

# The 2012 PSA Tour Guide



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## Introduction to The Professional Squash Association

The Professional Squash Association (PSA) was formed on 1 January 1993 as a result of combining the International Squash Players Association (ISPA) and the World Professional Squash Association (WPSA), a North American organisation.

### PSA World Tour

The PSA is responsible for the organisation and coordination of the official international men's squash circuit, called the PSA World Tour, and this provides the criteria for the Dunlop PSA World Rankings.

The PSA World Tour is played yearlong and consists of singles knockout tournaments. It schedules and sanctions world ranking tournaments and assists clubs, independent promoters and national governing bodies in organising professional squash tournaments in the interests of promoting the sport of squash.

To ensure the orderly and successful presentation of the worldwide squash calendar the PSA makes every effort to coordinate with the World Squash Federation (WSF) and the Women's Squash Association (WSA).

### PSA Mission Statement

The PSA's vision is that men's professional squash achieves its rightful place; recognised as being the most athletic, demanding, dynamic and exciting racquet sport in the world.

The PSA's mission is to manage the men's professional game in all its various facets so as to:

- Develop the PSA World Tour as a showcase of the world's top talent
- Create a greater public awareness of the PSA and its players
- Create and develop the PSA Brand
- Increase member income opportunities
- Continue to build a strong financial and administrative base for the Association
- Continue to develop close relationships with the WSF, WSA and National Federations
- Promote interest in the game among players and non-players
- Create a variety of benefits and services to assist members

The brand values of the PSA are that it cares about its members and puts its members first; acts with honour and integrity in all that it does; and is professional and relentless in its desire to elevate the game of squash.

### PSA Tour Guide

The PSA has produced this Tour Guide, which contains information on the Rules and Regulations of the PSA World Tour, so that players and tournament promoters adhere to the same conditions throughout the world. PSA members and tournaments registered with PSA are bound by the rules, regulations and code of conduct contained in this Tour Guide.

# 1 PSA World Tour

## 1.1 Tournament Levels

A PSA Player earns PSA World Ranking points, which are based on the Tournament Level.

The PSA World Tour incorporates the following tournament levels:

PSA World Championship  
 PSA World Series (Platinum, Gold, PSA Masters, PSA Cup)  
 PSA International  
 PSA Challenger  
 PSA Closed Satellite

The **Tournament Level** is based on the amount of **Total Compensation**. The Total Compensation is calculated by adding the total of on-site Prize Money plus Tournament Bonuses (see section 2.3.2 for the breakdown).

### 1.1.1 PSA World Championship

The PSA World Championship is the ultimate tournament on the PSA World Tour and as such is regarded as affording the PSA players the opportunity to aspire to the highest pinnacle of competitive achievement.

The PSA World Championship is intended to take place annually and is a title owned by the WSF but licensed to the PSA, who maintain, under the terms of such License, full operational control of the tournament together with full ownership of all broadcast and new media rights and receipt of all rights fees.

The PSA World Championship requires a minimum Total Compensation of \$275,000 in 2012 and \$300,000 in 2013.

### 1.1.2 PSA World Series

The PSA World Series is a select group of high profile squash tournaments and are instantly recognisable as the pinnacle of the sport. They offer the largest prize money purses, attract the world's best players and provide the most demanding competition. They are the main focus of the PSA's global TV coverage and are all broadcast on the online squash channel, Squash TV ([www.psasquashtv.com](http://www.psasquashtv.com)).

These tournaments require a 32 main draw with a 32 qualification draw (not including PSA Masters, PSA Cup), hotel accommodation, and one meal per day for main draw players, International standard television, web-streaming and a suitable glass court.

- **PSA World Series Platinum** events require a minimum total compensation of \$150,000. On-site prize money to be a minimum of \$135,000.
- **PSA World Series Gold** events require a minimum total compensation of \$115,000. On-site prize money to be a minimum of \$100,000.
- **PSA Masters (Platinum)** is an event that requires a minimum total compensation of \$165,000. On-site prize money to be a minimum of \$150,000. (32 main draw, no qualification)
- **PSA Cup** is an event that requires a minimum total compensation of \$165,000. On-site prize money to be a minimum of \$150,000. (48 main draw, no qualification)

### 1.1.3 PSA World Series Finals

All results from the PSA World Series events make up the PSA World Series Standings. The top eight players in these standings at the end each calendar year are eligible to play in the PSA World Series Finals. See Appendix V for the PSA World Series Final Rules.

### 1.1.4 PSA International Tournaments

These events range from the larger club events and entry point glass court events all the way through to higher profile glass court events that may develop to become World Series events. Tournaments with a total compensation starting at \$25,000;

PSA International 70	\$70,000+
PSA International 50	\$50,000- \$69,999
PSA International 35	\$35,000 - \$49,999
PSA International 25	\$25,000 - \$34,999

### 1.1.5 PSA Challenger Tournaments

These events form the backbone of the Tour and are the entry point for young or up and coming professionals progressing through to a more international level of competition. Tournaments with a total compensation starting at \$5,000.

PSA Challenger 15	\$15,000 - \$24,999
PSA Challenger 10	\$10,000 - \$14,999
PSA Challenger 5	\$5,000 - \$9,999

### 1.1.6 PSA Closed Satellite Tournaments

Closed Satellite tournaments can be either a National Closed Championship or a tournament/series of tournaments whose entry is restricted to members of an Association that promotes the tournament. Such Association must be a National Squash Association or other Association that has applied for and been recognised as in a good standing with the PSA. (See Section 8)

## 1.2 PSA Tournament Service

PSA will provide all tournament promoters with support in the administration of all PSA sanctioned events.

- Advice in the administration and management of all events on the PSA World Tour calendar;
- Scheduling of dates for best possible player entry;
- Circulation to all PSA members of details of all sanctioned events;
- Registration and management of all player entries to events through the PSA Office;
- Assisting events with player visas;
- Making the main and qualification draws;
- Supply biographies & photographs of players;
- Enforcement of the PSA's Code of Conduct to ensure high standards of professionalism.

## 1.3 PSA World Tour Calendar

The PSA works closely with WSF and WSA to ensure the annual presentation of an effective calendar of tournaments.

The PSA holds certain calendar periods free from major PSA World Tour events to ensure the successful presentation of squash competition, as follows:

- The Olympic Games. Commonwealth Games, Pan American Games, Asian Games, All Africa Games and World Games. Protection for the period of the Squash event in the Games, plus one day before and after, from all PSA events in the same country.
- World Men's Team Championships. Protection for the period of the Championships, plus one day before and after, from all PSA events in the same country, from PSA Challenger 15 and above in the same continent and from PSA International 35 and above elsewhere.
- Annual European Team Championships. Protection for a period of 6 days, following from the last Monday in April, from all PSA events in the same country, from PSA Challenger 15 and above in Europe and PSA International 50 and above elsewhere.

### 1.3.1 PSA World Tour Scheduling

The World Championship is given date protection from the day before the qualification commences to the day after the main draw finishes (12 days maximum) from any event over PSA International 25 anywhere in the world.

Upon a PSA World Series event registering at least six months in advance, PSA will not then sanction, unless otherwise agreed by the Promoter of such World Series event, another tournament with overlapping dates, defined to include the qualifying and main draw and one day on either side of thereof, (a) a PSA International 35 or above no matter where located, or (b) a PSA International 25 or above, within 250 miles of, and within the same country as, such World Series event.

If two or more World Series events are being held in the same city, there should be a minimum of six weeks between the events unless otherwise agreed by the Promoters concerned and approved by the PSA.

Upon a PSA International 70 event registering at least five months in advance, and upon acceptance by the PSA, PSA will not then sanction, unless otherwise agreed by the Promoter of such an event, another tournament with overlapping dates, defined to include the qualifying and main draw and one day on either side of thereof, (a) a PSA International 35 or above, on the same continent, or (b) a PSA International 25 or above, within 250 miles of, and within the same country as, such event.

PSA International 50 and below events are not guaranteed date protection. However, if such an event registers at least six months in advance, maximum efforts will be made to schedule it in order to eliminate as much date conflict as reasonably possible.

## 1.4 Liaison with National Squash Federation

The PSA requires that the tournament issues a formal invitation for the President of its National Squash Federation to be present at, at least, the semi finals and finals of the event. PSA encourages the Tournament to apply the logo of its National Squash Federation on all printed material connected with the Tournament.

## 1.5 Wagers

No player or official shall wager, cause to wager or benefit from the wagering of anything of value in connection with any PSA World Tour sanctioned event.

## 1.6 Appearance Fees/Guarantees

Appearance fees and guarantees are strictly forbidden. Tournaments shall not offer players any compensation, gratuity or other thing of value for the purpose of guaranteeing their appearance.

Any PSA employee, Board Member or Endorsed Personnel, specifically involved in a PSA sanctioned event, is prohibited from negotiating any financial or compensated arrangement between any PSA player and that specific tournament.

## 1.7 Prizes

The tournament should provide subsidiary prizes (e.g. Trophies) but any prizes offered of substantial monetary value must be approved by PSA.



## 2 Tournament Commitment

### 2.1 General

All sanctioned PSA tournaments agree to comply with all provisions outlined in this PSA Tour Guide. Each tournament agrees to accept the entries of PSA members on the basis of the Dunlop PSA World Rankings at the time of close of entries.

