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1.0 General Overview

1.1 Rules of Squash

All accredited Australian Junior Squash Tournaments are governed by the “Australian Junior Squash Tour Policy and Guidelines” as adapted from the World Squash Federation “World Squash Championship Regulations” and “World Squash Singles Rules”.

The following document outlines the requirements for a tournament to be included on the Australian Squash Tour.

1.2 What is the Australian Junior Squash Tour (AJST)?

The Australian Junior Squash Tour (AJST) is an umbrella tour that provides a clear competitive pathway for aspiring squash players. The AJST has been designed to offer Ranking Points across four levels of tournaments; Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze.

All tournaments are ranked nationally on a scale for ages 19, 17, 15, 13 and 11. There are approximately 60 tournaments currently being held under the AJST, all giving players an opportunity to be recognised under the Australian Junior Ranking System.

1.3 What are the Benefits of the AJST?

- Participation – increasing recognition of participation through sanctioned tournaments.
- Establishment of determinable and measurable KPI’s against Squash Australia’s Strategic Plan.
- Recognition of athletes – Australian Junior Squash Tour Ranking System.
- Sponsorship opportunities.
- Facility operator’s engagement.
- Cohesive approach demonstrated amongst all States, Territories and Squash Australia.
- Uses the latest technology.
- Integrated with player profiles.
- Advertised on the Squash Australia website.
- Provides opportunity for the wider squash community.

1.4 AJST Sanctioned Tournaments

- All tournaments must be sanctioned tournaments by Squash Australia in cooperation with State and Territory Associations.
- Sanctioned tournaments are expected to report final results to Squash Australia within 7 days of the tournament being completed.
- Platinum and Gold events are to be scheduled with priority over other events.
- Sanctioned tournaments can be supported by using Squash Australia approved software programs.
- Future planning for more sanctioned tournaments as the Tour progresses.
- Prizes for sanctioned junior tournaments are to be in the form of trophies or prizes and not monetary rewards.

1.5 Australian Junior Squash Tour Points

- The Australian Junior Squash Tour Ranking System (AJSTRS) is for affiliated junior squash players only.
- To gain ranking points, all tournaments must be sanctioned Squash Australia tournaments, and must also use Squash Australia approved software and formatting of the tournament. More details can be seen in section 1.7 of this document.

- Tournaments are to be registered three months prior to play to be recognised on the AJST.
- Athletes will receive AJST points based on their final results in a sanctioned Squash Australia tournament.

1.6 Eligibility

- All Australian citizens and permanent residents who have participated in an AJST tournament and satisfied the point accumulation requirements are eligible for a national ranking based on the AJSTRS.
- All players entering Platinum, Gold and Silver AJST events must be registered with their State or Territory Association.
- For a WSF recognised tournament (AJO & OJC), players must have a SPIN number and are to use it as their Member ID.
- If a SPIN number is not required, the player is to use their player ID.
- International players competing in AJST tournaments will not receive points on the AJSTRS.
- Australian citizens who reside overseas and participate in international tournaments must register their tournaments with Squash Australia before receiving points through the AJSTRS only for competing in WSF U/19 tournaments.

1.7 Tournament Control

- Sporty HQ or an official Squash Australian approved software is the official software to be used for a junior tournament that wishes to have their points recognised on the AJSTRS.
- Tournaments must use the Dunlop Pro Ball.
- If a tournament chooses to have divisions rather than ages, or vice versa, the following table demonstrates the equivalent point allocation for them to be recognised on the AJSTRS.

Age Group	Equivalent to
Under 19	Division 1
Under 17	Division 2
Under 15	Division 3
Under 13	Division 4
Under 11	Division 5

- Tournaments that have five (5) divisions will receive points on the AJSTRS for divisions 1-5. Tournaments that have more than five (5) divisions, will receive regular points for divisions 1-5, and divisions six (6) and over will all receive the same points. These points are equivalent to division six (6) points and can be seen in the last line of the Points Allocation Table on page 9.

1.8 Release Dates

The Australian Junior Squash Tour Ranking System (AJSTRS) will be published on the first Wednesday of each month by 1700 AEST.

(All results to be considered are to be lodged the Monday prior to the publishing date. Results that aren't lodged by the Monday prior, may result in points being held over until the next release).

All results must be lodged using the correct format as seen in the "AJST Results Submission" document.

It is an athlete's responsibility to check that their points and personal information are correct (i.e. date of birth, address). Any issue or query regarding the AJSTRS should be emailed directly to Squash Australia on events@squash.org.au.

Any changes to be made by Squash Australia will not be done so until the next release date. Squash Australia reserves the right to release early or post-pone a release should it be in the best interest of players, States/Territories or Squash Australia.

