

Vancouver Squash League

Rules & Regulations

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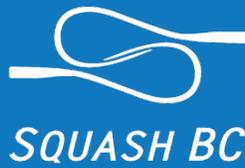
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1 - League Structure

1.1 - The Vancouver Squash League (the “VSL”) is a league operated and sanctioned by the British Columbia Squash Racquets Association (“Squash BC”).

1.1.1 - Squash BC appoints a League Coordinator and other positions to deliver the League, as necessary.

1.2 - The League consists of teams in Open and Women’s divisions.



1.2.1 - The League Coordinator will assign teams to appropriate divisions between four (4) to ten (10) teams. Number of divisions and division size will be based on the number of registered teams for a season and the league schedule.

1.2.2 - At the start of the season the League Coordinator will determine which teams will be promoted and relegated each season, based on current team rosters and placements in the previous season.

1.2.3 - The League Coordinator is responsible for allocating teams to the various levels and shall have the right to relocate any team to any particular division or to refuse participation to any team.

2 - Team Registration

2.1 - Applications for League teams should be submitted by a date as approved by the League Coordinator and Squash BC each season.

2.2 - Clubs/Teams will be required to pay their league fee prior to the start of their 2nd match in a season. The league fee will be determined by the League Coordinator and Squash BC prior to the start of each season.

3 - Team Regulations

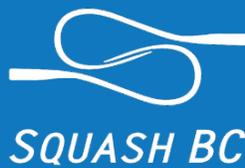
3.1 - All clubs which are in good standing with Squash BC may apply for one or more teams to participate. Clubs shall not apply for more teams than they can adequately host.

3.2 - Clubs must settle all previous outstanding accounts with Squash BC and the Vancouver Squash League before any team applications will be considered.

3.3 - A club lacking players to form a team may enter a combined team with another club. A combined team must have League approval and must declare a host club.

4 - Player Regulations

4.1 - All players must be in good standing with Squash BC and have an active Squash BC Adult, Young Adult or Junior Membership



4.1.1 - A player who, when they play for a team, is a “non-member” (defined as someone without a Squash BC membership), will not be able to record ANY points for a match. This “non-member” will be recorded on the match score as a “Default/Guest” and the team will receive an automatic one point penalty.

4.2 - All players must follow Squash BC's Code of Conduct

5 - Junior Eligibility - Open and Women's Divisions

5.1 - **Junior Definition:** VSL defines Juniors as any player between 11-16 years of age, as of the day of the match.

5.2 - Juniors that are 10 years of age or below are ineligible to participate in Open and Women's Divisions of VSL.

5.3 - Juniors with a Club Locker rating of 4.5 or greater will be exempted from Junior restrictions.

5.4 - All players 18 years of age and younger must wear eye guards that meet the Squash Canada Eye Guard Policy.

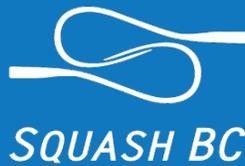
5.5 - Please refer to rule 8.2 (rule 12.7 for playoffs) for the maximum number of juniors that are eligible to participate on a team during a VSL tie.

6 - Spares

6.1 - A player registered in a lower division, may only play for a higher division within their club two (2) times per season. The third (3) time a player plays for a higher team in the season, they are added to the roster of the higher division team and may not play in the lower division for the rest of the season.

6.1.1 - Rule 6.1 does not apply to the Women's Divisions.

6.2 - The VSL will have a spare list which will include players not affiliated directly with a team for the season. These players can be used by any team during the season to fill their match day roster. The spare list will be available for all Team Captains to contact during the season.



6.2.1 - A spare can play a maximum of two (2) matches per a season on a team, the third time the spare plays for a specific team the player will be removed from the VSL spare list and added to the team roster as a regular player.

6.2.2 - Once a spare plays two (2) matches in a division they are ineligible to participate in any lower division for the rest of the season.

6.2.3 - Spares must be in good standing and have an active Squash BC Adult, Young Adult, or Junior Membership.

6.2.4 - Rules 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 do not apply to the Women's Divisions.

7 - Transfers

7.1 - No player may play for more than one club in the same season as a regular player without approval of the League Coordinator and Squash BC. Application for transfer must be made to the League Coordinator if special circumstances should arise.

8 - Match Day Team Rosters

8.1 - Each VSL tie shall consist of four (4) matches during the regular season and five (5) matches during playoffs.

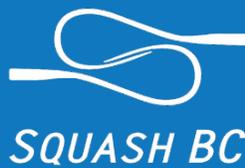
8.1.1 - A player can play a maximum of 1 match per a VSL tie.

8.1.2 - The team is to be placed in placement order based on Club Locker Rating Points.

8.2 - Each team can have a maximum of one (1) junior player (as defined in Junior Eligibility) in their Match Day Team Roster in each VSL tie.

8.2.1 - If more than one (1) junior player plays in a tie, the team automatically forfeits the additional junior matches.

