



SUPERCHAMPS ELIMINATIONS 2018 Information Sheet



Entries are now being accepted for this year's District Graded Teams Eliminations which will be held on the week of **10th – 12th August 2018**

Venue Allocation

Host Clubs will be decided by the Board and advised ASAP after entries close. Host club requirements will be sent out to host clubs.

If your club wishes to be considered as a host venue, please indicate you preferred grade(s)/gender(s) in an email to Squash WAIKATO by 20th June, including the name of the Tournament Controller and must include his/her contact details. Squash WAIKATO will endeavour to fill venues to provide a better atmosphere, rather than spread the grades around. This may mean some clubs will miss out, but will provide a better experience for players and make it more worthwhile for hosts.

Entries/Teams

- Entries close on Wednesday 20th June. No late entries will be accepted. Teams are to be entered in iSquash by club committee member. They must include manager's details.
- Teams consist of five players of the appropriate grading. Teams must be entered in order of merit. A club may name 5 to 7 players in the team.
- A club may enter two teams from the same gender/grade. Only one team per club will be nominated as Waikato reps to national Superchamps in each gender/grade (unless all other clubs refuse invite).
- Clubs will be invoiced for the entry fee. This must be paid immediately or teams will be not be included in the draw. Entry Fee \$125.00 per team and is non-refundable.
- Composite teams need to be submitted to Squash Waikato for approval by 5th June. Please see 'Composite Teams' below for details.
- Any changes to the originally submitted team must be received by 23rd July.
- Final Team Entry lists received by Squash Waikato will be published in iSquash on 25th July
- Any protest against team or player eligibility must be lodged in writing by the team manager no later than 5pm 27th July.
- Any protest will be considered by Squash Waikato and ruled on accordingly but only after allowing the protested team a chance to defend their order. Squash WAIKATO may seek wider council on protests and other issues that arise to enable a decision to be reached.
- NO appeal can be lodged against the Squash WAIKATO's decision.

Player Eligibility

- Players must be full financial members of the club they are representing, unless they have
- approval to be part of a composite team (see below).
- The players must be on the 15th June 2018 grading list for the club they intend to play for. This is a Squash New Zealand requirement for Superchamps Nationals and there are NO EXCEPTIONS. This is the responsibility of the clubs to process no further correspondence will be entered into should the deadline be missed.
- The official designated ball of Squash New Zealand shall be used for all matches in the competition.

Competition Format

- The District Graded Teams Event are to be played as a pool system, or due to numbers a round robin format.
- Squash WAIKATO will seed the teams according to the sum of the top 5 players grading points taken from the 15th June grading list.
- The number of pools shall be at the discretion of Squash WAIKATO.
- Draws and Teams will be published on the website once all team details have been collated.

Playing Rules

- Playing Order will be taken from the 3rd August Grading List. A copy of this will be emailed to all Tournament Controllers and Team Managers.
- Final playing order should be advised at the Managers Meeting prior to commencement of the first round. A player cannot play above a player of a higher grading (e.g C2 cannot play above C1). However, within each half grade players may be submitted in order of player strength (e.g. a C2 with 2150 points may play above a C2 with 2300 points). Note: F/J must play in points order (as per 3 AUG).
- Any minor late changes to teams can be made at the Managers Meeting. Replacement players not on the original team list must be of the same grade eg B1 or lower replaces a B1, B2 or lower replaces B2, and agreed to at the Managers meeting. Any significant changes that will affect seedings must be advised to Squash WAIKATO by 23rd July to be considered.
- A protest against a final team playing order may be lodged at the manager's meeting or prior. If an agreement cannot be reached Squash WAIKATO committee will be contacted for a ruling and this decision is final. If play commences before a dispute is sorted Squash WAIKATO will not look into any correspondence in regards to this issue. (After the fact it is too late)
- NZ Rules & Regulations are to be used as a guide for District Superchamps Eliminations. The Squash NZ Rules & Regulations apply for National Superchamps. They can be found on the Squash NZ website.