1.9 Small Draws

A minimum of four players is required to be an accredited division. Tournament Directors may combine divisions to reach this minimum, or for the best interest of players or the tournament. If two divisions are combined, the players will receive points for the highest division. If a player participates in two divisions in a tournament, they will only receive points for the highest.

1.10 Seeding

Seeding for a Platinum Tournament will be done by a seeding panel appointed by the Tournament Director. This seeding panel will base the seeds for tournaments off the national rankings.

Under circumstances where international players participate in tournaments, the seeding panel will use international rankings to seed players accordingly.

Seeding for a tournament will use rankings released in the month that tournament entries close. i.e. If entries for a December tournament close in November, the November rankings will be used for that tournament.

In the event that a seeded player withdraws from the 1st Round then the following procedure applies:

- i. Where the withdrawal takes place after the draw has been created and before 09:00 hours three days before the start date then if the player was seeded (top 16) the draw will be re-seeded in bands i.e. any vacant seeds in the 1/8 band will be replaced by seeds from the 9/16 band and they in turn will be replaced by seeds from the 17/32 band etc. Replacements shall be in seeded order within bands taking the highest seed designated by the WSF Seeding Panel within that band.
- ii. In the circumstances where 1st or 2nd seed withdraw after the draw has been made and before 09:00 hours three days before the start date, the Tournament Director may choose to re-make the draw if it is deemed unbalanced.
- iii. In the event of any withdrawal later than 09:00 hours on the day before the start date, the draw will stand and a walkover shall be given to the opponent of a withdrawn player.

For Platinum Tournaments, the only seeding changes that are permissible are when two players from the same State/Territory are scheduled to play each other in the first round. Squash Australia will attempt to ensure two players from the same State/Territory don't play each other in the first round however there may be circumstances where this isn't achievable.

NOTE: Siblings will not be moved to opposite halves of the draw unless there are extenuating circumstances with the draw, for National Championships, or if both players are seeded in the top four positions.

The Tournament Director of Bronze and Silver events have the flexibility to move players within the randomized seeding groups that are provided above.

Seeding the event will follow the WSF model. Tournaments must seed players as follows: Seed 1 and 2 are placed in their allocated positions, seeds 3-4 are randomly placed in their allocated positions, seeds 5-8 are placed randomly in their allocated positions, seeds 9-16 are placed randomly in their allocated positions, seeds 17-32 are placed randomly in their allocated positions. This method is continued until all players have been placed in the draw in their brackets and random positioning. Where it is necessary to have byes in the draw seeded players will receive them in descending seeding order.

1.11 Default and Withdraw Policies

Players must play in all scheduled matches for a given tournament. If a player does not arrive on time for their scheduled match, the tournament director reserves the right to default that player after 15 minutes of the scheduled match time.

Players who default a match in a tournament also default any subsequent scheduled matches. Players may be permitted to continue in the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director. In making these decisions, the Tournament Director will take into consideration the level of communication with the player, court availability, and any other relevant specific factors. In no case is the Tournament Director obligated to make special accommodations for a player.

For any withdrawal after the beginning of a tournament, the player must be present to referee the match they will default in order to retain points for their tournament, or must provide documents if they cannot be in

attendance, i.e. if the player is in hospital. If a player abandons a tournament or is unable to attend to referee their final match, they will receive zero points for their participation in the tournament.

If a player is unable to return to the tournament due to a serious illness or injury, the 100%-point deduction may be waived with a doctor's certificate if it is submitted via email to Squash Australia within one week of the last day of the tournament to events@squash.org.au. In this case, the player will receive the lowest amount of points available based on the round they were in at the time of the withdrawal. For instance, if a player defaults in the semi-final of an 8-player tournament, they receive the points for the 4th place finish if there was a 3/4 playoff in place.

2.0 Australian Junior Squash Tour Ranking System (AJSTRS)

The following section demonstrates the table of point allocations for all participants throughout Australia on the Australian Junior Squash Tour. A full table of allocated points can be seen on Table 1 on page 9 and 10.

Any Australian citizen who participates in international tournaments will not be granted points on the AJST unless they have participated in a WSF U/19 event. The following table demonstrates the level of tournaments and points allocated for each. Any U/19 player who wishes to use their points from any of these tournaments must do so only on application to Squash Australia.

Platinum Tournaments	Gold Tournaments
Australian Junior Open	State/Territory Opens
Australian Junior Championships	All other WSF World Recognised tournaments
Oceania Junior Championships	
World Junior Championships	

Platinum Events

- Australian Junior Open (AJO)
- Australian Junior Championships (AJC)
- Oceania Junior Championships (OJC)
- World Junior Championships

The Platinum Series houses three national tournaments. The AJO and AJC are held annually across Australia. The OJC is held annually and rotates between Australia and New Zealand every year. Australia hosts the OJC biennially.

