

Q Squash Policy 021
QUEENSLAND JUNIOR RANKINGS
UNDER 9 - UNDER 19 AGE GROUPS

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1. Qualification requirements for a State Ranking

- 1.1 To obtain your initial State Ranking, a player must have participated in the Queensland Junior Championships (QJC).
- 1.2 A player will remain eligible for a State Ranking by participating in Regional Junior Selection Series Events and/or the QJC.
- 1.3 A player may also retain their State Ranking if any legitimate circumstance exists that has prevented the player from playing in any particular event.
- 1.4 Legitimate circumstances include National Representation, a Medical Certificate (detailing the nature of the illness or injury, when diagnosed and when the player is capable of playing competitive Squash) or the death of an immediate relative.
- 1.5 Work is not considered a legitimate circumstance.
- 1.6 The rankings produced immediately following the QJC, the Queensland Individual Champion for a particular age group will be rewarded with the No. 1 ranking in that age group.
- 1.7 However, if legitimate circumstances exist for the existing No.1 Ranked Player, Selectors may make a judgement to maintain that players No.1 Ranking.
- 1.8 If a player attended the Regional Junior Selection Series but not the QJC and no legitimate circumstances have been cited, the player may lose a minimum one ranking position.
- 1.9 Selectors may reduce a player further if they consider new players are stronger.
- 1.10 If a player attends the QJC but did not attend the Regional Junior Selection Series, the player will be ranked where the selectors deem appropriate.
- 1.11 Where two players are judged equal and results don't separate the players clearly, preference must be given to the player who supports the system the most.
- 1.12 If a player supports the Regional Junior Selection Series Tournaments and the QJC they will be given preference in a close situation over a player who only played the QJC.
- 1.13 If a player does not participate in the Regional Junior Selection Series or the QJC and legitimate circumstances don't exist, they will be removed from the rankings completely.
- 1.14 When a player decides they no longer wish to continue playing in the Regional Junior Selection Series or the QJC, they will be removed from the next rankings list produced.

2. Procedure for establishing State Rankings

A MAJOR REVIEW OF RANKINGS WILL TAKE PLACE AT EACH QJC

- 2.1** The Selection Committee shall adhere to the following criteria and procedures when ranking players in all Age Groups from Under 9 – Under 19.
- 2.2** Results may be taken from matches in all Age Groups.
- 2.3** Rankings can be influenced by results from more than one age group.
- 2.4** The Selectors shall consider the following:
 - a.** Queensland Junior Individual and Team Results;
 - b.** Queensland Rankings released immediately prior to the QJC.
- 2.5** Finishing position will be the starting point for the new set of Rankings.
- 2.6** Selectors will have the power to make any necessary adjustments to reflect legitimate circumstances.
- 2.7** No appeals are permitted with respect to changes made for legitimate circumstances.
- 2.8** Where a direct match up cannot be used to split two players, Rankings prior to the QJC will take precedence.

RANKING CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR ALL OTHER TIMES

- 2.9** The Selectors shall consider the results from the following competitions and championships:
 - a.** Regional Junior Selection Series Events;
 - b.** Australian Junior Championships (AJC), Australian Junior Open (AJO) and Oceania Junior Championships (OJC);
 - c.** Other State Junior Championships where match ups between Queensland Junior players have occurred;
 - d.** Other State Championships like the Queensland Open where match ups between Queensland Junior players have occurred; and
 - e.** Queensland Secondary School Event where correct scoring has taken place
- 2.10** Only direct match ups from the above Tournaments can be taken into consideration.
- 2.11** Results can be from match ups achieved in higher age groups.
- 2.12** If a player wins a National Junior Aged Title, they will be promoted to the No.1 position in the Queensland Rankings for their Age Group, irrespective of whether a direct match up occurred or legitimate circumstances existed.

