

REGULATION 33 - NATIONAL SENIOR RANKING POLICY

(Amended June 2008, Created 12 April 2005)

Qualification Requirements for a National Ranking

1. In order to receive a National Ranking a player must have met the following requirements:
 - a. Be an Australian Passport holder or have permanent residency.
 - b. Have a current PSA or WISPA ranking or
 - c. participated in:
 - (1) the last Australian Open Championship in the previous twelve months **or**
 - (2) two State/Territory Open Championships (in different States/Territories) in the previous twelve months **or**
 - (3) one State/Territory Open Championship and the Australian Closed or National Teams Championships in the previous twelve months.
 - d. Have competed in a minimum of six senior tournaments (not local pennant) in the previous twelve months. (if an athlete has not competed in six events due to injury, but has played in enough events to clearly demonstrate he/she should be ranked, the selectors may retain the right to rank the athlete).

Procedure for Establishing a National Ranking

2. The National Selectors shall strictly adhere to the following criteria and procedure when determining the ranking. They shall consider the following factors listed in a to f:
 - a. Athlete qualification requirements set out in paragraph 1.
 - b. The National Rankings for the six months prior to the time the new ranking is being determined.
 - c. PSA or WISPA ranking for the six months prior to the time the new ranking is being determined.
 - d. Major competition results since last ranking. The selectors shall consider the results of the following competitions and championships:
 - (1) PSA or WISPA tournaments
 - (2) Australian Open Championship
 - (3) Australian Closed Championship
 - (4) National Team Championship
 - (5) State & Territory Open & Closed championships
 - (6) Other major overseas events
 - e. Any other results that have been received by the selectors including overseas tournaments.
 - f. Current State/Territory rankings.

Dates for National Rankings to be Issued

3. National Senior Rankings will be issued quarterly by the 10th day of February, May, August and November. Additional sets of rankings will be issued as the need arises.
4. Squash Australia will post new rankings on its website and distribute them to State/ Territory Associations and other appropriate bodies during the second week of the relevant month.

Number of Players to be Ranked

5. A maximum of 20 of each gender may be ranked if sufficient information is available to support the ranking.

Deadline for Receipt of Information

6. The deadlines for receipt of information in the Squash Australia office is the last day of the previous month. Information received after this date will not be considered and in the event of an appeal against a ranking (refer paragraph 11), information not received by the deadline will not be considered in the appeal.

7. One day after the date that has been set as the deadline for receipt of information, Squash Australia will forward the State/Territory information to the Selectors for consideration.

The Responsibilities of Senior Athletes

8. Athletes have a very important role to play in the national ranking process by providing the required information to Squash Australia on time and by producing accurate information regarding tournament results.

9. Athletes who do not have a current PSA/WISPA ranking who wish to be considered for a national ranking are required to provide Squash Australia with the results of the six senior tournaments in which they have competed. This information is to be received at Squash Australia two weeks before the next national ranking is due (see paragraph 3).

10. Athletes who have a PSA/WISPA ranking but have not fulfilled the six tournament requirement should advise Squash Australia of the reason (eg. Injury or just commencing the PSA/WISPA circuit). Information regarding any event completed by the athlete will still be required.

Procedure for Lodging an Appeal

11. An appeal will only be considered if it is lodged within 14 days of the ranking list being issued to State / Territory Associations. Rankings will be sent by email.

12. An appeal must be lodged on the official Squash Australia Appeal Form and is to be sent by post. A separate form must be lodged for each appeal and the form is available from the Squash Australia website.

13. An appeal may be lodged by a player or by a representative of the player's home State or Territory Association authorised by the player or his/her parent or guardian. An appeal lodged by anyone else will not be accepted.

14. An appeal that is submitted on the official form within the required time will be examined by the Chief Executive Officer and subject to meeting the requirements of this policy, the Appeal Form will be forwarded to the appropriate National Selection Committee for consideration.

15. The Selection Committee is required to consider all appeals objectively, fairly and thoroughly. It shall review all information that was received or held by Squash Australia at the time such information was forwarded to the Selection Committee/s. Information not held by Squash Australia at this time shall not be considered in the appeal.

16. The Selection Committee shall inform the Chief Executive Officer, in writing of the outcome of the appeal and provide a brief report explaining the committee's decision. This report will not be forwarded to the appellant or the State Association.

17. The appellant will be notified in writing of the appeal outcome by the Chief Executive Officer or his representative. Neither the Selection Committee nor any other representative of Squash Australia shall be required to provide a detailed explanation or justification of the decision.

18. A copy of the Ranking Appeal Form is attached as Annex A.

APPEALS ADMINISTRATION FEE

19. An administration fee of \$200 will be charged for an appeal against the initial selection. All or part of the fee will be reimbursed if the Squash Australia Appeals Committee finds for the plaintiff.

SQUASH AUSTRALIA
RANKING APPEAL FORM

Female / Male

Name: _____

State / Territory: _____

Grounds for appeal:

Name of Person/s Lodging Appeal (see below):

Address: _____

Phone No:.....Email address:.....

Note:

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2. An administration fee of \$200 will be charged for an appeal against a ranking. All or part of the fee will be reimbursed if the plaintiff's appeal is upheld.