

SOUTHERN SQUASH LEAGUE INC.
BY-LAWS
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INTRODUCTION

Southern Squash League Incorporated conducts a squash rackets competition up to three times per annum played under the Rules of Squash and the By-Laws of SSL. Southern Squash League is an affiliate of the Squash & Racquetball Victoria Incorporated and complies with its relevant By-Laws and guidelines as appropriate. Southern Squash League has registration no: A0001574S and ABN 507 596 836 06.

INTERPRETATION OF BY-LAWS

The authority to interpret and review the By-Laws is the responsibility of the Committee of Management of the Southern Squash League Incorporated. However it may delegate that responsibility to the Disciplinary Tribunal and/or the Appeals Panel but retains the right to be the final arbiter.

1 DEFINITIONS

1.1 For the purpose of these By-Laws the following definitions shall apply, unless the contrary intention appears:

Appeals Panel is a group of people appointed by and responsible to the Committee, to review the results of a Disciplinary Tribunal hearing upon appeal and to make recommendations to the Committee as a result of this review. The panel shall consist of at least three (3) persons nominated by the Committee as being competent to interpret the By-Laws of SSL. One member of the associated Disciplinary Tribunal may be appointed as an advisor but may not be a member of the Appeals Panel. The Pennant Chairman shall not chair the Appeals Panel (but may be a member).

SSL means Southern Squash League Incorporated

Committee means the Committee of Management of SSL.

Fixture is a pennant fixture publication issued by the Committee at the start of each season, which contains the details of the season's competition, key contacts and other relevant information.

Match and Pennant Chair is the member of the Committee responsible for the day-to-day running of pennant competitions, including liaising with the delegates of member clubs.

Member Club means any club affiliated with SSL Incorporated.

Pennant Sub-Committee means a sub-committee comprising the Match and Pennant Chairman and any other Committee members appointed by the committee (if required).

Player means a person who is a bona-fide member of a Member Club.

Player rating means (unless specifically stated otherwise in a particular by-law) the SportyHQ rating of a player.

President is a member of the Committee and also the representative of the Committee in formal contacts with outside groups except in roles otherwise specifically delegated to other committee members.

Rules of Squash means the rules of Squash as set out in the latest of "The World Squash Singles Rules" published by the World Squash Federation or any later publication that replaces that document.

Secretary is the member of the Committee responsible for taking minutes of meetings, organising meetings as requested by the Committee and sending and receiving correspondence on behalf of the Committee and Southern Squash League as instructed by the Committee.

Treasurer is the member of the Committee responsible for managing and reporting on the finances of SSL, including receiving and disbursing money on behalf of SSL according to its Rules and as instructed by the Committee and keeping correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of SSL with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of SSL.

Tribunal means the Disciplinary Tribunal.

Meeting Chair is the member of the Committee responsible for taking on the President's role when the President is unavailable.

2 SOUTHERN SQUASH LEAGUE COMMITTEE

2.1 Membership

Shall be made up according to the Statement of Purposes and Rules, viz:

- i. President
- ii. Secretary
- iii. Match and Pennant Chairperson
- iv. Treasurer
- v. Up to five (5) ordinary Committee Members

2.2 Tasks

2.2.1 To control the SSL pennant competitions.

2.2.2 To ratify amounts payable for subscriptions for Member Clubs each pennant season.
To convene Disciplinary Tribunal and Appeals Panel, etc.

2.2.3 To ratify amounts payable for fines against breaches of the By-Laws and to inform Member Clubs of these decisions.

2.2.4 To perform any other tasks deemed by the committee to be necessary in running SSL.

3 MEMBER CLUB MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

SSL accepts a public centre or licensed sporting or social club as a Member Club that meets the following criteria:

3.1 Squash Courts

Availability of squash court(s), preferably within the boundaries of the Member Club that meet the requirement under Appendix item 2. A Member Club wishing to play on courts outside the boundaries of the Member Club must receive permission from the SSL Committee.

3.2 Ancillary Facilities

Separate change rooms for male and female pennant players that provide shower and toilet facilities consistent in number with the number of squash courts.

3.3 Post Pennant Hosting

After the completion of the pennant match, the home team hosts the visiting team with supper and beverages in a supper room preferably within the Member Club confines but isolated from the squash courts.

3.4 Availability of Hosting Facility

The hosting facility should be available to the home team for a respectable period of time after completion of the match while conforming to the in-house and licensing regulations of the Member Club.

3.5 Satisfaction of the Committee

The Committee is satisfied that the standard of the facilities specified above is at a level expected for SSL and the Committee approves of the membership of the club.

4 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

The following sections will apply if a matter that arises results in the Committee determining that a disciplinary hearing is warranted. Any notification referred to in this by-law may be by email, post or a combination of these.

