

Stratford Squash Club

Rules of Stratford Squash Club Leagues

Introduction

Our leagues are run on a monthly cycle, with 5/6 players per league, with new leagues being formed at the beginning of every month, with promotions and relegation's based on the previous month's results.

Only full members may play in the leagues as it is expected that league games are primarily played in the peak period with the occasional game being played off peak.

Under 18s/FTE's are allowed to play in the leagues at the discretion of the squash committee.

New leagues will be placed on the squash web site to view and edit.

A new player wishing to join the leagues will need to include their name on the instruction sheet which can be found on the notice board at the club or email the league secretary. The new player will be placed in the lower leagues, however if that player anticipates joining the leagues at a higher level then the player should attend one of the club sessions, listed above, and ask one of the attending members for a league assessment level.

League Games/Scoring

Points awarded for league games are as follows:

- One point is awarded for playing the match.
- One point is awarded for each game won.
- One point is awarded to the match winner.

Members completing all their league games will be awarded 5 bonus points - anyone who has not played all their games or has a zero score in a match is not entitled to bonus points.

A member offering two games on booked courts, which are not reciprocated by the end of the month, scores 5-0 and counts the game as played for claiming the bonus points, but to avoid dispute it would be preferable if both parties agreed to this score line before the end of the month.

Where a court is booked and one player does not turn out then, unless an alternative date is arranged, the player who did turn out also scores 5-0 and counts the game in the bonus point claim.

If a player has completed all the scheduled matches but wishes to withdraw from the forthcoming league then this should be indicated on the instruction sheet, stating whether if it is permanent or giving a date of intent to return to the leagues.

If a player wishes to withdraw from the league not having played all their matches then they inform the league secretary adding their name to the league instruction sheet situated at the club, stating whether if it is permanent or giving a date of intent to return to the leagues - all games played so far by that member will not count and bonus points will be based on the reduced league.

In the event of a timeout

The players should endeavour to organise a second session to continue the game. Matches played but not completed because of timeout shall start at the score of completed games after the first session. In the event that the first sessions score is 2 –2 in which case the second session should be played as a best of three games for deciding the match.

If it is not possible to play a second session, then each player scores the number of points won plus one point for game played.

Matches played but not completed because of injury shall either:

The injured player has the obligation to make arrangements to organise a second session

At the second session, the players should start at the score of completed games after the first session. In the event that the first sessions score is 2 –2 in which case the second session should be played as a best of three games for deciding the match.

If it is not possible to play a second session, then: -

If the injury was self inflicted or the opponent accidentally contributed to the injury then the opponent will score 5 points and the injured will score a point for turning up and a point for each game won.

If the injury was opponent inflicted then then the injured player will score 5 points and the opponent will score a point for turning up and a point for each game won.

If there is conflict between the two players regarding responsibility for the infliction of the injury then this must be immediately referred to the Club Chairman and League Secretary, if it is not resolved before the end of the league period then it will be scored for each player as the number of points won plus one point for game played.

Monthly League Movement

If two or more members in a league have scored the same overall total then the scores are reworked in a 'mini- league' containing just those members and if there is still no way to distinguish a result then it will be taken as the order in the league in which those members commenced the month.

In each league, the winner will go up two leagues, the second placed will go up one league, the bottom but one placed will go down one league and the bottom placed will go down two league, however in the top leagues the bottom placed in the first league will swap with the first placed in league 3 and the top two placed in league 2 will swap with the third and fourth placed in league 1.

Any player who has not played any games during in a two months, without explanation, will be omitted from the next month's leagues unless they request otherwise on the instruction sheet.

No player can join or re join the leagues above the fourth division.

Where a player is due to return to the leagues after having withdrawn, they will be re-entered two leagues below where they left irrespective of their score and position. The return of players to the leagues does mean that there are occasions when other players may not advance up the leagues, as they would be expecting.