Scoring

- For grades C-F/J each individual match (both in District Eliminations and National Finals) shall be the best of five games with PAR to 15 (must win by 2). For B Grade each individual match (both in District Eliminations and National Finals) shall be the best of five games with PAR to 11 (must win by 2).
- Each tie shall consist of five matches and the team winning the most matches shall win the tie.
- One competition point will be allocated for each tie won.
- The team winning the most competition points shall win the round.
- When teams play one another in a Pool, the final order of merit in that Pool is decided based on all results in that Pool, as follows:
 - First by greater number of Ties won;
 - If two teams are still equal, then by the result between those two teams.
 - If three or more teams have won the same number of Ties, then by the greater number of matches won in ties between those three teams;
 - If two teams are still equal, then by the result between those two teams.
 - If three or more teams still equal, then by greater positive difference between games won and lost in ties between those three teams;
 - If two teams are still equal, then by the result between those two teams.
 - If three or more teams still equal, then by greater positive difference between points won and lost in ties between those three teams;
 - If two teams still equal, then by the result between those two teams.
 - If more than two teams are still equal, then by drawing of lots

Refereeing and Marking

- Members of all teams must mark or referee matches, as instructed by the Host Club at all times.
- This shall not include matches where their own team is involved unless the situation warrants otherwise, and decided by the Host Club.
- Supporters of teams may not referee games on behalf of team members.
- Members of the two teams involved in the District Graded Teams Event Finals may be relieved of the obligation to mark and referee while their final is in progress.
- It is strongly recommended that the Host Club should provide independent, competent referees for the finals where practicable.
- Submission of Teams
 - The teams for the first round must be placed in a sealed envelope in playing order and handed to the Host Club Tournament Director half an hour prior to commencement of play. Each evening, teams for the following day's matches to be played must be placed in a sealed envelope and handed to the Tournament Director within half an hour of the finish of play in the previous round. This also applies to any team that has a bye in any round of the competition.

Replacements and Defaults

- At any time after the submission of teams and prior to commencement of play in any one tie of the competition, a player may be replaced by another nominated team member at the discretion of the disputes committee.
- All five named players should be present at the start of the tie. If a player is missing, they will be deemed to have defaulted and default rules apply.
- Once the first match of any tie has commenced, replacements for that tie are not permitted.
- Where a team for any reason defaults a match in any tie, and a replacement is not available or not allowed, the default must apply at No. 5 position in the team, with all the players moving up one position to fill 1-4 as required.

Composite Teams

- Squash Waikato recognizes the importance of participation of teams in the Superchamps Teams Competition and that Fairplay for all clubs is taken into account where clubs wish to transfer players to enter a graded team. However, clubs must comply with the guidelines and procedures outlined below.

Guidelines:

Only players who are full financial members for your club, and appear on your grading list on 15th June are eligible to represent your club at Superchamps. If you do not have enough players in your club in a certain grade to enter a team, you can apply to enter a 'composite team'. **Players will only be allowed to transfer if there is NO possibility that their own club is not entering a team.**

If a club has 7 or more eligible players on their grading list they may be deemed to have enough and therefore denied composite status. This may include players at a lower grade. Composite team should only be made up of two neighbouring clubs. Note: Should there be three clubs combining this will be dealt with case by case.

Process:

ALL clubs wishing to transfer players to their grading list for the purpose of Superchamps District Eliminations must apply in writing to the Board, Squash Waikato for consideration by 5th June. Please supply reason for player transfer request and provide supporting information (i.e. reason why their own club cannot form a team) including FULL team list.

Squash WAIKATO reserves the right to contact personnel of clubs involved for further information.

The Board will give its decision as soon as possible after the deadline and advise accordingly
Clubs action the player transfer in the appropriate manner by 13th June

National Superchamps Finals

Should your team make it to the National Superchamps Finals, Squash Waikato will cover team entry fee. All other costs are up to the teams to fundraise for. Only teams that will be playing at the Nationals need to sit the Rules and Refereeing Exam.

Dates: Wednesday 26 September – Saturday 29 September

Venues:

- B Grade Kawarua Park Central
- C Grade Hawkes Bay Eastern
- D Grade Oamaru Midlands
- E Grade Burnside Canterbury
- F Grade Otago Otago

Summary of Important Dates

- 5 June Deadline for Composite Team applications
- 13 June Deadline for grade changes or additions
- 15 June Grading List Eligibility Date/Seeding Date
- 20 June Entries Close/Deadline for Venue Requests
- 23 July Deadline for Team Changes
- 27 July Deadline for Team Protests
- 1 August Draws Published
- 3 August Grading List for Playing Order
- **10-12 August Superchamps Regional Eliminations**
- **26-29 September Superchamps Nationals**

We look forward to your entry