4.1 Arrangements

4.1.1 Notify Member Clubs that players within their club have been charged with alleged breaches of the By-Laws and the nature of the alleged breaches.

4.1.2 Advise clubs that all involved parties and witnesses will be requested to attend a Disciplinary Tribunal and provide evidence related to the matter.

- i) Where a party is unable to attend the tribunal sitting a written submission may be provided. This submission should be provided within time limits defined in sub-section 4.4.2
- ii) Witnesses may present verbal evidence at tribunal.

4.1.3 Make arrangements for a hearing by a Disciplinary Tribunal.

4.1.4 The tribunal hearing must be held within ten (10) working days from the receipt of the complaint.

4.2 Disciplinary Tribunal Membership

4.2.1 The Disciplinary Tribunal shall consist of at least three (3) persons nominated by the committee as being experienced to interpret the By-Laws of SSL.

- i. Nominated persons must not be biased against, or in favour of, the member or member club concerned.

4.2.2 The Match and Pennant Chairperson shall not chair the Disciplinary Tribunal.

4.2.3 SSL may conduct the tribunal hearing itself or request Squash & Racquetball Victoria to organise and conduct any or all aspects of the hearing, including nomination of the members of the Tribunal.

4.3 Tasks of the Disciplinary Tribunal

4.3.1 To be responsible to the Committee for administering the alleged breaches of the By-Laws and the Rules of SSL for which the Tribunal hearing was called.

4.3.2 In relation to the hearing for which it was convened, to resolve all problems relating to the conduct of the players in their relationship with each other, officials and the public.

4.3.3 To impose any penalties the Tribunal deems appropriate to the case in accordance with "PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF THE BY-LAWS" set out in these By-Laws.

4.3.4 To recommend changes to the By-Laws for consideration by the Committee.

4.4 Procedure for reporting of offences

4.4.1 The SSL Match and Pennant Chair/Secretary must receive the original complaint, either by post, fax or email no later than 48 hours after the match completion from which the allegations arose.

- i. The complaint must be directed via the club Match and Pennant Chairperson. If that person is not available it may be sent directly.
- ii. Any original complaint received after this time will not be considered.
- iii. The complainant should retain a copy of the complaint.

4.4.2 Supporting documentation from witnesses to the complaint should be provided within 96 hours after the match completion from which the allegations arose.

- i. All available documentation received from involved parties will be shared prior to commencement of any hearing.

4.4.3 The tribunal hearing must be held within ten (10) working days from the receipt of the complaint.

4.5 Appeals Against Decisions Of The Disciplinary Tribunal

4.5.1 The decision of the properly constituted Disciplinary Tribunal shall be final except as follows:

4.5.2 A Member Club may request a review of the Disciplinary Tribunal finding by lodging a notice with the SSL Secretary in writing within seven (7) days of the decision of the Disciplinary Tribunal. This process is known as an Appeal.

4.5.3 An Appeal shall be considered only on at least one of the following grounds:

- i. That the Disciplinary Tribunal was not properly constituted.
- ii. That evidence of a substantial nature was not brought to the attention of the Disciplinary Tribunal.
- iii. That the penalty imposed by the tribunal was manifestly excessive.

4.5.4 The Appeal must be in writing and must contain all material and evidence that the appellant relies upon in support of the review.

- i. The Committee will appoint an Appeals Panel which shall consider such material and after consideration shall make recommendations to the Committee. The Appeals Panel may recommend that the Committee:
 - a) dismiss the Appeal
 - b) allow the Appeal
 - c) modify the penalty according to the recommendation of the Appeals Panel

4.5.5 Any penalty imposed (suspension, fine, etc.) will be suspended by lodging an appeal.

4.6 Committee Responsibilities Following A Tribunal Hearing

Following a tribunal hearing (and the subsequent appeal, if any) the committee shall:

4.6.1 Notify each Member Club which was, or any of whose members were the subject of the hearing, of the result of the tribunal hearing including any penalties imposed.

4.6.2 Consider the recommendations of the Appeals Panel (if there was an appeal), accept or reject its recommendations and shall:

- i. If the appeal is rejected, notify the appellant club of the decision, with the relevant reasons.
- ii. If the appeal is upheld and the penalty is amended, notify the appellant club of the decision, with the relevant reasons and the new penalty, if any.
- iii. If the appeal is upheld and the Committee determines that a new Disciplinary Tribunal hearing should be held, take steps to hold a new Tribunal hearing and present all of the facts on the case to the Tribunal. All parties shall be notified and the hearing shall be held within fourteen (14) days. Any penalties imposed at the original hearing shall be cancelled.

