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# PLAYERS EQUIPMENT POLICY

*(Regulation 12 – Players Equipment Policy)*



### VERSION CONTROL

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Principal Partner



Official Ball



## PLAYERS EQUIPEMENT

### General

1. The only equipment a player may take onto the court is a racket, a ball (supplied by the tournament organizers) and eye protectors.
2. If a player needs to have an item such as a handkerchief or asthma puffer for health reasons, then the player must be aware that WSF Rule 7.7 and G3 will apply.

### Squash Rackets

3. The dimension, weight and construction of the squash racket are as follows:

#### a. Dimensions

- Maximum length 686 mm
- Maximum width, measured at right angles to the shaft 215 mm
- Maximum length of strings 390 mm
- Maximum strung area 500 sq cm
- Minimum width of any frame or any structural member (measured in plane of strings) 7 mm
- Maximum depth of any frame or any other structural member (measured at right angles to the plane of strings) 26 mm
- Minimum radius of outside curvature of frame at any point 50 mm
- Minimum radius of curvature of any edge of frame or any other structural member 2 mm

#### b. Weight

- Maximum weight 255 gm

#### c. Construction

- The head of the racket is defined as that part of the racket containing or surrounding the strung area.
- Strings and string ends must be recessed within the racket head or in cases where such recessing is impractical because of racket material, or design, must be protected by a securely attached bumper strip.
- The bumper strip must be made of a flexible material, which cannot crease into sharp edges following abrasive contact with the floor or walls.
- The bumper strip will be of a white, colourless or unpigmented material. Where for cosmetic reasons the manufacturer chooses to use a coloured bumper strip, then the manufacturer will demonstrate to the satisfaction of Squash Australia that this does not leave a coloured deposit on the walls or floor after contact.
- The frame of the racket will be of a colour and /or material which will not mark the walls or floor following an impact in normal play.
- Strings will be gut, nylon or a substitute material, provided metal is not used.
- Only two layers of strings will be allowed and these will be alternately interlaced or bonded where they cross and the string pattern will be generally uniform and form a single plane over the racket head.

- Any grommets, string spacers or other devices attached to any part of the racket will be used solely to limit or prevent wear and tear or vibration and be reasonable in size and placement for such purpose. They will not be attached to any part of the strings within the hitting area (defined as the area formed by overlapping strings).
- There will be no unstrung areas within the racket construction such that will allow the passage of a sphere greater than 50mm in diameter.
- The total racket construction including the head will be symmetrical about the centre of the racket in a line drawn vertically through the head and shaft and when viewed face on.

### **Squash Balls**

4. Squash Balls will be provided by the Tournament Organisers for all Squash Australia sanctioned activities or events. The type of ball to be used is to be in accordance with Squash Australia National Tournament Policy and/or the specific regulation covering an event (e.g. Regulation 28 – Conduct of the National Junior Series).