Players of all ages will be eligible to receive points on the AJSTRS when the OJC is in both Australia and New Zealand.

The World Junior Championships will be allocated Platinum points and may only be given to U/19 players on application to Squash Australia.

Gold Events

- State Age Titles
- All other WSF World Recognised tournaments

The Gold Series is held throughout the eight States and Territories in Australia. These tournaments are used as pathways to high performance and a chance for athletes to gain more points on the AJSTRS.

All other WSF World recognised tournaments will be allocated Gold points and may only be given to U/19 players on application to Squash Australia.

Silver Events

- Second tier State/Territory tournaments

States and Territories are able to host a maximum of four Silver sanctioned junior tournaments. Each Silver tournaments must be sanctioned by Squash Australia in cooperation with State and Territory Associations in support of their pathways.

Bronze Events

- Participation based tournaments

Bronze tournaments are held throughout towns and cities across Australia. There are approximately 40 Bronze events, all giving players the opportunity to gain points on the AJSTRS. The structure of these tournaments is held solely with tournament organisers from the region and/or State/Territory. Bronze tournaments are seen as the foundation to the National Participation Strategy of Squash in Australia.

2.1 Ranking Calculation Method

2.1.1 Age Groups

Players will be only ranked once, and the ranking will be for their current age group. All points gained through playing up will be taken back down and used on their existing ranking.

The official Australian Junior Squash Tour Ranking System (AJSTRS) works on a 12-month rollover system calculated by athletes' total points in the immediate 12-months prior to an AJST tournament. Once this 12-month period expires, acquired points will cease to contribute to an athletes AJST points.

- i. August 1st 2016 will signify the start of the new points system.
- ii. Players who have earned points in the 12 months before August 1st, 2016 will have their points reallocated to match the new systems allocation method however:
 - a. For tournaments up to 31st of July, 2016, points will be allocated using the new points, however in existing bands from the old system:
 - i. 1st place
 - ii. 2nd place
 - iii. 3rd-4th place
 - iv. 5th-8th place
 - v. 9th-16th place
 - vi. 17th-32nd place
 - vii. 33rd+
- iii. All players will receive the lowest points from their band i.e. a player who finishes 3rd or 4th will receive 4th place points, a player who finishes 5-8, will receive 8th place points and so on.
- iv. The new point allocation gives every position their own unique points i.e. 1-33+. This method will be implemented from 1st of August, 2016.

2.1.2 Aging up

Players will carry over their points from their previous age group into their new age group providing the 12-month period for the event hasn't expired. No reduction will occur if the event is still in the 12-month period.

2.1.3 Opt Out

A player may opt to not take the points of one tournament from the 12-month period if they choose to by emailing events@squash.org.au within 24 hours of the completion of their tournament. Players may only apply to opt-out under extenuating circumstances such as injury or sickness. The application must be submitted with supporting documentation i.e. doctors certificate.

2.1.4 Point Calculation and Allocation

A players ranking points will be calculated by taking their best four (4) scores and adding them together.