4.6.3 Review the result of the tribunal hearing and any associated appeal.

- i. If a penalty is imposed by the tribunal (and confirmed or amended by the committee on the recommendation of the Appeals Panel if there was an appeal) the Secretary will inform Squash & Racquetball Victoria of the penalty.

Any notification referred to in this by-law may be by post, fax or email or a combination of these.

5 PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF THE BY-LAWS

The following penalties may be imposed as a result of a Tribunal hearing:

- 5.1 Disqualification of players or Member Clubs.
- 5.2 Suspension of players or Member Clubs.
- 5.3 Fines of players or Member Clubs.
- 5.4 Awarding and/or deducting points, games, rubbers, matches or tournaments.
- 5.5 Warning to players or Member Clubs.
- 5.6 Any other penalty that the Tribunal considers appropriate, subject to ratification by the Committee.

Penalties for breaches of the By-Laws by people associated with Member Clubs may mean that the member or Member Club is penalised.

6 THOSE WHO MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BREACHES OF BY-LAWS

Any one or more of the following may be responsible for breaches of the By-Laws:

- 6.1 Players.
- 6.2 Member Clubs.
- 6.3 Any person who aids, abets, counsels or is a party to any breach of the By-Laws.
- 6.4 Any other person who breaches By-laws with respect to events associated with SSL.

7 RULES OF PLAY

- 7.1 All matches shall be played under the Rules of Squash unless otherwise indicated by these By-Laws and/or the appendices associated with these By-laws.

8 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 8.1 All Member Clubs and their members will comply with the terms of a penalty imposed on any Member Club(s) or player(s) under these By-Laws or the By-Laws of an associated organisation.
- 8.2 The following offences may be subject to penalties by the referee of a match and / or disciplinary action by the Disciplinary Tribunal:
 - 8.2.1 Any of the actions covered by the Conduct on Court rule of the Rules of Squash whether these actions occur on or off the court and whether they occur before, during or after a rubber.
 - 8.2.2 Any action covered by the Duties of the Players rule of the Rules of Squash
 - 8.2.3 Any attempt to falsify or knowingly allow falsification of a result sheet.
 - 8.2.4 Any other conduct which in the opinion of the Committee brings the game into disrepute.

9 POWERS TO DEMAND INFORMATION

- 9.1 The Committee and the Disciplinary Tribunal have the power at any time to demand from any Member Club information regarding the circumstances under which any match has been played, or any matters relating thereto.
- 9.2 Member Clubs and/or players required to attend will be penalised for non-attendance at a Disciplinary Tribunal without prior apologies accepted by the Committee.

10 FINES

- 10.1 Certain fines imposed for breaches of By-Laws shall be set periodically and advised to Member Clubs.
- 10.2 The Member Club must pay a fine within thirty (30) days of notification unless an appeal has been lodged in accordance with clause 4.5.
- 10.3 In the event that an appeal is dismissed, the Member Club must pay the fine within 30 days of notification of the dismissal of the appeal.
- 10.4 If a Member Club fails to pay a fine within the time for which this clause provides, the Committee may further penalise that Club in accordance with clause 5 of these By-Laws.

11 STANDARD OF COURTS FOR PENNANT AND TOURNAMENTS

- 11.1 All courts must comply with the standard of courts as prescribed by the Rules of Squash and SSL from time to time. Details of the minimum lighting, wall colours, line markings, conditions of walls and floors, ventilation and other amenities, must be adhered to (as per WSF rules).
- 11.2 Any changes to amenities requested by SSL must be completed within the time span agreed on between SSL and the Member Club.

12 PROVISION OF OFFICIALS AND COURTS

- 12.1 Member Clubs may be required to supply referees, markers and officials for any event under the auspices of SSL.
- 12.2 Member Clubs may be required to provide one or more courts for finals use.

13 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

- 13.1 Persons wishing to compete must be players as defined in the definitions of these By-Laws.
- 13.2 No player may play for more than one Member Club during one season in SSL unless permission has been given in writing by the Match and Pennant Chair.
- 13.3 No player shall be eligible to play before their nomination is approved by the Match and Pennant Chair and/or the Committee.

14 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

14.1.1 The Committee will determine annually the financial requirements for Member Clubs entering teams and players in SSL pennant or tournament competitions.

14.2 Clubs failing to maintain their financial status throughout each season may be liable to a penalty as determined by the SSL Committee.

15 TRANSFERS

- 15.1 If a player wishes to transfer to another Member Club the former Member Club may not refuse a clearance providing the player is under no financial debt to their former club.
- 15.2 If a player is named in a team by two Member Clubs and has played in the SSL competition in the past two seasons with one of the nominating clubs, the club at which he last played shall have precedence.
- 15.3 If a player is named in a team by two Member Clubs and has not played in the SSL competition in the past, he shall play as directed by the Committee.
- 15.4 A player wishing to transfer after team entries have closed may do so only if the player's former club and the Committee agree.
- 15.5 Players who have not played for the past two complete SSL seasons do not require a clearance unless they have a financial obligation to their former Member Club.
- 15.6 A player may not play for any club in any competition while under suspension.

