

## Eligibility Criteria for the 2018 State Junior Team

This document links to the Australian Junior Championships State Team Policy SSA002

Squash SA State Junior Development Training promotes and encourages the development of junior squash players through group based training sessions and camps.

Participation in Development Training sessions and activities will help prepare players for the type of training and competition environment they can expect to be exposed to in national programs. It will also provide the opportunity to be introduced and exposed to state and national coaches.

In previous years Squash SA has invested a lot of staff time, resources and money into creating a training "Squad" where players aspiring to be selected in the State Junior Team were required to join and adhere to minimum training requirements. Due to efforts from Squash SA to encourage younger players (U11-U15) to remain within their junior club structure and the time restraints on teenage players a new model will be trialled in 2018.

This year players will no longer be required to join a Development Squad and pay an annual fee. Instead there will be training sessions and camps offered and players will be able to meet eligibility requirements to be selected in the State Junior Team in a variety of ways. Once the State Junior Team is selected after the SA Junior Age Championships, the senior coach will publish separate State Team training requirements for successful players.

As well as meeting the "Athletes Qualifying Criteria" in the Australian Junior Championships State Team Policy SSA002, players must meet 4 of the following 7 criteria with number 1. being compulsory (Compete in the SA Junior Age Championships).

1. Compete in the 2018 South Australian Junior Age Championships (Gold)
2. Play in a Squash SA recognised Pennant Competition or recognised Junior League
3. Compete in at least one other AJST points junior tournaments between February and July 2018
  - South Adelaide Junior Silver
  - Campbelltown Junior Silver
  - Ingle Farm Silver
4. Compete in 2 of the 3 South Australian senior tournaments between February and July 2018
  - Ingle Farm
  - South Adelaide
  - Campbelltown
5. Attend a weekly Squash SA recognised Club Junior Program (mainly for U13 & U15 players)
6. Attend 2 of the 3 scheduled

Development Squad Camps in 2018

-February

-April

-July

7. Attend the 2018 Australian Junior Open or a 2018 interstate gold tournament

Athletes who do not meet 4 of the 7 criteria due to injury should contact the Development Manager to discuss medical certificates and apply to the Squash and Racquetball Committee for possible dispensation.

Tournament and camp information can be found on the Squash SA website at:

<http://www.squashsa.asn.au/w/sa-calendar>

Development Training sessions for U15, U17 and U19 players can be found at:

<http://www.squashsa.asn.au/w/participation/state-junior-development-training>