8.2.1.1 - If two (2) juniors are scheduled to play in a tie, the highest ranked junior will be the match that is recorded to the tie results. The lower ranked junior will be placed in the lowest position on the match day roster, regardless of Club Locker ratings.



8.2.1.2 - If three (3) juniors are scheduled to play in a tie, the highest ranked junior will be the match that is recorded to the tie results. The second ranked junior will be placed in the third position on the match day roster, regardless of Club Locker ratings. The third ranked junior will be placed in the fourth position on the match day roster, regardless of Club Locker ratings.

8.3 - Match day team rosters are to be posted on the Club Locker league tie a minimum of 24 hours prior to the scheduled match time

8.3.1 - If a team has to make an adjustment to the match day team roster after 24 hours due to unforeseen circumstances (injury, illness...), they must notify the opposing team captain and League Coordinator of the change as soon as possible.

8.3.2 - If a team fails to have their match day team roster posted by the deadline, the team will be penalized by the following process:

1st Occurance - Warning

2nd Occurance - 1 point deduction to VSL standings

Any Additional Occurance - 2 point deduction to VSL standings

8.4 - Order of matches

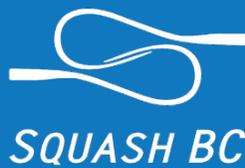
8.4.1 - All players must be available to play at the designated start time. Selecting from the pairings available to play, the visiting captain decides which is to be the first match, while the host decides which is to be second match, and so on alternating until all matches are scheduled.

8.4.2 If the commencement of a match is delayed for more than 10 minutes because of a player's lateness, then the late player forfeits his/her match.

8.4.3 Matches should be played continuously throughout the night, with a maximum of 10 minutes between a match ending and the next match warm-up start

9 - Courts and Match Times

9.1 Start Times



9.1.1 - VSL play is on Mondays for Open Divisions 1-5 and on Tuesdays for Open Division 6 or above and all Women's Divisions.

9.1.2 - VSL matches shall start between 6pm and 9pm and be scheduled by the host club a minimum 10 days prior to the scheduled match. Travel time should be considered, particularly by clubs in more remote locations.

9.2 Rescheduling

9.2.1 A match may start earlier or later by mutual consent. Otherwise, matches are not to be postponed or rescheduled, except for extraordinary circumstances.

9.2.2 Clubs wishing to reschedule a match must inform the League Coordinator and arrange a mutually agreeable time with the affected club.

9.2.3 Matches missed for unforeseeable circumstances (i.e., snowstorms) must be rescheduled promptly.

9.2.4 The rescheduling of an individual match, between two players, will not be allowed unless agreed to by both team captains in advance. The rescheduled match must be played BEFORE the date that the two teams are scheduled to meet.

9.3 Court Usage

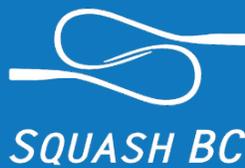
9.3.1 Clubs must aim to use at least two courts concurrently for the duration of the match.

9.3.2 Home teams must book courts and control court utilization.

9.4 Time Between Matches

9.4.1 - Players should be prepared to start warm-up a maximum ten (10) minutes after the conclusion of a previous match.

10 - The Game and Ball



10.1 - Matches may be played on International, American or converted racquetball courts. The International Game of Squash will be played no matter which type of court is used.

10.2 - All matches are to be played according to the laws accepted by Squash Canada.

10.3 - VSL uses PAR (point-a-rally) to 11 points scoring for all matches. The player who scores 11 points first wins the game except that if the score reaches 10-all, the game continues until one player leads by two.

10.3.1 - Women's Divisions are encouraged to play to 11 points, but if both players agree they can play to 15 points. Please note that matches scored up to 15 do not count towards Club Locker ratings.

10.4 - Each team player shall play one match consisting of the best of five (5) games.

10.5 - The official VSL ball will be the Dunlop Pro (Yellow Double Dot).

10.6 - It is the responsibility of the home team to supply a ball in good condition (i.e., the printed logo is still visible on the ball) for each match.

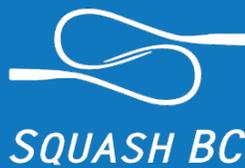
10.7 - Teams are required to enter match scores on the Club Locker league website a maximum 24 hours following the conclusion of the matches.

11 - Standings

11.1 - In all VSL ties, one (1) point for a game win and two (2) points shall be awarded for all individual match wins. No points for a loss. The teams having the most points at the end of the season shall be declared champions of their respective divisions.

11.1.1 - If two (2) teams are tied at the end of the season the following tie breaker will be used to determine the higher ranked team

1. Head-to-Head record between the teams (based on matches won)
2. Head-to-Head record between the teams (based on games won)
3. Overall matches won
4. Overall games won minus games lost
5. Overall games won
6. A coin toss will be used to determine the higher seeded team



11.1.2 - If three (3) or more teams are tied at the end of the season the following tiebreaker will be used to determine the higher ranked team:

1. Head-to-Head record among all teams tied (based on matches won)
2. Head-to-Head record among all teams tied (based on games won)
3. Overall matches won
4. Overall games won minus games lost
5. Overall games won
6. A coin toss will be used to determine the higher seeded team

11.2 - If a team withdraws from a division after the start of any cycle, all points from matches played prior to the withdrawal shall be voided.

