

Elite Talent Squad 2018

The Elite Talent Squad has assisted talented and committed South Australian squash players reach their goals since 2011. The Squad is for South Australian squash players who have the aspirations and potential to be selected to represent Australia at an international level.

Squash SA is now calling for applications to be part of the 2018 Elite Talent Squad (ETS).

To be considered for ETS selection a junior player should be ranked inside the top 16 players of their age group in their first year and inside the top 8 players of an age group in their second year.

To be considered for selection as a senior player you must be seen to have the potential to represent Australia internationally.

Applications will be considered on a case by case basis and assessed by the Development Manager and the Squash and Racquetball Committee. Notifications of successful athletes will occur mid-January 2018.

All successful ETS junior athletes will be required to travel to the AJO and AJC with the Squash SA tour group regardless of funding.

All ETS senior athletes will be required to be members of the PSA and compete in a minimum of 8 PSA events per year.

To apply for the Elite Talent Squad, please complete the attached application form.

Applications close December 15, 2017.

If you require any assistance completing the forms or have any questions regarding the Elite Talent Squad please contact me.

Regards

James Rogers
Development Manager

Elite Talent Squad Program Details December 2017 – October 2018

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| Available number of positions: | 4 |
| Financial Support: | Limited funding towards tournament travel to approved ETS events funded on a case by case basis decided by the Development Manager. (Total annual funding pool of \$2,000) |
| Benefits of the ETS: | Individual periodised programs. |
| | Free court hire provided at Tonsley. |
| | Approximately 50 hours of 1 on 1 coaching per year with the Development Manager. Venue: Tonsley. ETS shirt. |

- Open to all players residing in South Australia that have goals to follow, or are already members of Squash Australia's Performance Pathway.
- The ETS is designed for talented, committed athletes that have the goal to represent Australia in squash or become professional players.
- Athletes must be playing in a Squash SA Pennant Competition.
- Athletes that are currently in a National Talent Squad must do everything possible by Squash Australia to remain in the National Talent Squad.
- Athletes who have previously satisfied the above criteria but due to exceptional circumstances (e.g. injury, illness, etc.) are playing at a level below this level are still eligible. Doctor's certificates must accompany the application to ensure the Athlete is medically fit to participate at an elite junior level.
- Athletes are expected to dedicate an average minimum 12 hours of training and competition per week.
- Athletes may choose an individual coach to work with, however they are expected to receive coaching from the Development Manager. Coaching time and services provided by Squash SA and carried out by the Development Manager cannot be exchanged for funding to be used on an individual coach.
- Athletes must reside in South Australia. Athletes should have resided in SA for at least 6 months prior to submitting their application for funding and be a fully paid Squash SA Member.
- Athletes must be a part of the Squash SA State Junior Development Training Program and fulfil all requirements necessary to qualify for the State Junior Team.
- Must adhere to the Squash Australia 'Code of Behaviour' and 'Drugs in Sport' policies.
- Athletes will be required to meet with the Development Manager on a regular basis to track progress.
- Athlete's behaviour is expected to be at the highest level at all times when representing Squash SA at training or competitions. One of the main goals of the ETS is to create the squash ambassadors for the future.
- In exchange for any support and opportunities provided by Squash SA, athletes are expected to promote Squash SA and the sport in a professional manner at all times and be available for media events.

Elite Talent Squad – Application Form 2018

Please fill in entire document.

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Sex: _____ DOB: ____/____/____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Street : _____

Suburb: _____ P/C: _____

Individual Coach: _____ Level: _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Current Club: _____

Current Pennant Grade: _____ Current Position in Team: _____

State Junior Ranking: _____ National Junior Ranking: _____ PSA: _____

Injury and Illness Disclosure

1. Have you had any illnesses or injuries in the past 12 months which have affected your training in the past 12 months? **Yes / No** (please circle)
2. If Yes, list the injuries/illnesses below and provide the contact details of the medical practitioner you consulted.

Injury/Illness

Medical Practitioner (Name & Address)

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Goals for 2018: Please list State & National ranking goals along with 3 month, annual goal and long term career squash goals. Goals should also include technical, physical and psychological aspects.

2017 National Ranking Goal: _____

Matrix Goal: _____

3 Month Goal: _____

Annual Goal: _____

Long term career goal: _____

Technical, physical and psychological goals for 2018

Strengths from 2017 AJC _____

Weakness at 2017 AJC _____

I _____ acknowledge that all information in this application is correct. I have read the 'Elite Talent Squad' selection criteria and wish to be considered for the squad in 2018. I accept and understand all responsibilities of the squad.

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Signed parent or guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/____
(If under 18 years of age)