16 CONDITIONS OF PLAYING

- 16.1 All Member Clubs and players must abide by the By-Laws of SSL

TEAM ENTRIES

- 17.1 Team entries for Pennant Competitions must be on the SSL entry forms and must be in the hands of the Match and Pennant Chair or as otherwise determined by the Committee by the date set down.
- All requested details, including the last season's results, and record of new players must be submitted.
 - Players must normally be submitted in the order of their player rating within the grade '*rating bands*' as supplied by SSL.
 - If a club wishes to enter a player who is above the 'rating band' an explanatory note must be included for the Committee's consideration.
- 17.2 The top team entered by a club must have at least four players but all other teams must have at least five players – competition dependent.
- 17.3 A fine may be imposed if incomplete or inaccurate entry forms are submitted.
- 17.4 Team(s) withdrawn from a competition by Member Club(s) after entry closing date may incur a fine

17 GRADING OF TEAMS

- 18.1 The Committee shall have the right to restrict the number of teams, refuse the entry of teams from any Member Club, or decide the grading of accepted teams.
- 18.2 A maximum of one bye is allowable per grade.
- 18.3 Any Member Club withdrawing a nominated team after entries have closed may be liable to a fine.
- 18.4 The Committee will grade men and women in mixed grades equally based on ability and past pennant performances – Open & Friday Daytime competitions. Ladies competition – women will be graded accordingly.
- 18.5 Team(s) withdrawn from a competition by Member Club(s) after grading will be liable for the team entry fee for that team(s).
- 18.6 Team(s) withdrawn from a competition by Member Club(s) after the competition has commenced will be expected to fulfil refereeing duties as part of the grade each team(s) have entered.
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18 ORDER OF MERIT

- 18.2 All clubs must submit their nominated teams in the correct order of merit for initial competition grading.
- 18.3 The Pennant Sub-Committee or Match & Pennant Chair has the right to request clubs to resubmit the composition of players within certain teams if a team did not receive the original grade requested.
- 18.4 Any newly registered player who was not included in the Member Club's original nomination of graded teams, may only be included in a team with the permission of the Match and Pennant Chair at a position approved by the Committee.
- 18.4.1 Such inclusions will not be permitted to strengthen a team beyond the standard of the particular grade.
- 18.5 The Match and Pennant Chair may withdraw the admission of any newly registered player and allow the player to play as an emergency in a higher grade if the original position is deemed too low.
- 18.6 The ongoing order of merit for a team will be 'as at' the commencement of the night of play.
- 18.7 If any player plays out of order a penalty will apply as defined in By-law 21.7 and/or 28.3

19 ALTERATION TO ORDER OF MERIT: PLAYER RATING

- 20.1 The Match and Pennant Chair reserves the right to amend the player rating of any player at any time taking due consideration of that person's demonstrated ability. This change would be likely to affect the player's order of merit.

21 ORDER OF MERIT: FILL-IN CONDITIONS

Team captains are required to reach a mutual agreement on playing order prior to the commencement of play. The team order for each pennant match shall be determined by the order of merit as displayed on the current online rating platform immediately prior to the commencement of play. For the purpose of fill-ins etc. a player's rating is considered to be that 'as at' commencement of play.

The following conditions define fill-in situations and conditions:

- 21.1 **'Playing Across'** - A player in a club with two teams entered in the same grade is eligible to play for the other team only if the following conditions are satisfied:
- 21.1.1 A fill-in player must play in a position in the requesting team according to his rating.
 - Player ratings to be used are those defined 'as at' commencement of play.
 - 21.1.2 The number 1 player from the '*donor team*' may play only if the number 1 player of the '*requesting team*' is not playing.
 - 21.1.3 No player in the '*requesting team*' may play lower than their nominated position for that week.
 - 21.1.4 **An individual player may only play across, up, twice or down a maximum of 2 occasions per short season and 3 times in a long season. Once the 3rd match – short season – or 4th match – long season – is played, the player will be permanently entered into the team they have filled in for, for the remainder of the season.**
 - 21.1.5 **Players cannot play across during finals**
- 21.2 **'Playing Down'** - A player may only play in a lower grade if the following conditions apply:
- 21.2.1 A fill-in player may NOT exceed the rating of the player being replaced unless prior approval has been granted by the M&P Chairperson.
 - 21.2.2 Approval **must** be obtained from the Match and Pennant Chair prior to the match being played.
 - 21.2.3 **Players may not play down in finals matches.**
 - 21.2.4 In **all cases** the delegate of the Member Club must seek approval from the Match and Pennant Chairman prior to playing any player in a lower grade.
 - 21.2.5 'Playing Down' is only to be used in rare, extenuating circumstances
- 21.3 **'Playing Up'** - Any player may play up in a higher grade if the following conditions apply:
- 21.3.1 A fill-in player must play in a position in the requesting team according to their rating.
 - 21.3.2 Player ratings to be used are those defined 'as at' commencement of play.
 - 21.3.3 No player in the requesting team may play lower than their nominated position for that week.
 - 21.3.4 A player who has satisfied the normal conditions for playing in finals may play up but only at the lowest team position.
 - i) The Match and Pennant Chair has discretion in the application of this condition
- 21.4 **PLAYING 'TWICE' (Same team @ 2 & 3)** A player may play 'twice' on an evening for a team at positions 2 and 3 if the following conditions are satisfied:
- 21.4.1 The player must be listed at the number 3 or 4 position or lower on the week of play.
 - 21.4.2 The rubber at 3 must be played before the rubber at 2.
 - 21.4.3 Prior notice is provided to opposition team.
 - 21.4.4 If prior notice is not made, and mutual agreement cannot be reached on evening of play, then a walkover at 3 will be taken.
 - 21.4.5 An individual player may only use this rule on a maximum of 2 occasions in a short season

or 3 occasions in a long season.

21.4.6 Players may not play twice at 2 and 3 during finals.

21.5 **PLAYING 'TWICE' (Different teams – SSL competition)** A player may play 'twice' on an evening in different SSL teams if the following conditions are satisfied:

21.5.1 The teams are playing at the same venue and are members of the SSL competition.

21.5.2 The teams involved are from the same club or have a prior agreed player sharing arrangement.

21.5.3 All usual fill-in conditions are met.

21.6 **PLAYING 'TWICE' (Different teams – Different competitions)** - A player may not play twice on the same night in any separate Squash & Racquetball Victoria affiliated squash competition UNLESS permission is granted by the SSL Match and Pennant Chair.

21.7 **Playing 'OUT OF ORDER' - Penalty Points.**

21.7.1 If any player plays 'out of order', then the player who gains a potential advantage from the incorrect order will lose all points (if any) for that rubber. Rubbers not affected by the incorrect order will stand.

- For example: If the numbers one and two play out of order, the results of rubbers 3 and 4 will stand (not affected) and the result of rubber 1 will stand (no potential advantage). All games and points of rubber 2 will be lost by the player playing out of order (potential advantage gained).
- Also see penalty conditions defined in 28.3

22 **DUTIES OF THE HOME TEAM**

22.1 To provide a court to the required standards of SSL.

22.2 To provide a score sheet and at least one new approved squash ball (preferably with a spare).

22.3 To provide other facilities for hosting their guests as required by SSL.

22.4 To enter the match results into the current online pennant management system.

23 **PENNANT MATCH PROCEDURE**

23.1 All players must be present at the venue of the match prior to the official advertised starting time. If any special time requests are to be made the opposing captain must be notified no later than the early afternoon of the match.

23.2 Captains must advise their opposing captains of the composition of their team before the commencement of a match.

23.3 The order of the rubbers must be decided by the toss of a coin unless the captains agree otherwise. The team captain winning the toss shall nominate the players for the first rubber; and thereafter captains alternate choice of subsequent rubbers. Each subsequent rubber must be nominated no later than when either player of the rubber in progress has won two games.

23.4 Each rubber shall be the best of five games played in accordance with the Rules of Squash and these By-Laws.

23.5 In the event of a dispute over the playing order of the team, the match shall be played under protest, and the Committee shall determine the matter on the receipt of a protest submitted according to these By-Laws.

23.6 Players will not be required to play a finals 'dead rubber' with the following exceptions

23.6.1 If both players wish to play a 'dead rubber' they may elect to play the match as either a normal 'best of 5 games' or as a 'best of 3 games'.

23.6.2 If only one player wishes to play a 'dead rubber' then the match will be played.

24 **TIME AND PLACE OF MATCHES**

- 24.1** All matches shall be played at the venues nominated by the Committee and shall commence at the time approved.
- 24.2** If play is not commenced within fifteen minutes of the time laid down the team offended against may claim the rubber by default. Fifteen minutes grace shall be allowed after each rubber for the expiration of such grace; the team offended against may claim the particular rubber. This process is to be continued until a match commences or all four rubbers have been claimed.
- 24.3** If a rubber is played after the expiration of the fifteen minutes period of grace, the team offended against must advise the team at fault of its intention to claim that rubber prior to the playing thereof, otherwise the result of the playing of the rubber shall stand.
- 24.4** If both teams default in entirety the match shall be cancelled and neither team will receive competition points for the match.