### 2.2 Sanctioning Process

A tournament applying to be sanctioned by the PSA must provide the following:

- Completed and signed Event Agreement
- Registration Fee
- PSA Player Tax
- Local Taxation details
- Rights Fees (if applicable)
- Letter of Credit (if applicable)

#### 2.2.1 Tournament Registration

The Event Agreement must be fully completed, signed and returned with the Registration Fee and PSA Player Tax for all PSA Sanctioned tournaments. No event is confirmed on the PSA World Tour Calendar without the submission of the signed Registration Form in the Event Agreement and the complete payment of all the appropriate tournament fees. Failure of the Tournament to honour any of the obligations prior to, or during the event, may result in the withdrawal of sanction and possible disqualification from future participation as a PSA World Tour event.

The completed and signed Event Agreement, with the appropriate fees, **must** be completed according to the following timetable:

- PSA Challenger events **at least two months prior** to the commencement of the qualifying round;
- PSA International events up to and including PSA International 50 events **at least four months prior** to the commencement of the qualifying round;
- PSA International 70 events **at least five months prior** to the commencement of the qualifying round;
- PSA World Series events **at least six months prior** to the commencement of the qualifying round;
- 16-man draw events with on-site prize money of \$100,000 USD or more **at least six months prior** to the commencement of the qualifying round.

The PSA will do its utmost to adhere to the above timetable but there may be occasions when this is not possible.

#### 2.2.2 Registration Fees

- Registration fee for events with on-site prize money of less than \$10,000 USD will be **\$500 USD**.
- Registration fee for events with on-site prize money of \$10,000 USD and above will pay a registration fee that is equal to **5%** of the on-site prize money.
- Registration fee for Closed Satellite events will be **£100.00 GBP**.
- **Discount Offers;** If an event registers at least nine (9) months before the commencement of the start of the tournament, then the registration fee will be subject to a 10% discount. If a Promoter registers, at the same time, between 3 – 5 PSA Challenger 5 & 10 events he/she will get a 20% discount on the registration fees; if he/she registers 6 or more then the discount will be 25%. Closed Satellite events can also get discounts on registration fees; register a minimum of 3 events will get a 10% discount; register minimum 6 events will get a 15% discount; register minimum 9 events will get a 20% discount; register minimum 12 events will get a 25% discount.

### 2.2.3 PSA Player Tax

PSA members pay **5%** of all gross prize money earned in ALL PSA sanctioned tournaments, with the exception of Closed Satellite events. This is called the PSA Player Tax.

This money is the player's contribution to the Association. This is to be paid to the PSA as part of the Sanctioning Process and is therefore due alongside the registration fees and event agreement when the tournament is registered.

### 2.2.4 Letter of Credit

New World Series events and occasionally some large events may be required to lodge with the PSA, 6 months prior to the commencement of the qualification event, **an approved irrevocable** Letter of Credit, in form and substance, satisfactory to the PSA, from a PSA approved Bank, to the value of 25% of the on-site prize money. Such letter of credit must have an expiration date no earlier than one (1) month after the last scheduled day of the PSA event. Please note in the event of cancellation a promoter is liable for player compensation claims. The Letter of Credit does not cover these claims.

### 2.2.5 Rights Fees

Certain events including the PSA World Championship, PSA World Series, PSA Masters and PSA Cup, and the PSA World Series Final are liable to pay rights fees to the PSA. These will be detailed in the individual Event Agreements.

### 2.2.6 Local Taxation

If local taxes are to be deducted from the player prize money then the following information **MUST** be given on the **Tournament Registration Form** in the Event Agreement:

- The local rate of taxation to be applied
- How much tax allowance applies (e.g. a travel, expenses and/or daily allowance)

The tournament **MUST** provide the PSA player with an **OFFICIAL TAX CERTIFICATE** when he pays him his prize money. The certificate should contain:

Name of Player; Gross Prize Money; Tax Free Allowances; Amount of Tax Percentage; Net Prize Money.

### 2.2.7 Event Postponement

- i. In the event that a tournament has to postpone **due to reasons outside of its control** then the Registration Fee and PSA Player Tax (and deposits from any new World Series event) will hold good, as long as the event takes place within 12 months of the date of the postponement.
- ii. In the event that a tournament has to postpone, and the reason is acceptable to PSA, **at least 3 months** before the due start date of the event, they will not lose their fees (Registration & PSA Player tax) providing that a new date for the tournament is confirmed within 2 months of the date of postponement. The event needs to take place within 12 months of the original event dates. For example:
 

Original Event start date:	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2012
Postponement date:	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012
New event date:	Needs to be confirmed before 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2012

### 2.2.8 Event Cancellation

In the event that a tournament is cancelled outside **6 months before the start date** the fees (Registration Fee and PSA Player Tax) will be **refunded**.

Any event withdrawing from the PSA World Tour after the above time limit will be subject to the following:

- **Cancellation between 6 – 4 months before the event start date;**  
Below World Series Level - Loss of fees & warning over future conduct.

World Series Level - Loss of fees, warning over future conduct, exclusion from running any further PSA events for a period of 1 year from date of cancellation.

- **Cancellation within 4 months;**

Below International 50 - Loss of fees, exclusion from running any further PSA events for a period of 1 year

International 50, 70 - As above & a fine of up to \$2,500 USD

World Series Level - As above & a fine of up to \$5,000 USD

- **Cancellation within 2 months;**

Below International 50 - Loss of fees, exclusion from running any further PSA events for a period of 2 years from date of cancellation + a fine up to \$5,000 USD.

International 50, 70 - As above & a fine of up to \$7,500 USD

World Series Level - As above & a fine of up to \$15,000 USD

Tournaments will also be liable to reimburse evidenced player travel/hotel costs resulting from the cancellation.

**An administration cost of £250 GBP+VAT will be added to cover the cost of all correspondence resulting from any event cancellation.**

### 2.2.9 PSA Bank Account Details

Account Name: PROFESSIONAL SQUASH ASSOCIATION

Address: BARCLAYS BANK PLC, P O BOX 69,1-5 ST DAVIDS WAY, CARDIFF, CF10 1DP, WALES, UK.

**GBP Account Number:** £ - 50419869

Sort Code: 20-18-15

IBAN: GB36BARC2018 1550 4198 69

SWIFTBIC: BARCGB22

**USD Account Number:** \$ - 55112933

Sort Code: 20-18-15

IBAN: GB57BARC2018 1555 1129 33

SWIFTBIC: BARCGB22

## 2.3 Prize Money and Total Compensation

The amount of **Total Compensation** determines which **Tournament Level** the event is classed as on the PSA World Tour. Total Compensation is calculated by adding the total of on-site Prize Money and the Tournament Bonuses (Hotel and Glass Court).

All prize money is calculated in United States Dollars (USD). Tournaments may offer any amount of prize money as "on-site prize money" starting at \$3,000 USD.

For the majority of events, players will be paid directly from the PSA through PSA's Travelex Global Business Payments solution. Promoters will be given advice on this method when the event is registered. All PSA players will have their details stored securely within Travelex Payee Manager ready to accept their prize money payments.

For those events not using the Travelex payments system, players are to be paid in US dollars either by cheque or cash and shall be paid to each player on the day of his elimination from the tournament.

If a tournament wishes to pay prize money in their local currency such a request should be made in writing and must accompany the Registration of the event. PSA will confirm, in writing, if this is acceptable. The Promoter will be advised of the local currency exchange rate to the USD one week prior to the start of the qualification. This will be a corporate exchange rate given to us by Travelex.

### 2.3.1 Prize Money Breakdown

The prize money breakdown is as follows:

	64 Draw	48 Draw	32 Draw	16 Draw with qualification	16 Draw without qualification
<b>Winner</b>	16%	16%	17.5%	19%	20%
<b>Runner-up</b>	10%	10%	11.5%	13%	14%
<b>Semi-finalist</b>	6%	6%	7%	8.5%	9%
<b>Quarter-finalist</b>	3.5%	3.5%	4.25%	5.25%	5.5%
<b>Last 16</b>	2%	2.25%	2.5%	3%	3.25%
<b>Last 32</b>	1%	1.175%	1.25%		
<b>Last 48</b>		0.7%			
<b>Last 64</b>	0.5%				
<b>Last Rd Qualifier</b>				1.5%	

#### Note:

- All percentages should be applied after the PSA Player Tax is deducted from the total on-site prize money.
- If a Lucky Loser (See Section 5.2.11 Lucky Losers) is promoted to a main draw then his prize money, won in the last round of qualification, shall be distributed by the Tournament Organiser, in equal shares, to the remaining Lucky Losers of that last round of qualification.

