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1. Overview

1.1 Purpose of Policy

The purpose of the policy is to give information on running of Senior Tour events.

1.2 Scope of Policy

The scope is for the running of all Senior Tour events.

1.3 Objectives of Policy

To ensure that Senior Tour events are run fairly and consistently.

2. Policy Guidelines

2.1 Entry Fee

Entry fees are determined by the relevant secretary/convenor in consultation with their committee and the Treasurer of Squash Ireland, current entry fees are as followed:-

- €30 for a Level 1 event (Irish Senior National Championships)
- €25 for a Level 2 event (other Tour events)

Junior entry is charged at the same rate as senior entry

2.2 Defibrillator

All tournaments must have a Defibrillator on site during the tournament.

2.3 Closing Date and Withdrawal Date

Closing date for entry to all tournaments will be the Friday of the week before the tournament starts.

Withdrawal date is the Monday before the tournament starts.

Draw to be done by Tuesday and published on Tuesday before the tournament starts.

2.4 Draws

All draws are to be played in a Swiss format except where numbers are 6 or fewer where a round robin format may be used. Matches to be played on Saturday and Sunday except where otherwise noted.

Women's draws

- Irish Senior National Championships will be a 16-draw, starting at 5pm on Friday. There will be 1 match on Friday, 2 on Saturday and 1 on Sunday.
- All other Tour events will be a 16/8-draw.

Men's draws.

- Irish Senior National Championships will be a 24-draw, starting at 1pm on Friday. There will be 2 matches on Friday and Saturday and only 1 on Sunday.
- All other Tour events will be a 16-draw for both A and B sections.

2.5 Draw format for National Championships and 4 Provincial Opens

Draws are done using Squash Ireland Online Entry System and the format is "Bracket-Monrad format". Tournament directors should check that Squash Ireland Online Entry System complies with the following requirements.

32 Player draw:

- First round matches being 1 v 32; 2 v 31, etc (all adding to 33)
- Second and subsequent round matches are automatically done by Squash Ireland Online Entry System when results are input.
- If 15 players then No 1 gets a bye, if 14 players then Nos 1 and 2 get byes, etc.

16 Player draw:

- First round matches being 1 v 16; 2 v 15, etc (all adding to 17)
- Second and subsequent round matches are automatically done by Squash Ireland Online Entry System when results are input.
- If 15 players then No 1 gets a bye, if 14 players then Nos 1 and 2 get byes, etc.

8 Player draw:

- First round matches being 1 v 8; 2 v 7, etc (adding to 9)
- Second and subsequent round matches are automatically done by Squash Ireland Online Entry System when results are input.
- If 7 players then No 1 gets a bye.

6 Player round robin - 2 RRs of 3-players: 1, 4 and 5 in one side and 2, 3 and 6 in the other. Then Winner A v Winner B; Runner-Up A v Runner-Up B and 3rd in A v 3rd in B. (3 matches for all).

5 Player round robin with 4 matches for all across 5 time slots so no requests for late start in a two-day tournament. Draw facilitating 1v4 and 2v3 as second last matches and 1v2 and 3v4 as last matches.

4 Player round robin with all getting 3 matches. Draw facilitating 1v4 and 2v3 as second last matches and 1v2 and 3v4 as last matches.

3 Player round robin with each player getting 2 matches.

2.6 Matches

All matches must be played in the tournament venue/venues.

For a two-day or three-day Tour event with a 16, 24 or 32 person draw,

- the time between matches on any day (start time to start time on schedule) should be a minimum of 4 hours.
- the time between the semi-final and final matches, if held on the same day (start time to start time on schedule) should be a minimum of 4 hours 45 minutes. Both semi-final matches must be scheduled/played at the same time.

2.7 Scoring

Point a Rally is the approved scoring system for all tournaments.

Referee Score Sheets are available and can be downloaded from the Squash Ireland website.

Squash Ireland provides tablets for scoring, please contact the office to arrange for delivery/collection.

2.8 Prize Money

For PSA tournaments, the prize money is as per PSA rates for that particular tournament.

Prize money, in all other events, must be paid to the top 4 places in each Tour event for both men and women A sections, no matter what size of draws.

Squash Ireland will provide funding towards prize monies in Tour events, €500 for a 16 person draw and €250 for an 8 person draw.

Prize money (for non-PSA events) will only be awarded on the condition that 5 of the top 15 ranked players enter the tournament. Ranking will be taken from the most up-to date ranking list.

Recommended minimum prize money is as follows:-

- 1st place €250
- 2nd place €150
- 3rd place €100
- 4th place €50

2.9 Late Withdrawals

If a player withdraws from an event after the withdrawal date or during the tournament or doesn't show for a match a one tournament ban is imposed on the offending player.

The Senior Secretary (or selectors) shall liaise with the Tournament Director and if the Senior Secretary (or selectors) and Tournament Director are happy that the withdrawal is legitimate, due to injury or other etc., then the Senior Secretary (or selectors) will not follow up. However, if the Senior Secretary finds that this is not the case, then a medical certificate will be requested to avoid a one tournament ban. A medical certificate if requested must be produced within 1 week of the withdrawal/no-show.

If the offence occurred in a level 1 or 2 event then the ban will be from the next level 1 or 2 event. If the offence occurred in a PSA event then the PSA rules will apply.

2.10 Seeding

The senior selectors will seed the players for the 5 mandatory events (National Championships and the 4 Provincial Opens). Seeding for events will be based on the last published rankings. Exceptions may be made for non-Irish players. Selectors may use up to 2 wildcards in each event for Irish players.

Note: When an event is a PSA event, then the PSA seeding rules apply. This means that the PSA players get seeded at the top based on their current PSA ranking. Irish Senior National Championships might be a PSA event; however, the seeding will be based on the last published rankings not PSA rankings.

2.11 Matches

All matches must be played in the tournament venue/venues.

2.12 Adherence to Squash Ireland Policies

- a) All Senior Tournaments are run according to Squash Ireland Code of Conduct and Safeguarding Policy. By entering any tournament, a player must agree to the Squash Ireland Tournament Terms & Conditions, under which they agree to the Safeguarding Policy. By working in a tournament, officials also agree to abide by these policies.
- b) All sanctioned tournaments open to players under the age of 18, must appoint a designated safeguarding officer. This individual must hold as minimum, Safeguarding 1/ Safeguarding Children & Young People in Sport (SCYPS) qualifications, as well as completed the Garda Vetting/Access NI checks. The name and contact details for this individual must be made available to all players and parents/guardians.
- c) Players, tournament officials, parents/guardians and supporters are all bound by the relevant Squash Ireland Code of Conduct throughout any event.

2.13 Minimum Age of Play

The minimum age of entry into a Squash Ireland sanctioned Senior Tour and National Championships is aligned with the PSA Squash Tour Rule Book. The minimum age for entry is 15 years old. All players must be age 15 years old on or before the first day of competition.

Players under the age of 15 years old may request dispensation, allowing them to compete in the Senior Tour and National Championships. Dispensation must be applied for by the players parent or guardian. Dispensation may only be granted by the Senior Selection Panel. Players must receive written approval from a member of the Senior Selection Panel, prior to entering the tournament. Dispensation may be awarded for an individual tournament, or for a specific period of time at the discretion of the Senior Selection Panel.

Applications for dispensation should be sent to info@irishsquash.com, from where they will be forwarded to the selection panel.