3.0 Point Allocation AJSTRS

3.1 Table 1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
U/19 Platinum/WSF U/19 Platinum	120	72.289	62.7213	53.1535	47.8702	42.5869	37.3036	32.0203	30.4289	28.8375	27.2461	25.6548	24.0634	22.472	20.8806	19.2893
U/19 Gold/ WSF U/19 Gold	60	36.1445	31.3608	26.577	23.9353	21.2935	18.6518	16.01	15.1523	14.2946	13.4369	12.5793	11.7216	10.8639	10.0062	9.1485
U/19 Silver	30	18.0725	15.6806	13.2886	11.9677	10.6469	9.326	8.0052	7.5763	7.1475	6.7186	6.2898	5.8609	5.4321	5.0032	4.5744
U/19 Bronze	15	9.0362	7.8402	6.6443	5.9838	5.3234	4.663	4.0026	3.7881	3.5737	3.3593	3.1449	2.9304	2.716	2.5016	2.2872
U/17 Platinum	60	36.1445	31.3608	26.577	23.9353	21.2935	18.6518	16.01	15.1523	14.2946	13.4369	12.5793	11.7216	10.8639	10.0062	9.1485
U/17 Gold	30	18.0725	15.6806	13.2886	11.9677	10.6469	9.326	8.0052	7.5763	7.1475	6.7186	6.2898	5.8609	5.4321	5.0032	4.5744
U/17 Silver	15	9.0362	7.8402	6.6443	5.9838	5.3234	4.663	4.0026	3.7881	3.5737	3.3593	3.1449	2.9304	2.716	2.5016	2.2872
U/17 Bronze	7.5	4.5181	3.9201	3.3221	2.9919	2.6617	2.3315	2.0013	1.8941	1.7868	1.6796	1.5724	1.4652	1.358	1.2508	1.1436
U/15 Platinum	30	18.0725	15.6806	13.2886	11.9677	10.6469	9.326	8.0052	7.5763	7.1475	6.7186	6.2898	5.8609	5.4321	5.0032	4.5744
U/15 Gold	15	9.0362	7.8402	6.6443	5.9838	5.3234	4.663	4.0026	3.7881	3.5737	3.3593	3.1449	2.9304	2.716	2.5016	2.2872
U/15 Silver	7.5	4.5181	3.9201	3.3221	2.9919	2.6617	2.3315	2.0013	1.8941	1.7868	1.6796	1.5724	1.4652	1.358	1.2508	1.1436
U/15 Bronze	3.75	2.2591	1.9601	1.6611	1.496	1.3309	1.1658	1.0006	0.947	0.8934	0.8398	0.7862	0.7326	0.679	0.6254	0.5718
U/13 Platinum	15	9.0362	7.8402	6.6443	5.9838	5.3234	4.663	4.0026	3.7881	3.5737	3.3593	3.1449	2.9304	2.716	2.5016	2.2872
U/13 Gold	7.5	4.5181	3.9201	3.3221	2.9919	2.6617	2.3315	2.0013	1.8941	1.7868	1.6796	1.5724	1.4652	1.358	1.2508	1.1436
U/13 Silver	3.75	2.2591	1.9601	1.6611	1.4959	1.3308	1.1657	1.0006	0.947	0.8934	0.8398	0.7862	0.7326	0.679	0.6254	0.5718
U/13 Bronze	1.875	1.1295	0.98	0.8305	0.748	0.6654	0.5829	0.5003	0.4735	0.4467	0.4199	0.3931	0.3663	0.3395	0.3127	0.2859
U/11 Platinum	7.5	4.5181	3.9201	3.3221	2.9919	2.6617	2.3315	2.0013	1.8941	1.7868	1.6796	1.5724	1.4652	1.358	1.2508	1.1436
U/11 Gold	3.75	2.2591	1.9601	1.6611	1.4959	1.3308	1.1657	1.0006	0.947	0.8934	0.8398	0.7862	0.7326	0.679	0.6254	0.5718
U/11 Silver	1.875	1.1295	0.98	0.8305	0.748	0.6654	0.5829	0.5003	0.4735	0.4467	0.4199	0.3931	0.3663	0.3395	0.3127	0.2859
U/11 Bronze	0.9375	0.5648	0.49	0.4153	0.374	0.3327	0.2914	0.2502	0.2368	0.2234	0.21	0.1965	0.1831	0.1697	0.1563	0.1429
Division 6 Platinum	0.4688	0.2824	0.245	0.2076	0.187	0.1664	0.1457	0.1251	0.1184	0.1117	0.105	0.0983	0.0916	0.0849	0.0782	0.0715
Division 6 Gold	0.2344	0.1412	0.1225	0.1038	0.0935	0.0832	0.0729	0.0625	0.0592	0.0558	0.0525	0.0491	0.0458	0.0424	0.0391	0.0357
Division 6 Silver	0.1172	0.0706	0.0613	0.0519	0.0468	0.0416	0.0364	0.0313	0.0296	0.0279	0.0262	0.0246	0.0229	0.0212	0.0195	0.0179
Division 6 Bronze	0.0586	0.0353	0.0306	0.026	0.0234	0.0208	0.0182	0.0156	0.0148	0.014	0.0131	0.0123	0.0114	0.0106	0.0098	0.0089