25 **POWERS TO ORDER A REPLAY OR ALTERATION OF MATCHES**

- 25.1** No alteration shall be made to the time or the venue of a match unless with prior consent of the Committee.
- 25.2** Should a match not be played as arranged, then the team at fault shall be deemed to have defaulted, provided, that the question as to whether a team is in default or not, shall be decided by the Committee.
- 25.3** The Committee or Disciplinary Tribunal shall have the power to order any match to be replayed, either wholly or in part, and to alter the time and place for playing any match

26 **MARKING AND REFEREEING**

- 26.1** Requirements for pennant matches.
- 26.1.1** Each team must provide markers and referees unless otherwise agreed by the team captains or as directed by the Pennant Sub-Committee.
- 26.1.2** Each team captain nominates one person to officiate in each rubber.
- 26.1.3** The nominated officials from the two teams shall alternate each rubber between the role of marking and refereeing.
- 26.1.4** If captains fail to agree on who should mark or referee the first rubber, this will be decided by the toss of a coin.

27 **GAME AND MATCH WALKOVERS**

- 27.1** If any team receives a match walkover from any other team, it shall be awarded all rubbers, games and points. Court costs will be liable for payment by the offending team/Club (Payment of each players' match fee). If a team forfeits at No 2 & 3 they are liable for the court costs for these two rubbers. If a team forfeits at No 3 they are liable for the court costs of this rubber.
- 27.2** In the event of a team defaulting part way through a match, the non-defaulting team shall be awarded all uncompleted rubbers, games and points.
- 27.3** In the event of an individual rubber being defaulted in a match which has already commenced, the non-defaulting team shall be awarded the rubber, games and points equivalent to the player winning without the opponent having another serve. The non-defaulting team shall also be awarded all rubbers, games and points competed for by the players at lower positions in the two teams.
- 27.3.1** The Committee may waive this ruling if the circumstances causing the walkover are deemed to be of an extreme or sound nature.
- 27.4** If any team gives a 'home' match walkover the team will be required to share the 'supper expenses' of their opponents when they next play at that team's 'home game'.
- 27.4.1** The share of 'supper expenses' will be limited to the lesser of 50% of the total cost or \$50.
- 27.4.2** Where no further matches are scheduled to be played between the affected teams the

defaulting team will be required to pay \$50 to their opponent's team.

27.4.3 Where a team fails to provide this payment the team's club will be responsible for settling the debt.

28 POSTPONEMENT OF GAMES

28.1 In the event of a match being postponed after play has commenced, all rubbers already decided shall stand. All remaining matches shall be played at a time and venue mutually agreeable to both clubs with the approval of the Match and Pennant Chair.

29 REPORTING PENNANT RESULTS TO SSL

29.1 The home club shall be responsible for the direct entry of results into the current online results system. If an emergency occurs where this cannot be done, the results may be conveyed to the SSL Secretary/ Match and Pennant Chair. Results must be entered into current online results system within 24 hours of match completion.

29.3 Any dispute regarding match results will only be considered if a physical record, created at the time play, has been retained and can be presented for review. Teams failing to comply with any of the By-laws 29.1 through to 29.3 may be liable to a fine or loss of points or both

30 PREMIERSHIP POINTS

30.1 The team winning the most games shall be the winner of a match. If the games are equal, the team winning the most rubbers shall be the winner.

30.2 For all the matches played throughout the Pennant Competition points shall be awarded as determined by SSL.

30.3 In the case of a drawn match each team shall receive equal points.

30.4 If a team has a bye in a particular round it will be awarded nominal points for that round as determined by SSL.

31 ORDER OF TEAMS HAVING EQUAL POINTS

31.1 If teams have the same number of premiership points at the end of the Home and Away season, then the final order shall be determined by a count back based on the greater number of rubbers won, then, if the number of rubbers won is equal, the greater number of games won, then, if the number of games won is equal, the lower number of games lost, then, if the number of games lost is equal, the greater number of points won then, if the number of points won is equal, the lower number of points lost. If the teams are still equal the Match and Pennant Chair shall arrange a play-off.

31.2 If a final results in a draw (according to by-law 31.1) the match will be replayed within two days unless otherwise agreed by the Match and Pennant Chairman or his delegate.

31.3 If a replayed final results in a draw, the team finishing in the higher place after the completion of the last round of home and away matches shall be declared the winner. However, if the two teams finished equal second after the completion of the last round of home and away matches the winner shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

31.4 If a Grand Final results in a draw (equal rubbers, games and points) both teams shall be declared premiers and each shall be awarded the same prize as would have been awarded to the winner if one team had won.