### 2.3.2 Total Compensation: On-site Prize Money and Tournament Bonuses

Tournament Level	On Site Prize Money (Minimums)	Hotel Bonus	Glass Court Bonus*	Total Compensation
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>PSA World Championship</b>	275,000	25,000	-	300,000
<b>PSA Cup (World Series Platinum)</b>	150,000	20,000	-	170,000
<b>PSA Masters (World Series Platinum)</b>	150,000	15,000	-	165,000
<b>PSA World Series (Platinum)</b>	135,000	15,000	-	150,000
<b>PSA World Series (Gold)</b>	100,000	15,000	-	115,000
<b>PSA International 70</b>	62,500	5,000*	2,500	70,000
<b>PSA International 50</b>	42,500	5,000*	2,500	50,000
<b>PSA International 35</b>	30,000	2,500*	2,500	35,000
<b>PSA International 25</b>	20,000	2,500*	2,500	25,000
<b>PSA Challenger 15</b>	13,000	2,000*	-	15,000
<b>PSA Challenger 10</b>	8,000	2,000*	-	10,000
<b>PSA Challenger 5</b>	3,000	2,000*	-	5,000
<b>National Closed Satellite</b>	1,000			1,000
<b>Closed Satellite</b>	1,000			1,000

\* If either the Hotel Bonus or Glass Court Bonus is not used, then the Prize Money needs to be increased to meet the required Total Compensation for that Tournament Level.

\* Private Hospitality is equal, in value, to half of the Hotel Bonus.

#### Hotel Bonus

Double occupancy twin-bedded room (3 star minimum) on a bed and breakfast basis, a maximum of thirty (30) minutes drive from the venue, reasonable transportation to and from the venue if not within walking distance. Accommodation, as a minimum, must be for ALL main draw players from

the night before the main draw commences until two (2) nights after the player loses. If there is a split main draw round, tournament accommodation shall be extended by one day.

#### **Private Hospitality**

Single occupancy, bathroom, toilet and one (1) meal per day. Reasonable transportation to and from venue if not within walking distance. The same rules as Hotel apply (see above) in relation to duration of stay for main draw players.

#### **Glass Court Bonus**

Main draw must be played on a PSA approved permanent or portable glass court. Details of the proposed court floor must be given to and then authorised by PSA.

## **2.4 Indemnification & Insurance**

The Tournament Organiser agrees to indemnify and hold harmless PSA, from and against any and all losses, costs, actions, proceedings, claims, damages, expenses or liabilities suffered or incurred directly or indirectly arising out of or in connection with the hosting of the event.

The Tournament Organiser shall provide public liability insurance of at least \$5 Million USD with the PSA being added as an insured. Evidence of such insurance coverage shall be provided to the PSA no later than 6 weeks before the commencement of the first round of the qualifying draw in such form that it cannot be cancelled without at least 30 days written notice to the PSA.

## **2.5 PSA World Tour Marks/Logos**

Each PSA World Tour event shall identify itself clearly to the public as being part of the PSA World Tour and shall cooperate fully with the PSA in furthering public awareness of the PSA World Tour.

PSA will provide the tournament with PSA Logos relating to the level of the event and the Tournament Organiser agrees to adhere to PSA Branding Guidelines, to be supplied separately by the PSA Office.

## **2.6 PSA Disclaimer**

The PSA, its Board of Directors or staff, does not accept liability for the welfare or safety of players travelling to and participating in events. Whilst the Association will take all reasonable steps to advise players on this matter, it remains the responsibility of players to confirm their own appropriate insurance cover and for the promoter of the event to ensure full and adequate safety, security and insurance measures being in place for players.

## **2.7 Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game**

The favourable reputation of the PSA, its sanctioned events and players is a valuable asset and creates tangible benefits for all PSA members. Accordingly, it is an obligation for PSA World Tour tournaments, owner(s), promoter(s), operator(s) or representative(s) thereof, to refrain from engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash. Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game shall include, but not be limited to, comments to the news media that unreasonably attack or disparage a tournament, sponsor, player, official or the PSA. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with PSA policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that one of the stated persons above knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interests of a tournament, player, sponsor, official or the PSA are expressly covered by this section. Violation of this section shall subject a tournament to loss of its PSA sanction in future years.

## 3 Player Commitment

### 3.1 Player Commitment

All PSA players commit to the following:

- **Player Entry Declaration** (applicable for all PSA World Tour events); By entering, I declare that I am medically fit to participate in the event and will abide by the PSA Tour Guide Rules. I understand that I enter at my own risk and will not hold PSA or the Tournament Organiser responsible for any injury, illness or accident to my person, or damage to or any loss of property, resulting from my participation in the event provided, however, unless caused by the gross negligence of the Tournament Organiser. Furthermore, I hereby indemnify PSA fully with respect to any such claims as are made against PSA, the Promoter and Sponsors in relation to matters arising under this sub-paragraph. A player who is made eligible to be a 'local player' shall during the duration of the player's participation in the tournament be deemed to be a temporary PSA member and shall comply with all the sections of the Tour Guide including but not limited to the Code of Conduct rules.
- **Conduct:** A PSA player shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others.
- **Best Efforts:** A PSA player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in a PSA World Tour sanctioned event.
- **Anti-Doping Policy;** To harmonise Anti-Doping policies at the World level of Squash, the World Squash Federation (WSF) has signed an agreement with the Professional Squash Association (PSA) and the Women's Squash Association (WSA). All are signed up to the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) Code. The PSA is unequivocally opposed, on ethical and medical grounds, to the practice of doping in sport and fully supports the position of the International Olympic Committee/World Anti-Doping Agency (IOC/WADA) against the use of banned substances and methods. The use, possession and/or trafficking of banned substances, methods, or the encouragement/counselling to use banned substances, or methods; and/or taking measures to mask the use of banned substances, or methods by any participant in competitions over which the WSF, PSA and WSA has jurisdiction is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. The WSF Policy on Doping is to ensure fair and equal competition among athletes and by concern for the health of athletes participating in such competition. This Policy shall apply to all participants in competitions over which the WSF and/or PSA has jurisdiction and provides for sanctions against any player found guilty of doping offense. All PSA players are subject to doping controls (urine analyses, blood tests and other authorised techniques for detecting prohibited substances or methods). It is intended that all participants be subject to year round out-of-competition testing and that the Code not apply solely to in-competition testing. It is every PSA player's obligation to be familiar and compliant with the WADA Code. A copy of the WADA Code is available in the Member Section of the PSA Website, [www.psaworldtour.com](http://www.psaworldtour.com).
- **Gambling/Wagers:** No PSA player shall wager, cause to wager or benefit from the wagering of anything of value in connection with any tour sanctioned event. Violation of this section shall subject the player to a fine up to £10,000 GBP and/or suspension from play in the tour for a period up to three (3) years.
- **Promotional Activities:** A PSA player is obliged to attend **ALL** off-court group promotional events arranged by the tournament. Players losing in a Main Draw who wish to continue to enjoy the hotel bonus shall commit to at least one (1) hour of activities per day on behalf of the Tournament Organiser, if requested. The PSA Board will take strong disciplinary action against those players who refuse or do not make themselves available to participate in promotional activities.
- **Interviews:** PSA players should set aside 15 minutes immediately following each match regardless of outcome to speak to the media, if required.
- **PSA SquashTV/TV Interviews:** Players will be required to make themselves available for interviews whilst at the event by PSA's media partners. In the event that a player fails to make themselves available at the appropriate time the player will be in breach of Article 4G of the Code of Conduct. PSA players who make it through to the semi final and final stages of events that are



being filmed by PSA SquashTV will make themselves available for 15 minutes immediately following each match or at the practise session the following morning to do their TV interview for the SquashTV/TV production.

- **Playing another PSA Event:** A PSA player may not play in two PSA events whose **main draw dates overlap**. However, players may enter without penalty or zero scores consecutive tournaments in which progress to the semi's or finals of the first prevent qualifying in the second but only if the two events in question take place **on the same continent**. No player shall enter and/or play two concurrent tournaments, whether PSA or other, without the express written consent of the Chief Executive.
- **Exhibition events:** A PSA player will not play an exhibition or tournament of any sort in a 50 mile (80 km) radius of a sanctioned PSA tournament within seven (7) days on either side or during that tournament without written permission of the tournament promoter or PSA.
- **Rival Tours:** No player will play in a rival tour whilst he is a member of the PSA. A rival tour is a tour, championship or series of events that the PSA consider may damage or affect the good standing of the PSA, its members and own tour.
- Play the **PSA World Series Final**, if eligible.
- **Performer Waivers:** All PSA members on subscribing to the Association agree to waive, in full, their entire individual claims on performer and intellectual property rights.
- **The PSA top 16 World Ranked players** (at time of close of entries) will contract to the following commitment to play the World Championship in a calendar year.
- **The PSA top 8 World Ranked players** (at time of close of entries) will contract to the following commitment to play;
  - i. ALL World Series Platinum events in a calendar year
  - ii. ALL World Series Gold events in a calendar year but will be allowed to drop one of these

**NOTE:** When the "on-line" entry for a World Series event is opened, the PSA office will automatically enter the current top 8 ranked players. If a top 8 player wishes to withdraw from the event they must advise the PSA office **in writing**. As with any other withdrawal, the player has 28 hours, from the entry close deadline, in which to notify the office of their withdrawal. Evidenced injury and compassionate grounds still apply.

**NOTE:** If a World Series Platinum event registers within 6 months of the start date then the above commitment will not apply.

**NOTE:** Violation of any of the above will result in consideration by the PSA Board of disciplinary action.

### 3.2 PSA Player Representative

All playing members i.e. World, Continental, Country or Junior are obliged to serve as a PSA Player Representative at least once in a calendar year, if asked. The PSA player representative will support and participate in activities e.g. development, promotion, coaching and public relations. He will be responsible for ONE SESSION (one to two hours maximum) per tournament. He will not be required to serve in this capacity either 6 hours before or 2 hours after he has competed in a tournament match. The PSA Office will appoint a Player Representative for each PSA tournament once the final main draw entry list of a tournament is confirmed.

