or more teams are still equal, then by the greater positive difference of game points won or lost.
 - 4) If 2 or more teams are still equal, then by the greater positive difference of single points won or lost.
 - 5) 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.
 - 6) 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 Sports Department will select a Referees' committee, which in turn will appoint the referees of the competition.

10. General

- a. These regulations are but one part of the complete 22nd Maccabiah regulations and must be read along with the instructions found in the Maccabiah Basic Regulations.
- b. In the event of a discrepancy between the regulations written here and those appearing in the Maccabiah Basic Regulations, the regulations written here will prevail, apply and be binding.