32 ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY IN FINALS

- 32.1 Prior to the start of the season the committee shall nominate within the pennant fixture the format that will decide the pennant premier.
- 32.2 Players must have played one third of available matches, unless approval is otherwise given by the Match and Pennant Chairman.
- 32.2.1 Eligibility matches are those played for the player's club but not necessarily limited to that individual's team.
- 32.2.2 Games played up and down the grades are counted as eligibility matches.
- 32.3 Players competing in finals must have current rules accreditation (i. e., must have attended an approved 'Rules Accredited Presentation' (RAP) course within the current season or one of the 7 seasons immediately prior to the current season) and all players taking part in finals (including marking or refereeing) must also have current rules accreditation.
- 32.4 Fill-in players for finals may only ever play up from a team below.
- 32.4.1 Fill-in players may only play no higher than position 3.
- 32.4.2 The fill-in player may not exceed the rating of the original number 3 player being replaced.
- 32.5 Permission **must** be sought by Member Clubs to grant special exceptions to this By-law

33 FINALS & REFEREEING

- 33.1 The SSL competitions have a combination of 6 team and 8 team grades. Each grade combination has varied finals arrangements.
- 33.2 Refereeing and Marking duties are typically provided by teams within the grade with arrangements defined within 33.2 and 33.3.
- 33.2.1 Semi & Preliminary Finals will be played at a venue determined by SSL.
- i. A variation to the 'night of play' may only be considered with the agreement of all parties. The SSL Match and Pennant Chair must give final approval.
- 33.2.2 Grand Finals are played at venues and nights nominated and advised by SSL.
- 33.2.3 Persons carrying out refereeing and marking duties will be duly accredited. (i. e., must have attended an approved RAP course within the current season or one of the 7 seasons immediately prior to the current season)
- 33.3 **8 Team Grades - Finals**
- 33.3.1 The finals series for '8 team grades' in SSL competitions shall be played off between the teams finishing in the top four ladder positions after the end of the home and away matches.
- i. Finals will be played over a period of 3 weeks.
- 33.3.2 Refereeing and marking responsibilities are assigned to nominated teams at the completion of the season.
- i. The 'Semi Final' is assigned to the team at second bottom ladder position.
- ii. The 'Elimination Final' is assigned to the team at bottom ladder position.

33.3.3 **Week 1 - Semi & Elimination Finals:**

- i. Team 1 plays team 2 with the match refereed by team at second bottom ladder position (7th)
 - a. This final will be known as a 'Semi Final'.
 - b. The winning team will play in the 'Grand Final'.
 - c. The losing team will play the winner of the 'Elimination Final' involving team 3 and team 4. This resulting final will be known as a 'Preliminary Final'.
- ii. Team 3 plays team 4 with the match refereed by team at the bottom ladder position (8th)
 - a. This final will be known as an 'Elimination Final'.
 - b. The winning team will play the losing team from the match between team 1 and team 2. This resulting match will be known as a 'Preliminary Final'.
 - c. The losing team is eliminated from further finals

33.3.4 **Week 2 - Preliminary Final**

- i. The loser of the week 1 'Semi Final' between team 1 and team 2 plays the winner of the week 1 'Elimination Final'
 - a. This final will be known as a 'Preliminary Final'.
 - b. The winning team will play in the 'Grand Final'.
 - c. Refereeing team is the team finishing 6th in the grade.

33.3.5 **Week 3 - Grand Final**

- i. The winner of the week 1 'Semi Final' plays the winner of the week 2 'Preliminary Final'.
 - a. This final will be known the 'Grand Final'.
 - b. The team finishing 5th is to mark and referee the Grand Final.
 - c. All refereeing duties in a 7 team grade will move up one ladder position from those stated above

33.4 **6 Team Grades - Finals**

33.4.1 The finals series for '6 team grades' in SSL competitions shall be played off between the teams finishing in the top three ladder positions after the end of the home and away matches.

- i. Finals will be played over a period of 2 weeks.

33.4.2 Refereeing and marking responsibilities are assigned to a nominated team finishing in the bottom two ladder positions.

- i. The 'Preliminary Final' is assigned to the team at the bottom ladder position (6th).

33.4.3 The team finishing in the top ladder position will go straight into the 'Grand Final'.

33.4.4 Teams finishing in ladder positions 2 and 3 will play in a 'Preliminary Final' with the winner going into the 'Grand Final'. The team finishing 5th is to mark and referee the Grand Final.

33.4.5 With a five team grade or 4 team grade. Refereeing duties will move to teams finishing up one or two ladder positions depending on team numbers in each grade.

33.5 Any Member Clubs may be requested to provide courts where finals matches can be played in accordance with By-law 12.2.