### 3.3 PSA Representative

If the PSA Chief Executive or PSA Chief Operating Officer is present at an event he is the official PSA Representative, if not, then a Board member can act in that capacity, if so appointed. If none of the above are present then the Tournament appointed PSA Player Representative is to be considered the PSA Representative in the event to advise on a tournament decision. Should a Tournament Organiser make a decision contrary to that of the PSA or on-site PSA Player Representative, PSA may retroactively allow participating players not to take their points from the event.

## 4 Tournament Conditions

### 4.1 Venue and Playing Facilities

The Tournament Organiser must specify on the Tournament Event Agreement if the event is to be held in an indoor or outdoor arena, e.g. Squash club, Arena, Shopping mall, etc. The tournament should normally be held in ONE CENTRE unless a glass court is being used at a more appropriate venue for later rounds. If more than one centre is being used approval must be obtained from the PSA and additional venues should be within the same city boundaries to avoid excessive disruption to the preparation of players.

#### 4.1.1 Courts

The Tournament Organiser must specify on the Event Agreement whether a portable court will be used and which type it is. All courts should be clean, well lit and with suitable air-conditioning.

The Tin should be at the appropriate height for the tournament;

- i. All PSA World Tour Events of International 25 & above are to be played on a 43 cm (17 inches) tin.
- ii. Other PSA World Tour events have the option of either 43 cm (17 Inches) or 48 cm (19 inches).

The height of the tin must be the same for all matches throughout the tournament.

#### 4.1.2 Practice Courts

It is strongly recommended that the practice courts be of the same standard as the competition courts. The organisers should allocate practice courts according to the draw, i.e. first match on gets the earliest practice slot. This should apply for both main draw and qualification.

If using a GLASS COURT this should be made available for practice at least 24 hours before the start of the matches.

#### 4.1.3 Floors

The court floors that are used for any PSA tournament **MUST BE UNCOATED**.

Distinction must be made between floors that are **COATED** and those that are **SEALED**. A coated floor refers to a finish that lays on the surface of the floor and results in a barrier between the wood and the top surface. Sealed refers to a penetrating treatment wherein the sealer soaks **INTO** the wood but does not impact the surface.

Floors should **NOT** be **COATED** in such a manner as to close the pores in the wood. The need is for liquid (i.e. sweat, ambient humidity, and/or something spilled, like a drink) to penetrate below the surface so as not to create a slippery condition.

Most proprietary squash court floors are **TREATED** with a **PENETRATING SEALER** at the factory before being delivered to the squash court site. If you are unsure about your particular floors, contact the PSA Office and we will have the facilities checked for you. If the floors are **COATED** (meaning pores are closed), they will need to be **SANDED** at least six (6) weeks before the event. The courts should then be **VACUUMED AND DAMP-MOPPED** every day to ensure that all dust is removed. If the floor is **COATED** then moisture from the perspiration of the players is not absorbed and can be a cause of serious injury.

**PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED TO REFUSE TO COMPETE ON COATED FLOORS, AND THIS COULD RESULT IN THE POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF THE TOURNAMENT.**

#### 4.1.4 Warm Up/Players Area

It is helpful to the players if they are provided with a designated players' only warm up/relaxation area where they can prepare/rest for matches, which keeps them separate from the rest of the tournament.



### 4.1.5 Equal Treatment of Players

Tournaments shall treat all players (including qualifiers) equally with respect to housing, meals, transportation and tournament related activities. The only exception to this is being when a hotel bonus is applied.

### 4.1.6 Tournament Responsibility

The Tournament Organiser agrees to be responsible for the organisation, administration, security and safety of the event's venue and to ensure that the venue complies in all respects with applicable health and safety laws and regulations.

The Tournament Organiser agrees to abide by the PSA Tour Guide Rules in all respects and by the final decisions made by the PSA Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer or Tour Executive.

In the absence of either the PSA Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer or PSA Player Representative, the Promoter-of-record, as determined by signature of the Tournament Contract Form, is authorised to make any and all necessary on-site judgements, changes and decisions regarding the effective presentation of a PSA World Tour tournament. However, he or she should make every effort to contact the PSA Office or Representative before making a decision regarding PSA Rules or Regulations.

## 4.2 Tournament Officials

### 4.2.1 Tournament Director

The appointed Tournament Director or Tournament Organiser must be familiar with the contents of the PSA Tour Guide as he or she will be the final arbiter of any policy disputes on site, in the absence of PSA Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer or Tour Executive.

The Tournament Director shall, during the course of an event, make a note of any incident that he or she believes constitutes a violation of the PSA Tour Guide. The Tournament Director shall also, at the conclusion of the event, furnish a written report to the PSA Office, regarding any such occurrence.

### 4.2.2 Tournament Referee

All Tournament Organisers of PSA World Tour sanctioned events must serve as, or appoint, a Tournament Referee. The details (name, address etc.) of the Tournament Referee must be forwarded to the PSA Office prior to the Tournament.

The Tournament Referee's duties are as laid down in the WSF Tournament Referee's Guidelines. In addition, the WSF document entitled Tournament Organisers Role and Responsibilities ([http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/120124\\_-\\_Tournament-Organiser-Director-Referee-Roles-Responsibilities.pdf](http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/120124_-_Tournament-Organiser-Director-Referee-Roles-Responsibilities.pdf)) provides a comprehensive checklist for Tournament Officials. It is essential to the smooth running of the Tournament that the Tournament Referee adheres to these guidelines.

The Tournament Referee or Tournament Organiser must make "every effort" NOT to use, in a match, a referee (marker and referee system) or central referee (3 referee system) of the same nationality as either competitor. Tournament Organisers must fulfil WSF and PSA guidelines for the provision of on-site referees and schedule such individuals so as to prevent a conflict of interest between referees and players. Should no other qualified referee be available, referees of the same nationality are permitted.

### 4.2.3 WSF Referees & 3 Referee System

The use of the 3 Referee System is MANDATORY in PSA World Series events and the World Championship. However, the PSA would encourage all PSA World Tour events, particularly those using portable courts, to use this system where possible. Please see **Appendix II** for details on this system.

Tournament Organisers are **strongly advised** to appoint a minimum number of WSF Referees as follows:

PSA Challenger 5, 10, 15	1 WSF
PSA International 25, 35, 50	2 WSF
PSA International 70	3 WSF

If requested at the time of registration of the tournament, on-site **PSA players may serve as referees**. This policy will only be supported and enforced by PSA if the players are made aware of this condition at the time of entry.

For early rounds, the losing player of a match shall be required to referee the following match. Such player is responsible for finding a qualified replacement should he be unable to fulfil his refereeing obligation. Failure to do this will result in the player being reported to PSA. Disciplinary action may be taken.

### **PSA World Series & World Championship;**

The PSA requires that a minimum of 5 WSF Referees attend PSA World Series Events and 6 WSF Referees attend the World Championship in order to best utilise the 3 Referee System and maintain high standards at the top tier events.

Referee assignment should be as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> round	1 Regional/National, 1 WSF, 1 Player <b>OR</b> 1 Regional/National, 2 WSF <b>OR</b> 3 WSF
2 <sup>nd</sup> round	1 Regional/National, 2 WSF <b>OR</b> 3 WSF
¼ finals	3 WSF
Semi-finals	3 WSF
Final	3 WSF

WSF Referees invited to officiate should receive as a minimum:

- Return travel from home to the tournament venue (including travel to airport on outward and return journeys) \*\* and all necessary travel between the hotel and tournament venue.
- Hotel accommodation. Referees should be housed in the same hotel as the players if possible. If not possible, their hotel must be of an equal standard to that of the players
- All meals.
- Visa Fees. \*\*
- Cost of any injections/medication considered necessary for travel to the country where the event is taking place \*\*
- All expenses to be paid in full prior to departure from tournament
- Additionally, WSF Referees are to be paid \$50 USD per event play day, to cover out of pocket expenses. For travel days and any agreed days on site prior to start, \$15 USD per day will be payable. These daily allowances **MUST** be paid prior to departure.

\*\* To enable promoters to budget, any total travel, medical or fees over \$100.00 need to be pre-authorised by the WSF Office.

The WSF Tournament Promoters Agreement, Tournament Referees Guidelines and list of available International and World Referees are available from: WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION (WSF), 25 Russell Street, Hastings, East Sussex, United Kingdom, TN34 1QU, Telephone: +44 (0) 1424 447 440, Fax: +44 (0) 1424 430 737 Email: [wsf@worldsquash.org](mailto:wsf@worldsquash.org)

## **4.3 Media**

### **4.3.1 Television**

It shall be the promoter's express responsibility to ensure that no filming (including video) whatsoever, except for terrestrial broadcasting, takes place at the event. Terrestrial coverage of the tournament, restricted to the country in which it is played, may be undertaken by the tournament. Permission for such filming may be granted upon written application to the PSA no later than one month before the commencement of the event.

All international television rights, including satellite and video news, are owned in their entirety and managed by the PSA.

### 4.3.2 Video

No live action video filming whatsoever, including by spectators, may take place at the event without the express written permission of the PSA. Such permission may be granted following agreed negotiation on rights and sales income. Permission is granted for these events only to shoot footage on DVD expressly for promotional purposes only. Copies of such DVDs will be supplied to PSA immediately following the event(s) at no cost to PSA.

