

Regional and National Championships Standards

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This document has been developed to ensure a minimum standard for selection and sponsorship of athletes representing Prince Edward Island at Regional and National Squash Championships.

I. Sanctioned Events

Definition: Sanctioned Event - As it pertains to this document, a Sanctioned Event (SE) is any regional or national squash event, for which Squash PEI has agreed to sponsor eligible athletes, and give recognition to the participating athletes as constituting the official representatives for PEI.

The Squash PEI Executive is responsible for determining which Regional or National Championships are designated as possible SE's. It is understood that the Atlantic region's Squash Championships, Canada Games (squash competition), and all Squash Canada National Championships are recognized as possible SEs. All other events will be considered for inclusion as an SE on a case-by-case basis.

The **official list of SEs for the current year will be set annually by August 1 for the immediately forthcoming 12 month period.** In the extraordinary event of a Championship which would require more advanced inclusion on the official list of SEs, the Squash PEI Executive is authorized to do so on an as needed basis. Creation of the official list is meant to allow Squash PEI an appropriate time-frame for seeking financial support from government agencies.

II. Sponsorship

Squash PEI will provide, to the best of its ability, and where appropriate, the following services and support (i.e. sponsorship) for all SEs.

1. Access to relevant facilities (courts, fitness and training equipment) and personal (coaches, managers, officials, sport-specific trainers) in support of athlete training
2. Financial support for athletes specifically targeting event registration costs
3. Publicity
4. Guidance and assistance in athlete-driven fund-raising
5. Authentication of Athletes as constituting the official Prince Edward Island contingent

III. Eligibility

Athletes must meet or exceed the following eligibility criteria for selection to officially represent PEI (and be sponsored by Squash PEI) at an SE.

1. Currently (and continue to be) a Member in good standing with Squash PEI throughout the SE selection process and competition.
2. Compete in at least 50% of all Squash PEI sanctioned provincial events in the twelve month period immediately prior to the September 1 which immediately precedes the twelve month period within which the SE is scheduled.
3. Compete in the most recent PEI Open prior to the SE.

NOTE: Exceptional circumstances which do not allow an athlete to fulfill the above requirements can be considered by the Squash PEI Executive. Athletes must request an exemption in writing within two weeks of the posting of the “Call for Interested and Eligible Athletes”.

III. Selection

The selection of athletes for an SE will adhere to the following procedure.

1. Posting of the official list of SEs (Squash PEI Executive) - August 1 (or earlier)
2. Posting of “Call for Interested and Eligible Athletes” (Squash PEI Executive) - August 1
3. Receipt of all athlete petitions for exemptions to eligibility criteria (athletes) - August 14
4. Decision on all exemption requests, posting of final list of eligible and interested athletes (Squash PEI Executive) - August 21
5. Application to government for financial funding for athletes to compete at SEs (Squash PEI Executive) - Aug/September or as appropriate
6. Selection of a Manager for each SE contingent (Squash PEI Executive) - Sept 1
7. Posting of procedure/formula for final athlete selection for the SE (Manager) - Sept 15

Note: The process of final selection must include consideration of Squash PEI

ranking, head-to-head competition amongst the selection hopefuls, participation in the training schedule and fund-raising initiatives, and adherence to an “athlete’s code of conduct” contract.

8. Final selection of athletes (Manager) - no later than 60 days prior to SE