	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
U/19 Platinum/WSF U/19 Platinum	18.4383	17.5873	16.7363	15.8853	15.0343	14.1833	13.3323	12.4813	11.6303	10.7793	9.9283	9.0773	8.2263	7.3753	6.5243	5.6733
U/19 Gold/ WSF U/19 Gold	8.7449	8.3413	7.9377	7.5341	7.1304	6.7268	6.3232	5.9196	5.516	5.1124	4.7088	4.3052	3.9016	3.498	3.0943	2.6907
U/19 Silver	4.3726	4.1708	3.969	3.7671	3.5653	3.3635	3.1617	2.9599	2.7581	2.5563	2.3545	2.1527	1.9508	1.749	1.5472	1.3454
U/19 Bronze	2.1863	2.0854	1.9845	1.8836	1.7827	1.6817	1.5808	1.4799	1.379	1.2781	1.1772	1.0763	0.9754	0.8745	0.7736	0.6727
U/17 Platinum	8.7449	8.3413	7.9377	7.5341	7.1304	6.7268	6.3232	5.9196	5.516	5.1124	4.7088	4.3052	3.9016	3.498	3.0943	2.6907
U/17 Gold	4.3726	4.1708	3.969	3.7671	3.5653	3.3635	3.1617	2.9599	2.7581	2.5563	2.3545	2.1527	1.9508	1.749	1.5472	1.3454
U/17 Silver	2.1863	2.0854	1.9845	1.8836	1.7827	1.6817	1.5808	1.4799	1.379	1.2781	1.1772	1.0763	0.9754	0.8745	0.7736	0.6727
U/17 Bronze	1.0931	1.0427	0.9922	0.9418	0.8913	0.8409	0.7904	0.74	0.6895	0.6391	0.5886	0.5382	0.4877	0.4373	0.3868	0.3364
U/15 Platinum	4.3726	4.1708	3.969	3.7671	3.5653	3.3635	3.1617	2.9599	2.7581	2.5563	2.3545	2.1527	1.9508	1.749	1.5472	1.3454
U/15 Gold	2.1863	2.0854	1.9845	1.8836	1.7827	1.6817	1.5808	1.4799	1.379	1.2781	1.1772	1.0763	0.9754	0.8745	0.7736	0.6727
U/15 Silver	1.0931	1.0427	0.9922	0.9418	0.8913	0.8409	0.7904	0.74	0.6895	0.6391	0.5886	0.5382	0.4877	0.4373	0.3868	0.3364
U/15 Bronze	0.5466	0.5213	0.4961	0.4709	0.4457	0.4204	0.3952	0.37	0.3448	0.3195	0.2943	0.2691	0.2439	0.2186	0.1934	0.1682
U/13 Platinum	2.1863	2.0854	1.9845	1.8836	1.7827	1.6817	1.5808	1.4799	1.379	1.2781	1.1772	1.0763	0.9754	0.8745	0.7736	0.6727
U/13 Gold	1.0931	1.0427	0.9922	0.9418	0.8913	0.8409	0.7904	0.74	0.6895	0.6391	0.5886	0.5382	0.4877	0.4373	0.3868	0.3364
U/13 Silver	0.5466	0.5213	0.4961	0.4709	0.4457	0.4204	0.3952	0.37	0.3448	0.3195	0.2943	0.2691	0.2439	0.2186	0.1934	0.1682
U/13 Bronze	0.2733	0.2607	0.2481	0.2354	0.2228	0.2102	0.1976	0.185	0.1724	0.1598	0.1472	0.1345	0.1219	0.1093	0.0967	0.0841
U/11 Platinum	1.0931	1.0427	0.9922	0.9418	0.8913	0.8409	0.7904	0.74	0.6895	0.6391	0.5886	0.5382	0.4877	0.4373	0.3868	0.3364
U/11 Gold	0.5466	0.5213	0.4961	0.4709	0.4457	0.4204	0.3952	0.37	0.3448	0.3195	0.2943	0.2691	0.2439	0.2186	0.1934	0.1682
U/11 Silver	0.2733	0.2607	0.2481	0.2354	0.2228	0.2102	0.1976	0.185	0.1724	0.1598	0.1472	0.1345	0.1219	0.1093	0.0967	0.0841
U/11 Bronze	0.1366	0.1303	0.124	0.1177	0.1114	0.1051	0.0988	0.0925	0.0862	0.0799	0.0736	0.0673	0.061	0.0546	0.0483	0.042
Division 6 Platinum	0.0683	0.0652	0.062	0.0589	0.0557	0.0526	0.0494	0.0463	0.0431	0.0399	0.0368	0.0336	0.0305	0.0273	0.0242	0.021
Division 6 Gold	0.0342	0.0326	0.031	0.0294	0.0279	0.0263	0.0247	0.0231	0.0215	0.02	0.0184	0.0168	0.0152	0.0137	0.0121	0.0105
Division 6 Silver	0.0171	0.0163	0.0155	0.0147	0.0139	0.0131	0.0124	0.0116	0.0108	0.01	0.0092	0.0084	0.0076	0.0068	0.0061	0.0053
Division 6 Bronze	0.0085	0.0081	0.0078	0.0074	0.007	0.0066	0.0062	0.0058	0.0054	0.005	0.0046	0.0042	0.0038	0.0034	0.003	0.0026