### 4.3.3 Internet

All Internet and other media rights, both domestic and international, are owned in their entirety by the PSA, and no filming whatsoever for such purposes may take place at the tournament without the express written permission of the PSA. Tournaments may not authorise web-streaming via websites, television or any other medium.

## 4.4 Additional Information

### 4.4.1 Entry Lists

Tournament Organisers can access the tournament entry list daily through the PSA website [www.psaworldtour.com](http://www.psaworldtour.com) via the Promoters login. Access codes will be given on tournament registration.

### 4.4.2 Player Photographs

All PSA registered events will have access to a library of player photographs, primarily of the top 50, via the Promoters Area. Once the event is registered the tournament promoter will be sent the access codes for the PSA Photographic Site. These photographs may be used for promotional purposes and tournament programmes.

### 4.4.3 Player Profile Forms & Biographies

Players biographies are available on the PSA website and may be used for promotional information for the event. Tournament Organisers may access the Dunlop PSA World Rankings pages and select the relevant players.

Every event, after the closing date, will be provided with the biographies of the main draw players (which also includes a small head and shoulders photograph).

### 4.4.4 PSA Event Level Logo

Each PSA World Tour event shall identify itself clearly to the public as being part of the PSA World Tour and shall cooperate fully with the PSA in furthering public awareness of the PSA World Tour. PSA will provide the tournament with PSA Logos relating to the event and the Tournament Organiser agrees to adhere to PSA Branding guidelines, to be supplied separately by the PSA Office.

### 4.4.5 PSA Welcome Message

The tournament can be provided with a PSA welcome message, on request, for the tournament programme.

### 4.4.6 PSA Advertisement

All PSA sanctioned tournaments shall accept, at no charge, a full-page colour PSA advertisement and a Dunlop Official Ball of the PSA advertisement into the tournament programme, if so produced, with such advertisements to be provided by the PSA to the Tournament Promoter.

### 4.4.7 Squash Balls

The Dunlop Pro Squash Ball is the "Official Ball of the PSA" and is mandatory for ALL PSA World Tour events. All PSA World Tour events will be sent complimentary balls. Balls will be shipped to events as follows; 3-dozen for a 16 draw; 5-dozen for a 32 draw. White balls will be provided for all glass court tournaments.

#### 4.4.8 Dunlop Official Ball of the PSA Tin Stickers

The Tournament will be provided with PSA tin stickers for use during the event and will be sent Logo placement guidelines. The 'Dunlop Official Ball of the PSA' tin sticker **must be affixed** to the front left of the tin on all courts used for the event including the Glass Court. The stickers will be dispatched at least one month before the event commences.

#### 4.4.9 Event Website & [www.psaworldtour.com](http://www.psaworldtour.com)

Please inform the PSA Office of the official event website. We will link to the site from a dedicated tournament page on [www.psaworldtour.com](http://www.psaworldtour.com).

- i. The PSA Event Level Logo must be displayed above the fold of the tournament website browser (as per the PSA Event Branding Guidelines).
- ii. PSA's Squash TV Logo (with a hyperlink to Squash TV) must be displayed on the tournament website. (if the event is being covered by SquashTV)
- iii. The PSA website will be updated with results and also pictures from the event. If PSA does not have direct access to photographs from the event, we require them to be sent through directly to Howard Harding (contact details below).

#### 4.4.10 VIP Seating

The tournament shall provide a maximum of four (4) complimentary rear-wall tickets and VIP passes, per day, to the PSA.

#### 4.4.11 Ticket Conditions

Each Promoter is responsible, as occupier of the tournament venue, for the admission of the public to the venue. Each promoter shall therefore be responsible for ensuring that members of the public are admitted to the venue on ticket conditions which ensure, insofar as legally possible, safe and orderly admittance.

### 4.5 Tournament Reports

#### 4.5.1 Tournament Results

As part of the Tournament Contract the Tournament Organiser is required to send the results on a DAILY basis, either by fax or email to the following:

1. Howard Harding, PSA Media Director      Email: [media@psaworldtour.com](mailto:media@psaworldtour.com)  
Fax: +44 1737 22787
2. PSA Office      Email: [rankings@psa-squash.com](mailto:rankings@psa-squash.com)  
Fax: +44 2920 228185
3. Claudia Schürmann      Email: [claudia@psaworldtour.com](mailto:claudia@psaworldtour.com)  
Fax: +44 2920 228185

One of the reasons why we request this information to be sent this way is so that YOUR event can get international press coverage. Howard Harding, our Media Director, has a very extensive contact list and in almost all cases journalists rely on him for international event news. Also your event results and any report will feature on the PSA website, [www.psaworldtour.com](http://www.psaworldtour.com). This is good for your event, sponsor(s) and the game of squash.

When sending the results you must include FULL game scores, length of match and time of match. Should you have a very close match, say between the top seed and a qualifier or two top seeds, the inclusion of the score sheet would be helpful so that Howard can do a more informative report. Of course, if you can send over a few words as well on any outstanding matches that would be very much appreciated.

#### 4.5.2 Disciplinary Report

Any on or off court violation of PSA Tour Guide rules and regulations by a player should be detailed by the match referee or tournament organiser in the Official PSA Code of Conduct Report Form and forwarded to PSA, within seven (7) working days of the completion of the tournament. The PSA will only act on the submission of the official PSA Code of Conduct Report form; no other forms will be accepted.

#### 4.5.3 Tournament Report

To be returned to the PSA Office within 7 days of completion of the tournament

## 5 The Competition

### 5.1 Tournament Entry and Withdrawal

Players are accepted into an entry list for a PSA World Tour event in order of their position on the Dunlop PSA World Rankings.

#### 5.1.1 On-line Tournament Entry

All PSA players are given individual access codes for the Members Area of the PSA website, [www.psaworldtour.com](http://www.psaworldtour.com). These codes are for their own personal use and must not be given to any other persons.

They will allow him to perform the following functions;

- i. Enter a tournament
- ii. Withdraw from a tournament
- iii. Review the current entry lists for tournaments
- iv. See event information in the Tournament Overview
- v. Check the calendar
- vi. Review the Dunlop PSA World Rankings
- vii. Review their personal data
- viii. Amend his password and client code (user ID)

Players must enter events through this online system. No verbal entries will be accepted under any circumstances. If a PSA member is given a local spot in an event, then he must make sure he enters that tournament through the on-line system. The closing date for all events shall be no closer than four (4) to eight (8) weeks before the commencement date of the main draw of the tournament.

#### 5.1.2 On-line Tournament Withdrawal

On-line withdrawals, **without penalty**, after the 12 Noon (UK Time) on the closing date are **allowed** as follows:

- Main Draw confirmation deadline – within 28 hours after the 12 Noon deadline on closing day, i.e. 16.00hrs (UK time) the following day. The main draw list is finalised after this deadline.
- Qualification List deadline – within 52 hours after the 12 Noon deadline on closing day, i.e. 16.00hrs (UK time) two days after the closing date. The qualification list is finalised after this deadline. Once this deadline has passed and he is confirmed in a qualification, the system will automatically remove him from any Reserve list, whose main draw dates overlap.

After the above timelines, all withdrawals need to be advised to the PSA Office in writing, no verbal withdrawals are accepted.

Players on the reserve list can withdraw at anytime if they are not in the final qualification list.

#### 5.1.3 Late Withdrawal

Any withdrawal after the entry confirmation deadlines, as outlined above, is considered a **Late Withdrawal**. (See 5.5 Withdrawals)

It is a player's responsibility, whether in the main draw or qualification list, to inform the PSA Office, in writing by either email or fax, of his withdrawal from an event **as early as possible**.

The PSA Office or the PSA Representative will not act on a withdrawal, until it is received in writing.

Any late withdrawal from a tournament, after the final list has been confirmed will be penalised with a zero score. (See 5.6 Zero Scores)

If the withdrawal is **within 7 days** of the event, the withdrawal must also be copied to the following:

- i. The PSA Office, [office@psaworldtour.com](mailto:office@psaworldtour.com)

- ii. The Tournament Organiser of the event
- iii. PSA COO, Lee Beachill, [lee.beachill@psaworldtour.com](mailto:lee.beachill@psaworldtour.com)
- iv. PSA CEO, Alex Gough, [alex.gough@psaworldtour.com](mailto:alex.gough@psaworldtour.com)
- v. PA to the CEO, COO Claudia Schürmann [claudia@psaworldtour.com](mailto:claudia@psaworldtour.com)

This is most important if the withdrawal is over a **weekend** or when the **PSA Office is closed**.

The Tournament Organiser has the authority to action the withdrawal, as long as it is received in writing, should the PSA Office be closed.

**The responsibility is always on the player to check that his withdrawal has been received in time.**

## 5.2 Draws

### 5.2.1 Main Draw

The draw will be made at the PSA Office after the confirmed Qualification List deadline. This will be published on the Friday of the same week unless an event has requested to have the draw embargoed (the is only valid for Major events and needs to have written agreement from the PSA).