33.6 Drawn finals: Refer to By-laws 32.2 - 32.4

33.7 Failure of any allocated Refereeing team to fulfil their assigned duties without satisfactory explanation will result in a fine of \$180. This fine will be assigned to the Member Club which players represented for the relevant season for payment.

33.8 An alternative finals series configuration can be made where necessary as determined by the SSL

Match & Pennant Chairperson.

34 DRESS PERMITTED ON COURT

Attire must be in accordance with the SSL requirements. Guidelines may be found in Appendices 3, 4 and 5.

35 PREGNANT PLAYERS

See the **SQUASH AUSTRALIA CONSTITUTION: Member Protection Policy - 6.5 Pregnancy**

(<http://www.squash.org.au/w/about-us/governance-documents/constitution>)

36 SPONSORSHIP

36.1 Pennant Sponsors

SSL may from time to time appoint a sponsor(s) to cover any or all Pennant Competition and Tournaments under its control. All member bodies will be required to comply with the conditions under which SSL agrees to sponsorship documents. If these sponsorship deals conflict in terms with any sponsorship deals arranged by Member Clubs, it is the Member's responsibility to follow the requirements of SSL until such time as a formal agreement between SSL, Member and the respective Sponsors is arranged.

36.2 Requirement of Players

36.2.1 Any sponsorship deals arranged by SSL take precedence over sponsorship arranged by a Member. All players are expected to comply by the arrangements set out in the deal, and these requirements will be circulated to all players through their clubs.

36.2.2 While a player is wearing the sponsor's name, the player shall not bring the sponsor's name into disrepute.

36.2.3 While a player is attending any function which is connected with the sponsor, the player shall not bring the sponsor's name into disrepute.

36.3 Individual sponsors of teams

Sponsors gained by clubs or teams do not take precedence over sponsors arranged for Pennant Competition or Tournaments, but they must be afforded the same respect as sponsors gained by SSL.

36.4 Tournament Sponsors

Tournament Sponsors take precedence over sponsors gained by Member Clubs, clubs, teams, or individuals, and must be afforded the same respect as sponsors gained by SSL.

37 DRUGS

37.1 SSL will support the requirements set out by the Australian Sports Commission on the use of drugs.

37.2 The use of anabolic steroids during training or the use of stimulant drugs while playing competitive squash is not allowed.

37.3 SSL retains the right to demand that any player suspected of using drugs, give a sample of blood to a nominated medical practitioner, so that the player and Association can independently test the blood contents for drug use, A third sample of the blood can be retained for identification purposes.

38 AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

These By-Laws may only be amended on approval of the Committee. The Committee may receive recommendations from time to time from any Member Club which may or may not be acted on by SSL.

39 APPENDICES

From time to time the Committee may attach Appendices to these By-Laws. These Appendices may contain various methods of controlling Pennant Competitions, scoring, determining positions on ladders and other

related material.

APPENDICES

1 APPROVED SQUASH BALLS

The squash balls to be used are any double yellow balls of brands approved by the World Squash Federation and/or Squash Australia.

2 APPROVED COURT STANDARDS

2.1 Description and Dimensions

The court shall conform to the specifications set out in the Rules of Squash Appendix.

2.2 Lighting, Court Walls and Court Floor

Lighting, Court Walls and the Court Floor must be of a standard acceptable to the Committee.

3 DRESS STANDARDS

The following clothing requirements shall apply without exception to pennant competition:

- 3.1 The decision of the referee shall be final in all matters of judgement or opinion arising from the interpretation of this clothing rule, except that he/she may not rule illegal or unacceptable an item of clothing or a design which has been approved by the WSF, Squash Australia, Squash & Racquetball Victoria or the SSL Committee.
- 3.2 Player clothing shall consist of: active leisurewear, a dress or shirt and shorts or skirt, socks and playing shoes. Headbands and wristbands are optional.
- 3.3 All clothing shall conform to the accepted standards of decency and cultural / religious observance in Australia.
- 3.4 Players may wear clothing of any colour or combination of colours.
- 3.5 Neither singlets (i.e. builders, casual or underwear style) nor caps may be worn during pennant matches.
 - 3.5.1 Specific 'sporting' singlets associated with competitive sports will be considered.
 - 3.5.2 Players are to conform to any local club rules whereby singlets of all types are specifically excluded.
- 3.6 Tracksuits may be worn during the warm-up but may not be worn during the remainder of the match.

4 OTHER CLOTHING

Any jewellery or watches worn by a player shall not be so conspicuous or brightly reflecting as to distract or unsight an opponent and shall not be potentially dangerous.

5 PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR

A player who satisfies the Squash Australia age eligibility requirement for under 19 years and/or any younger age group competitions must wear protective eyewear approved by Squash Australia and under the conditions specified by Squash Australia.