



Ranking & Promotion Policy

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1. Ranking System

Competitive squash on P.E.I. is divided into 4 divisions for men and 4 divisions for women. The divisions are labeled A, B, C, and D, where A is for elite athletes and D is for beginners. Only athletes who are Squash PEI members in good standing will be considered in the ranking system.

Tournaments are set up for the squash season (Sept. - May) each year with points awarded to athletes in a tournament based on the results of each match played. Only tournaments sanctioned by Squash P.E.I. will be considered for awarding points. Points are awarded for divisional tournament play in the following manner:

Champion	40
Finalist	30
Semi-Finalist	18
Quarter-Finalist	12
Round-Winner	4
Consolation Champion	9
Consolation Finalist	7
Entry	2

Where the draw consists of 8 players or greater for men's divisions; 6 players or greater for women's divisions; players will receive "legs" towards promotion to the next division in accordance with Promotion criteria (defaults are not considered).

Points are then assigned to players participating and added to their totals. Tournament results are kept for a complete year. i.e. Add Mill River Invitational 1998 and delete Mill River Invitational 1997.

Players will be penalized for defaulting any match (including consolation matches). The only exception will be due to injury. Defaulters may have future tournament entries refused at the discretion of the Association Executive.

2. Promotion

Players must move to the next most difficult division once they have performed the following in Squash P.E.I. sanctioned tournaments.

Division	Draw Size	Time Frame	Requirements
D to C	8-15 (6-15 WD)	none	1 win
	16 +	none	1 final
C to B	8-15 (6-15 WC)	2 years	1 win + 1 final
	16 +	2 years	2 finals
B to A	8+ (6+ WB)	1 year	2 wins

Except in the cases of promotion to the A divisions, a player may promote themselves at any time after notifying the Rankings and Tournament committees. A player can only be promoted to an A division through tournament play or by application of the “special promotion” rule (see Appendix A) .

3. Demotion

Players may self demote by application of the “demotion” rule (see Appendix B).

APPENDIX A: “Special” Promotion (B to A)

Approved by the Squash PEI executive, Oct 18, 2006.

- Description:** An eligible B player may at any time request in writing to the Squash PEI executive for “special” promotion to the A division. An otherwise eligible player can be denied special promotion if, in the opinion of the executive, the player is not demonstrated sufficient skill to warrant promotion.
- Eligibility:** To be eligible for special promotion, a B player must meet the following conditions:
1. Have won at least three B division championships in Squash PEI sanctioned events in the last 12 months.
- Rationale:** Occasionally an exceptionally skilled B player is denied promotion to the A division because of a shortage of players in the B division. This leads to tournament wins which do not count as “leg up’s” because the minimum number of players in the draw is not met. This minimum number of players rule is enforced to insure that players being promoted have demonstrated that they are ready for the next level. However, if there is a chronic shortage of players in the B division, it is possible for a highly skilled player to be denied promotion even when they are clearly ready. This “special” promotion rule will allow for an executive decision of promotion to rectify this type of stalemate.
- Decision Body :** Squash PEI executive.
- Decision Process:** An eligible B player can apply (in writing) at any time. The executive will decide by a secret, simple majority, vote proctored by the Squash PEI secretary. The decision will be reported to the player by the Squash PEI secretary.

APPENDIX B: Player Demotion

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- Description:** An eligible player may at any time request in writing to the Squash PEI executive for demotion to the next lower division (no demotion to the “D” division will be allowed). An otherwise eligible player can be denied demotion if, in the opinion of the executive, demotion will negatively impact the affected divisions. If demotion is approved, the player will initially be awarded a “leg up” in the lower division. This “leg up” will expire at the end of the third Squash PEI sanctioned tournament after the awarding of the demotion.
- In the first tournament entered after approval of the demotion, the player will not be eligible for a bye, and will be placed (if possible) in the draw in such a way as to avoid playing either of the top two seeds until the semi-finals.
- Eligibility:** To be eligible for demotion, players must meet the following condition:
- Must have been promoted to the current division at least three years prior to the demotion application, according to the Squash PEI ranking system
- Rationale:** A number of skilled players who have been promoted to a division have ceased entering tournaments, not out of a lack of interest necessarily, but rather due to an inability to continue to compete at this level. The most prominent reason for this is the age factor. In the absence of sufficient numbers to set up a “legends” division, the option to demote is recognized as the best strategy to encourage these players to continue their competitive careers.
- Decision Body :** Squash PEI executive.
- Decision Process:** An eligible player can apply (in writing) at any time. The executive will decide by a secret, simple majority, vote proctored by the Squash PEI secretary. The decision will be reported to the player by the Squash PEI secretary.