### 5.2.2 Qualification Draw

- The PSA office shall make the draw at least **24 hours before** the qualification commences. PSA will aim to issue to the players and publish after 12 noon (UK time) that day.
- If there are any withdrawals after the draw has been made go to Sections 5.5.1 – 5.5.5 for the procedure on how they will be actioned.
- A NO SHOW at a qualification will receive an automatic £50 GBP fine for the first offence and any subsequent offences will have an increased fine plus suspension. A No Show will automatically be recorded as a zero score.

### 5.2.3 Draw Size Options

The following demonstrates the draw sizes that are available:

\$5,000- \$99,999	16 main draw; 16 qualification
	32 main draw; 16 or 32 qualification
\$100,000+	16 main draw; 16 qualification
	32 main draw; 16 or 32 qualification* (* World Series Events - 32 qualification)
	64 main draw; 32 or 64 qualification

Events **up to and including \$10,000** Total Compensation may choose **not** to have a qualification event.

### 5.2.4 Seeding

Main draws:	16 draw; seed 4 players
	32 draw; seed 8 players
	64 draw; seed 16 players
Qualification draws:	16 draw; seed 8 players
	32 draw; seed 16 players
	64 draw; seed 32 players

Players are placed into draws in descending order of ranking. In the event of players having the identical ranking the priority will be given to the player in the following sequence.

- i. The player who has played the most tournaments (excluding zero scores)
- ii. Ranking of the previous month
- iii. The player who has played the most tournaments in the previous month's ranking (excluding zero scores)
- iv. Random draw

### 5.2.5 Making the Main Draw

All PSA tournaments will have a seeded draw using the latest Dunlop PSA World Ranking as at the closing date for entries.

Players are placed into draws in descending order of ranking. The draw is then made in accordance with the SCHEDULE below which is called the RANDOM DRAW METHOD. All PSA World Tour events must use this draw method for both qualification and main draw.

16 Draw	Number Drawn - 1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Seed Number 1	Slot 1			
2	Slot 16			
3/4	Slot 8	Slot 9		
5/16	Place remaining players into draw from top to bottom <sup>1</sup>			

32 Draw	Number Drawn - 1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Seed Number 1	Slot 1			
2	Slot 32			
3/4	Slot 16	Slot 17		
5/8	Slot 8	Slot 9	Slot 24	Slot 25
9/32	Place remaining players into draw from top to bottom <sup>2</sup>			

64 Draw	Number Drawn - 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Seed 1	Slot 1							
2	Slot 64							
3/4	Slot 32	Slot 33						
5/8	Slot 16	Slot 17	Slot 48	Slot 49				
9/16	Slot 8	Slot 9	Slot 24	Slot 25	Slot 40	Slot 41	Slot 56	Slot 57
17/64	Place remaining players into draw from top to bottom <sup>3</sup>							

### 5.2.6 Byes

Where it is necessary to have BYES in the draw, seeded players are put through in ranking order.

### 5.2.7 Wildcards

Wildcards are players included in the main draw at the sole discretion of the tournament. The PSA will sanction the inclusion of a wildcard in any PSA World Tour event if the event so wishes. A tournament organiser has to confirm the name of the wildcard to the PSA Office before the closing date for entries. A wildcard has to be a member of the PSA. A PSA player can only have one wildcard per calendar year.

Tournaments can, if they so wish, nominate a reserve/alternate wildcard to take the place of an original wildcard nomination in case that player makes the main draw by virtue of his ranking. The reserve wildcard can also replace the original wildcard if he has to withdraw due to injury, sickness, etc.

Any withdrawal from an event by a wildcard must be made in writing to the PSA Office. It is the player's sole responsibility to confirm this is done.

<sup>1</sup> Qualifiers may not play qualifiers and the wildcard must play a top 8 seed.

<sup>2</sup> Qualifiers may not play qualifiers and the wildcard must play a top 16 seed.

<sup>3</sup> Qualifiers may not play qualifiers and the wildcard must play a top 32 seed.



The PSA Board expects that a Tournament Organiser utilise the use of a wildcard place in a reasonable and responsible manner.

### 5.2.8 Local Players

A Tournament Organiser can reserve up to 25% (up to 50% in PSA Challenger 5 events) of places in a qualification draw for local players, they do not have to be PSA members. A Tournament Organiser can apply, in exceptional circumstances, for an increase to these numbers.

The **guiding** definition of a local player is that he should meet one of the following criteria:

- Should be a national or multi-national of the country where the tournament is held
- If a non-national he should have legitimate attachment to the club, sponsor or Tournament Organiser

A player who is made eligible to be a 'local player' shall during the duration of the player's participation in the tournament be deemed to be a temporary PSA member and shall comply with all the sections of the Tour Guide including but not limited to the Code of Conduct rules. PSA reserves the right to have the final discretion on the local players list.

A Tournament Organiser must submit a full list of local players' names; this includes any reserves, to the PSA Office in writing, by the stated closing date of entries. That list becomes final after the two (2) day period for qualifiers to withdraw. Once the local player's list is designated final, a Tournament Organiser cannot add to it or amend it.

Any local places that are not used by the event revert back to places for PSA players.

If an event holds its qualification in another country only one of the locals' places must be reserved for the host of the qualification.

If a Tournament Organiser chooses to have a pre-qualification event in order to get his local players they must submit the names of all the participants in the pre-qualification event, within the above time schedule. A Tournament Organiser is not allowed to replace a local player with another local player unless they are on the "final" local player list. This may mean that a qualification draw has byes should there be withdrawals.

No local player can be placed in the entry list if he has a ranking higher than the last PSA entry in the qualification list.

If a local player, who is a PSA member, does not turn up for an event or withdraws late he will get a disciplinary zero. They will also be subject to an automatic fine. (See 5.6 Zero Scores)

Notwithstanding the above the PSA Board may grant local player status in special circumstances. Any such requests must be made in writing stating reasons and circumstances for the request.

### 5.2.9 Non-Scoring Player

New Tournaments may request a "non-scoring" player option. A new tournament is any tournament, which has not appeared on the previous year's PSA World Tour.

The PSA Board may consider granting non-scoring status to a tournament in its SECOND year, should it be seen that there are signs of potential growth in that country in the number of other PSA sanctioned events under and including \$15,000 USD.

Conditions for "Non-Scoring" players;

1. No more than two (2) non-scoring players may play an event.
  - Player one can be the choice of the Promoter.
  - Player two will be the highest ranked player to apply.
2. The player must indicate before the closing date for entries if he is applying for non-scoring status.
3. Only players who have competed in 10 events in the preceding 12 months may apply for non-scoring option.
4. Any non-scoring player who withdraws from the event after the closing date will be subject to all the PSA Code of Conduct penalties.



5. In the event of more than two players applying for non-scoring status, the player not granted non-scoring status shall be notified of the fact and may withdraw from the event up to 24 hours after the closing date for entries with no penalty.

6. A player will only be allowed to play two non-scoring events in a calendar year.

Any player who **loses to a non-scoring player** in the event, has the option of not taking ranking points for that event. He must confirm this within 24 hours of the completion of the event.

### 5.2.10 Reserve Players

PSA will produce for the Tournament Organiser a list of reserve players, based on ranking, to replace any qualifier, who withdraws late. In the event of a late withdrawal, the PSA will email or telephone the designated reserve. If the player does not respond within 24 hours, he will forfeit his place and the next reserve will be contacted. Once a reserve player is committed to a qualification draw then he will be subject to the PSA rules in relation to late withdrawal or No Show. As a Reserve player, if there is no intention or if reserves are not able to travel to an event if called upon at the last minute then they should withdraw themselves (this is WITHOUT penalty) from the list so that PSA and the organisers of the event have a true reflection of the final reserve list.

### 5.2.11 Lucky Losers

A lucky loser is a replacement for a withdrawn player in the main draw after the commencement of a qualification and can be included in the main draw up to one (1) hour before the start of the main draw.

Players who lose in the final round of qualifying are eligible to be lucky losers. At the conclusion of the qualification event, in the presence of all eligible players, the person conducting the draw for qualification positions will draw the order for the lucky losers. The first name drawn out will be lucky loser No.1 and so on. They will go into the main draw as follows:

- i. The first vacant place is filled by lucky loser No.1
- ii. Should any other withdrawals occur these are filled by the next in line
- iii. If simultaneous withdrawals occur then these are filled in the draw from top to bottom

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the designated lucky losers to keep the organiser informed of their whereabouts so that they can be contacted immediately should there be a withdrawal after the finish of the qualification and before the start of the first main draw match.

### 5.2.12 Successful Qualifiers

At the conclusion of the qualifying competition, the successful qualifiers will have their places in the main draw drawn by lot. The first name drawn will go into the first vacant qualification place or the qualification spot can be given a number and this is then drawn at the same time as the name.

### 5.2.13 Split Rounds

A split round is defined as a single round of play played over two days. World Series events may include split days of main draw play up to and including the quarterfinals. Non World Series events must apply to the PSA for split rounds. Qualification rounds may not have split rounds unless complimentary accommodation is offered to the qualifying players, in which event the preceding two sentences apply.

### 5.2.14 Unfilled Draws

Where any main draw remains unfilled, the PSA Office may, with the support of the Tournament Organiser, extend the event closing date by a further seven (7) days and canvass entries for the tournament. Local players may fill main draws, which remain unfilled after an extended deadline, at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser.