If Player A (Under 17) wins a National Junior Aged Title in a higher age group (eg Under 19) and Player B (Under 17) wins a National Junior Aged Title in their own age group, Player A will be rewarded with the higher ranking in the Under 17.
- 2.13** Results from Pennants and Fixtures are not to be taken into account.

- 2.14 If results are inconclusive, Selectors will use the existing rankings to separate players. In other words, if player A is ranked higher than player B, player A will maintain their ranking where results cannot separate players A and B.
- 2.15 Existing rankings is a reflection of previous results. Therefore, only the results achieved during the Ranking period immediately prior to the Ranking Review will be taken into account.
- 2.16 The Rankings will be released on the 1st of every month.
- 2.17 Selectors will take Regional Rankings into consideration and wherever possible rank players accordingly. Selectors have the right to change the order where current results dictate. Wherever possible, each Region should strive to prepare a Regional Ranking immediately after the last event of their Regional Junior Selection Series Event.

3. Dates for State Rankings to be issued

- 3.1 State Rankings will be prepared at the end of every month for release on the 1st day of every month. This is in accordance with the National Ranking system and Under Age requirements.
- 3.2 Q Squash will post new Rankings on its website and send them to Squash Australia for distribution to National Selectors.

4. Number of Players to be Ranked

- 4.1 All players who compete in the QJC will be given a State Ranking.

5. Number of Age Groups in which a Player may be Ranked

- 5.1 A player may be ranked in more than one (1) age group if results are available in more than one (1) age group.
- 5.2 Q Squash and Selectors will also prepare a Top 10 Ranking List for the Under 13; Under 15; Under 17 and Under 19 age groups for submission to the National Body with players only listed in their own age group.
- 5.3 Q Squash will also send a combined age group listing of each age group to the National Body at the time of submission

6. Deadline for receipt of information

- 6.1 Regional Bodies are to forward results from all Regional Junior Selection Series Events within seven (7) days of the completion of the event.
- 6.2 The results of any event conducted within fourteen (14) days of the ranking release date may not be taken into account.
- 6.3 The Selectors must complete the Queensland Rankings and forward these to Gordon Young at Squash Australia by the 20th of the month in which the National Rankings are being prepared.

7. The Responsibilities of Regional Bodies

- 7.1 Regional Bodies have a very important role to play in the State Ranking process by providing the results of all Regional Junior Selection Series Events in their Regions and full details of any new players to including birth dates to Q Squash.

8. Procedure for Lodging an Appeal

- 8.1** An appeal will only be considered, if it is lodged within seven (7) days of the Rankings List being published on the Q Squash website.
- 8.2** An appeal must be lodged on the official Q Squash Ranking Appeal Form included in this document and may be submitted by email, fax or post. A separate form must be lodged for each appeal.
- 8.3** An appeal may be lodged by a player or a player's parent or guardian (if the player is less than 18 years of age) or by a representative of the player's Regional Body authorised by the player or his/her parent or guardian. An appeal lodged by anyone else is not able to be accepted.
- 8.4** An appeal that is submitted on the official form within the required time frame will be examined by the Q Squash Board and subject to meeting the requirements of this policy, the Appeal Form will be forwarded to the Selection Committee for consideration.
- 8.5** The Selection Committee is required to consider all appeals objectively, fairly and thoroughly. It shall review all information that was received or held by Q Squash at the time such information was forwarded to the Selection Committee. Information not held by Q Squash at this time shall not be considered in the appeal.
- 8.6** The Selection Committee shall inform the Q Squash Board in writing of the outcome of the appeal and provide a brief report explaining the committee's decision.
- 8.7** The Q Squash Board will notify the appeal applicant in writing of the outcome.
- 8.8** The Selection Committee's decision is final and binding on all parties.
- 8.9** A copy of the Q Squash Ranking Appeal Form is attached.



Ranking Appeal Form

Name: _____

Age Group: _____ Female / Male

Region: _____

Grounds for appeal:

Name of Person/s Lodging Appeal (see below):

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

Email address: _____

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