

Junior Ranking Policy

Junior Rankings will be published on the NSW Website on 4 occasions throughout the year. (1 March, 1 May, 1 September, 1st November)

To be eligible for a **NSW STATE JUNIOR RANKING** a player must be:

- A Financial Member of the Squash NSW Association
- A Member of the NSW State Junior Academy
- Actively competing in sanctioned tournaments as listed on the NSW Tournament Calendar and which form part of the Squash Australia Junior Tour.
- All players entering Platinum, Gold and Silver AJST Tournaments must be a financial member registered with NSW Association. The Bronze category offers a lesser number of ranking points and is generally conducted on a centre/club basis. Bronze tournaments are seen as the initial participation entry and encouragement level for junior development and progression in the sport.

The Junior State Selectors will consider all results from sanctioned events and where there is no head to head result, regional and development events (Bronze) will be taken into calculation.

Recording of Results

Tournament Promoters and Squash Centres conducting sanctioned tournaments **MUST** submit a copy of the draw and results to Squash NSW within seven days (7) of completion of an event.

Use Squash Australia Tournament Cover Sheet to record each player's results.

Squash NSW requires the junior results to meet the following deadlines.

- Compiling State Age Group Rankings.
- Provide results to the State Junior Selectors for evaluation
- Forward results to Squash Australia, on 20th of each month for inclusion in the AJST Participation Rankings. Those results not received within the due timeframe will be carried over until the following month.
- Squash NSW will continue to maintain existing ranking system in alignment with the new Squash Australia Tour Points national ranking system.
- A player can only be ranked in their current age group.
- Timed events will not be taken into consideration.
- Small draw events – 4 players or less receive normal ranking points or where events are combined, ranking points are based on the oldest participant in that age group. Tournament promoters are encouraged to increase participation numbers in any age group to maximise opportunities and participation points.

Squash NSW will list eligible junior members in their correct age group, for ranking purposes commencing from Under 11 Boys and Girls. A maximum of 16 players can be listed in any age group but results will be maintained for all participants. A player not listed in an age group who performs above those listed in the current rankings for any age group will be recognised and included in the next published state ranking list.

If a player does not participate in any sanctioned tournaments for two quarters (six months) they will be removed from the State Ranking List published and the NSW website (Junior Rankings).

NSW STATE JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE SELECTIONS

To be eligible for State Junior Team Selection a player must be:

- A Financial Member of Squash NSW
- A Member of the NSW State Junior Academy and participated in one Academy Development Camp (1) prior to the State Age Championships each year.
- Actively competing in NSW State Junior Academy programs as conducted in NSW regions.
- Actively competing in sanctioned tournaments as listed on the NSW Tournament Calendar and which form part of the Squash Australia Junior Tour.

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There are four categories of tournaments:

- Bronze – Unlimited events. These events are to encourage participation and development at junior levels.
- Silver- Two Tournaments. Each State is allotted 4 Silver Tournaments each year. There are four (4) Silver events conducted in 4 regions across NSW. Players should compete in at least two Silver Ranking events (2) before the State Age Championships to be eligible for State Team Selections.
- Gold - NSW State Age Championships (Compulsory for State Team Selection) in July.
- Platinum – National class events including the Australian Junior Open and Australian Age Championships each year.

Additional Information:

Details of Silver Events are available on the NSW Tournament Calendar and the NSW Squash website. Silver Events are held in Sydney, Western, North Coast and Hunter Regions and South East Regions.

Silver events offer higher ranking points as part of the Australian Junior Squash Tour and provide:

- Strong level of competition in each age group
- Opportunity for head to head matches/results
- Reduction of financial cost to families for Accommodation and Travel expenses
- Identify player potential and participation in NSW Academy Talent and Development programs
- Support NSW Squash Underpinning program for financial support from Squash Australia.
- Contribute to a players four best results for State and National Ranking systems.

Gold – State Age Championships (compulsory for State Team Selection)

AVAILABILITY FOR STATE TEAM SELECTION

As at the 1 May each year, players on the Squash NSW Junior Ranking List will be circulated with a notice advising them that they must confirm with the Squash NSW Administrator by 17 MAY, if they are available/not available for selection in the State Junior Team to attend the Australian Age Championships.

Squash NSW will then publish a list of available players, so that all players on the state ranking list are aware well in advance of their potential State Team opportunities.

Players seeking selection in an Age Group must compete in that Age Group at the State Junior Championships. This provides all players an equal opportunity to compete and perform to their best ability in that age group. Final placings are taken into consideration for

State Representative Teams provided a player meets all the selection criteria for that age group and they have submitted their EOI/availability to the State Junior Selectors by 17 May.

Exemption: A player representing their country at a national or international event at the time of the State Age Championships.

Exemption can be supported by production of a letter from School, Medical Practitioner or Squash Australia which must be in the hands of the State Junior Selectors prior to the State Championships.

Medical Certificate:

A Medical Certificate should be provided in the case of injury/illness that prevents participation in State Junior Age Championships which must be in the hands of the State Junior Selectors before commencement date of competition.

JUNIOR RANKING APPEALS

An appeal will only be considered if lodged within 7 days of the Ranking List being published on the Squash NSW Website or representative team selection.

An appeal that is submitted on the official [Ranking Appeal Form](#) within the required time will be examined by Squash NSW and subject to meeting the requirements of this policy, the Appeal Form will be forwarded to the appropriate Selection Committee for consideration.