### 5.3 The Rules of Play

All PSA World Tour sanctioned tournaments must abide by the Rules of Squash as described by the World Squash Federation. Rules to be found at <http://www.worldsquash.org>. In addition to these rules PSA have two amendments:

- i. There will be a 2-minute rest between all games.
- ii. When using a white ball, either player may request a new ball at the start of the third game.

### 5.4 Playing Schedule

PSA Challenger 5 events may play up to two (2) rounds on each day of the event.

PSA Challenger 10 events and above will play only one (1) round a day in both qualification and main draws.

#### 5.4.1 Start Times

- In all PSA World Tour events up to World Series level no match in either qualification or main draw should commence before 10.00am.
- In PSA World Series events, main draw play should not commence before twelve (12) noon, unless approved by PSA.
- An **order of play** must be produced for both qualification and main draw matches with match timings allowing not less than forty-five (45) minutes for each match.
- Players cannot be made to play before their scheduled time but must be available to play as soon as their scheduled court is available at or after their scheduled time, subject to an allowable ten (10) minute delay on a scheduled match time.
- Play can start earlier or on another court only by mutual agreement of both players.

This information is to be issued to players in advance of commencement of tournament.

#### 5.4.2 Rest between Matches

If playing more than one match per day, matches should be scheduled so that players are given a minimum of FOUR HOURS REST between the end of their previous match and the beginning of their following match.

In all other events, the minimum amount of rest between the start of matches is 18 hours. For instance, if a player plays his first round match at 22.00 hours, his next match should not be scheduled before 16.00 hours the next day.

#### 5.4.3 Defaults/No Shows

Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his match is called will be defaulted. Also known as a "No Show", a default means a bye is given to his opponent. Players in a qualification, including local players who are PSA members, will be penalised for being a default/no show. As well as a resulting zero there will be an automatic fine of £50 for a No Show.

#### 5.4.4 Third/Fourth Place Play-offs

Tournaments shall not have third/fourth place play-offs.

#### 5.4.5 Match Re-Scheduling

A Tournament Organiser may re-schedule a match to accommodate travel difficulties, but should only do so if the delayed player has requested a re-scheduling at least two hours prior to his match time and if, in the Tournament Organiser's judgement, the reason for the delay is legitimate. Only in exceptional circumstances should a match be re-scheduled to start more than 6 hours past the original starting time. Any players affected by a match re-scheduling should be informed as soon as possible.

## 5.5 Withdrawals

It is a player's responsibility, whether in the main draw or qualification list, to advise the PSA Office in writing by either email or fax, if he cannot play an event after the entry lists have been confirmed. As soon as a player knows he cannot play an event, for whatever reason, it is his responsibility to inform PSA **as early as possible**. The PSA Office or the PSA Representative will **not act upon a withdrawal** until it is received in writing.

Any late withdrawal from a tournament, after the final list has been confirmed will be penalised. (See 5.6 Zero Scores)

Players must also refer to Section 5.1.3 Late Withdrawals when withdrawing to make sure they inform all of the relevant parties.

Should replacements into either the Qualification List or the Main Draw be required on a weekend or when the PSA Office is closed, the Tournament Organiser must make every effort to contact Claudia Schurmann, Lee Beachill or Alex Gough to complete this task. **However**, if they cannot be reached the Tournament Organiser, in the presence of the PSA Player Representative, can undertake to complete this task.

Replacements for withdrawals will be put into the event as described in the five tables overleaf. Please refer to the one with the appropriate draw size and the corresponding timing of the withdrawal.

### 5.5.1 Withdrawal from 16 Main Draw with Qualification

	<b>Withdrawals after Entry List Confirmed, before qualification draw is made<sup>^</sup> &amp; qualification starts</b>	<b>Withdrawals after qualification draw is made and up until 3 hours before Qualification starts<sup>^^</sup></b>	<b>Withdrawals less than 3 hours before Qualifying Starts and up until 24 hours before Main Draw Start Time</b>	<b>Withdrawals within 24 hours of Main Draw Start time</b>	<b>Withdrawals within 1 hour of Main Draw Start Time</b>
<b>Seeds 1/2</b>	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed, qualifier 1 replaces 5th seed* and reserve 1 moves into the qualifying list	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed, and qualifier 1 replaces 5th seed*. In the qualification draw qualifier 5 replaces qualifier 1, qualifier 9 replaces qualifier 5 and reserve** 1 replaces qualifier 9	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed and 'lucky loser' replaces 5th seed*		
<b>Seeds 3/4</b>	5th seed replaces withdrawn player, qualifier 1 replaces 5th seed* and reserve 1 moves into the qualifying list	5th seed replaces withdrawn player and qualifier 1 replaces 5th seed*. In the qualification draw qualifier 5 replaces qualifier 1, qualifier 9 replaces qualifier 5 and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 9	5th seed replaces withdrawn player and 'lucky loser' replaces 5th seed*	Lucky loser' replaces withdrawn player, if no lucky loser available then walkover awarded to opponent	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent
<b>Seeds 5/16</b>	Qualifier 1 replaces withdrawn player and reserve 1 moves into the qualifying list	Qualifier 1 replaces withdrawn player. In the qualification draw qualifier 5 replaces qualifier 1, qualifier 9 replaces qualifier 5 and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 9	'Lucky loser' replaces withdrawn player*		
<b>1- 4 Seeded Qualifiers</b>	Reserve 1 moves into qualifying list	Qualifier 5 replaces withdrawn player, qualifier 9 replaces qualifier 5 and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 9	Walkover awarded to opponent		
<b>5-8 Seeded Qualifiers</b>	Reserve 1 moves into qualifying list	Qualifier 9 replaces withdrawn qualifier and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 9	Walkover awarded to opponent		
<b>Non-Seeded Qualifiers</b>	Reserve 1 moves into qualifying list	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player***	Walkover awarded to opponent		

<sup>^</sup> Qualification draw made approx. 24 hours before qualification starts.

<sup>^^</sup> Qualification draw needs to be finalised no later than 3 hours before qualification starts.

\* If 5<sup>th</sup> seed playing a w/c then move 9<sup>th</sup> seed to replace 5<sup>th</sup> seed and qualifier 1 replaces 9<sup>th</sup> seed.

\*\* If a PSA player withdraws then **only** a reserve PSA player can replace them. If a local player withdraws from the qualifying then a reserve local replaces them. If a reserve cannot be found then the top seed's opponent will replace qualifier 9 seed and the top seed receives a bye. \*\*\*If there is no reserve then the top seed's opponent replaces the withdrawn player and the top seed receives a bye.

### 5.5.2 Withdrawal from 16 Main Draw without Qualification

	<b>Withdrawals after Entry List Confirmed<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>Withdrawals within 24 hour of Main Draw Start Time</b>
<b>Seeds 1/2</b>	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed and reserve 1 replaces 5th seed*	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent
<b>Seeds 3/4</b>	5th seed replaces withdrawn player, and reserve 1 replaces 5th seed*	
<b>Seeds 5/16</b>	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player	
<b>Reserves</b>	Reserves move up entry list	

\* If 5<sup>th</sup> seed playing a w/c then move 9<sup>th</sup> seed to replace 5<sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 9<sup>th</sup> seed.

Note<sup>^</sup>: After the above movement has been completed and if there are no reserves to replace the resulting open slot then players are taken from being opponents of the highest seed, without a bye, and placed in the open slot.

### 5.5.3 Withdrawal from 32 Main Draw with Qualification

	<b>Withdrawals after Entry List Confirmed, before qualification draw is made<sup>^</sup> &amp; qualification starts</b>	<b>Withdrawals after qualification draw is made and up until 3 hours before Qualification starts<sup>^^</sup></b>	<b>Withdrawals less than 3 hours before Qualifying Starts and up until 24 hours before Main Draw Start Time</b>	<b>Withdrawals within 24 hours of Main Draw Start time</b>	<b>Withdrawals within 1 hour of Main Draw Start Time</b>
<b>Seeds 1/2</b>	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed, qualifier 1 replaces 9th seed* and reserve 1 moves into the qualifying list	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed, 9th seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed and qualifier 1 replaces 9th seed*. In the qualification draw qualifier 9 replaces qualifier 1, qualifier 17 replaces qualifier 9 and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 9	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces, 3 <sup>rd</sup> seed, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed and 'lucky loser' replaces 9th seed*	Lucky loser' replaces withdrawn player, if no lucky loser available then walkover awarded to opponent	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent
<b>Seeds 3/4</b>	5th seed replaces withdrawn player, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed, qualifier 1 replaces 9th seed* and reserve 1 moves into the qualifying list	5th seed replaces withdrawn player, 9th seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed and qualifier 1 replaces 9th seed*. In the qualification draw qualifier 9 replaces qualifier 1, qualifier 17 replaces qualifier 9 and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 9	5th seed replaces, 3 <sup>rd</sup> seed, 9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed and 'lucky loser' replaces 9th seed*		
<b>Seeds 5/8</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, qualifier 1 replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed* and reserve 1 moves into the qualifying list	9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player and qualifier 1 replaces 9 <sup>th</sup> seed*. In the qualification draw qualifier 9 replaces qualifier 1, qualifier 17 replaces qualifier 9 and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 9	9 <sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5 <sup>th</sup> seed and 'lucky loser' replaces 9th seed*		
<b>Seeds 9/32</b>	Qualifier 1 replaces withdrawn player* and reserve 1 moves into the qualifying list	Qualifier 1 replaces withdrawn player. In the qualification draw qualifier 9 replaces qualifier 1, qualifier 17 replaces qualifier 9 and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 9	'Lucky loser' replaces withdrawn player*		
<b>1- 8 Seeded Qualifiers</b>	Reserve 1 moves into qualifying list	Qualifier 9 replaces withdrawn qualifier, qualifier 17 replaces qualifier 9 and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 9	Walkover awarded to opponent		
<b>9- 16 Seeded Qualifiers</b>	Reserve 1 moves into qualifying list	Qualifier 17 replaces withdrawn qualifier and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 9	Walkover awarded to opponent		
<b>Non-Seeded Qualifiers</b>	Reserve 1 moves into qualifying list	Reserve 1** replaces withdrawn player	Walkover awarded to opponent		

<sup>^</sup> Qualification draw made approx. 24 hours before qualification starts.