11.2.1 - If the VSL is able to find a replacement team for the division, points from previous matches against the team that withdrawn will be determined by the League Coordinator and Squash BC.

11.3 - An individual defaults from a match prior to its commencement, the opposing team will receive maximum points from the match towards the standings.

11.4 - If a player is unable to complete a match that has already started, the opponent will automatically receive the maximum points for the match. The player that had to withdraw will be awarded points for any games won during the match.

12 - Playoffs

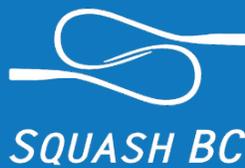
12.1 - The playoff format for each division will be determined by the League Coordinator at the start of each season depending on the number of teams in a division, and schedule availability.

12.2 - A single elimination format will be used for all playoffs.

12.3 - The team that wins the most matches during a tie will advance to the next round

12.4 - The higher seeded team from the regular season will be designated as the host facility for the tie.

12.4.1 - In a scenario where a host club will have too many matches scheduled on a playoff night, the host club will designate which of the teams will play their match away.



12.4.2 - VSL has the right to select central venues for finals nights (determined by the League Coordinator).

12.5 - For a player to participate in the VSL Playoffs for a team, they must have played a minimum of two (2) matches for the team during the season.

12.6 - Playoffs will use match day rosters of five (5) players, as mentioned in rule 8.1

12.7 - Players can play for a maximum of one (1) team during the VSL playoffs.

12.8 - Two (2) junior players, as outlined in rule 5.1, will be eligible to participate in each VSL playoff tie.

12.8.1 - If three (3) are scheduled to play in a playoff tie, the highest two ranked junior will be the match that is recorded to the tie results. The third ranked junior will be placed in the fifth position on the match day roster, regardless of Club Locker ratings.

12.8.2 - If four (4) juniors are scheduled to play in a tie, the two highest ranked junior will be the match that is recorded to the tie results. The third ranked junior will be placed in the third position on the match day roster, regardless of Club Locker ratings. The fourth ranked junior will be placed in the fourth position on the match day roster, regardless of Club Locker ratings.

13 - Officiating

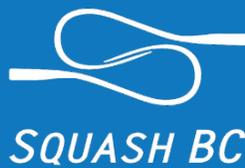
13.1 - The host team will ensure that a Referee be assigned to each match to help ensure games are played in a sporting spirit and in accordance with the laws of the game.

13.2 - VSL recommends all matches use the Club Locker Live Scoring feature through an electronic device, to keep score of matches. If Live Scoring is unavailable at the venue, the host team is required to provide scoring sheets for the referee.

13.3 - VSL recommends a minimum of one (1) player per team has completed the Squash Canada Club Referee certification.

14 - Penalties and Appeals

14.1 - Correct Placement on Team



14.1.1 Improper placement of any player in a team's order to gain an advantage, must result in forfeiture of the match at the position of violation and all positions below.

14.1.2. If a match at a position is not played for reasons other than 14.1.1, only that position will be forfeited.

14.1.3 Club Locker ratings are to be used by captains to decide a player's position on their team roster, unless otherwise agreed before play.

14.2 - Reporting Results – Please see rule 10.7

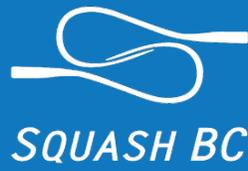
14.3 - Junior Eligibility Requirements - Please see rule 5.1

14.4 - Protests and Appeals

14.4.1 - A protest of any alleged violation of the rules must be made in writing to the League Coordinator within 72 hours of recognition of the alleged violation, or longer in the case of extenuating circumstances. The League Coordinator and Squash BC is responsible for ruling on any protest. Please download the Official Protest Form from the VSL Page.

14.4.2 - An appeal of any ruling made by the League Coordinator and Squash BC must be received in writing within one week of the decision. The League Coordinator and Squash BC will select three (3) Club Reps from a pool of those Club Reps willing to serve on the Appeal Committee when required. The appeal letter plus any other pertinent documentation will be forwarded to the Appeal Committee members for a decision to be reached by a feasible deadline. The decision will be forwarded to the League Coordinator who will forward to the Club Rep and Team Captain of the appealing team, and others where applicable. The decision of the Appeal Committee is final.

14.3.3 - Ignorance of any Rule set down or failure to read and understand any Rule will not be accepted as an excuse for any infraction of such rule and any penalty applied thereto.



Glossary of Terms

Tie - An evening's match-up between two teams. A tie typically consists of four matches during the regular season and five matches during playoffs