<sup>^^</sup> Qualification draw needs to be finalised no later than 3 hours before qualification starts.

\* If 9<sup>th</sup> seed playing a w/c then move 17<sup>th</sup> seed to replace 9<sup>th</sup> seed and qualifier 1 replaces 17<sup>th</sup> seed.

\*\* If a PSA player withdraws then **only** a reserve PSA player can replace them. If a local player withdraws from the qualifying then a reserve local replaces them. If a reserve cannot be found then the top seed's opponent will replace qualifier 9 seed and the top seed receives a bye. \*\*\* If there is no reserve then the top seed's opponent replaces the withdrawn player and the top seed receives a bye.

### 5.5.4 Withdrawal from 32 Main Draw without Qualification

	Withdrawals after Entry List Confirmed <sup>^</sup>	Withdrawals within 24 hours of Main Draw Start time
<b>Seeds 1/2</b>	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed, 9th seed replaces 5th seed and reserve 1 replaces 9th seed*	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent
<b>Seeds 3/4</b>	5th seed replaces withdrawn player, 9th seed replaces 5th and reserve 1 replaces 9th seed*	
<b>Seeds 5/8</b>	9th seed replaces withdrawn player and reserve 1 replaces 9th seed*	
<b>Seeds 9/32</b>	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player	
<b>Reserves</b>	Reserves moves up entry list	

\* If 9<sup>th</sup> seed playing a w/c then move 17<sup>th</sup> seed to replace 9<sup>th</sup> seed and reserve 1 replaces 17<sup>th</sup> seed.

Note<sup>^</sup>: After the above movement has been completed and if there are no reserves to replace the resulting open slot then players are taken from being opponents of the highest seed, without a bye, and placed in the open slot

### 5.5.5 Withdrawal from 64 Draw with qualification

	<b>Withdrawals after Entry List Confirmed, before qualification draw is made<sup>^</sup> &amp; qualification starts</b>	<b>Withdrawals after qualification draw is made and up until 3 hours before Qualification starts<sup>^^</sup></b>	<b>Withdrawals less than 3 hours before Qualifying Starts and up until 24 hours before Main Draw Start Time</b>	<b>Withdrawals within 24 hours of Main Draw Start time</b>	<b>Withdrawals within 1 hour of Main Draw Start Time</b>
<b>Seeds 1/2</b>	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed, 9th seed replaces 5th seed, 17th seed replaces 9th seed, qualifier 1 replaces 17th seed* and reserve 1 moves into qualifying list	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed, 9th seed replaces 5th seed, 17th seed replaces 9th seed and qualifier 1 replaces 17th seed. In the qualification draw qualifier 17 replaces qualifier 1, qualifier 33 replaces qualifier 17 and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 33	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed, 9th seed replaces 5th seed, 17th seed replaces 9th seed and 'lucky loser' replaces 17th seed	Lucky loser replaces withdrawn player	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent
<b>Seeds 3/4</b>	5th seed replaces withdrawn player, 9th seed replaces 5th seed, 17th seed replaces 9th seed, qualifier 1 replaces 17th seed* and reserve 1 moves into qualifying list	5th seed replaces withdrawn player, 9th seed replaces 5th seed, 17th seed replaces 9th seed and qualifier 1 replaces 17th seed*. In the qualification draw qualifier 17 replaces qualifier 1, qualifier 33 replaces qualifier 17 and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 33	5th seed replaces withdrawn player, 9th seed replaces 5th seed, 17th seed replaces 9th seed and 'lucky loser' replaces 17th seed		
<b>Seeds 5/8</b>	9th seed replaces withdrawn player, 17th seed replaces 9th seed, qualifier 1 replaces 17th seed* and reserve 1 moves into qualifying list	9th seed replaces withdrawn player, 17th seed replaces 9th seed and qualifier 1 replaces 17th seed*. In the qualification draw qualifier 17 replaces, qualifier 1 qualifier 33 replaces qualifier 17 and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 33	9th seed replaces withdrawn player, 17th seed replaces 9th seed and 'lucky loser' replaces 17th seed		
<b>Seeds 9/16</b>	17th seed replaces withdrawn player, qualifier 1 replaces 17th seed* and reserve 1 moves into qualifying list	17th seed replaces withdrawn player and qualifier 1 replaces 17th seed*. In the qualification draw qualifier 17 replaces qualifier 1, qualifier 33 replaces qualifier 17 and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 33	17th seed replaces withdrawn player and 'lucky loser' replaces 17th seed		
<b>Seeds 17/64</b>	Qualifier 1 replaces withdrawn player* and reserve 1 moves into qualifying list	Qualifier 1 replaces withdrawn player*. In the qualification draw qualifier 17 replaces qualifier 1, qualifier 33 replaces qualifier 17 and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 33	'Lucky loser' replaces withdrawn player		
<b>1-16 Seeded Qualifiers</b>	Reserve 1 moves into qualifying list	Qualifier 17 replaces withdrawn qualifier, qualifier 33 replaces qualifier 17 and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 33	Walkover awarded to opponent		
<b>17-32 Seeded Qualifiers</b>	Reserve 1 moves into qualifying list	Qualifier 33 replaces withdrawn qualifier and reserve 1** replaces qualifier 33	Walkover awarded to opponent		
<b>Non-Seeded Qualifiers</b>	Reserve 1 moves into qualifying list	Reserve 1** replaces withdrawn player***	Walkover awarded to opponent		

<sup>^</sup> Qualification draw made approx. 24 hours before qualification starts.

<sup>^^</sup> Qualification draw needs to be finalised no later than 3 hours before qualification starts.

\* If 17<sup>th</sup> seed or withdrawn player is playing a wildcard then move 33<sup>rd</sup> seed to replace 17<sup>th</sup> seed and qualifier 1 replaces 33<sup>rd</sup> seed. \*\* If a PSA player withdraws then **only** a reserve PSA player can replace them. If a local player withdraws from the qualifying then a reserve local replaces them. If a reserve cannot be found then the top seed's opponent will replace qualifier 9 seed and the top seed receives a bye. \*\*\* If there is no reserve then the top seed's opponent replaces the withdrawn player and the top seed receives a bye.



### 5.5.6 Withdrawal due to Injury/Illness

#### **Medical Certificates:**

If a player has to withdraw from a tournament because of sickness or injury he must supply a medical certificate. The PSA Office will advise the player of the deadline date for receipt of this document.

NOTE: As English is the working language of the PSA; all medical certificates should be submitted in English. Any medical certificates that are submitted in another language must be accompanied by an officially certified translation into English.

#### **Match in Progress;**

Any player withdrawing from a match in progress must acquire, within 48 hours, a medical certificate or tournament letter attesting to the cause. Evidence must be submitted to the PSA Office before the conclusion of the tournament, except in the case of the final where an additional day shall be allowed.

#### **More than two Late Withdrawals due to Injury/illness;**

Should a player withdraw, due to injury or illness, from a tournament after the main draw has been made, twice in a fifty-two (52) week period then any subsequent main draw injury withdrawal within the 52 week period, commenced by the date of the first such withdrawal, will result in the awarding of a disciplinary zero for the **third** event main draw withdrawal. This disciplinary zero will stay on player's record as an event played for the following fifty-two (52) weeks.

#### **Involuntary Initiated Withdrawal;**

Where it is obvious to the Tournament Referee or a PSA Representative that a player has an injury or illness, which would jeopardise the quality of a match, and it would not be in the best interests of professional squash to allow it to proceed, he/they may rule the player ineligible to compete and withdraw the player. This should be done under strict consultation with the PSA. The resulting gap will cause a walkover unless it is a first round match. If the qualification has begun and there is more than an hour until the main draw starts, a lucky loser will replace the withdrawal. If it is any other round the Injured/Sick Player who is withdrawn shall receive World Rankings points and the appropriate prize money.

NOTE: As English is the working language of the PSA; all medical certificates should be submitted in English. Any medical certificates that are submitted in another language must be accompanied by an officially certified translation into English.

### 5.5.7 Multiple Event Withdrawal

- Where a player withdraws from more than one event at the same time, and for the same reason, only the first event will count as played.
- If it is due to injury or illness the player must provide a medical certificate, in accordance with the stated provisions above.
- If a player withdraws from a tournament because of injury, and then withdraws from a second tournament at a later date with the same injury, they will be counted as two separate withdrawals. As these are two separate withdrawals, he will need to supply two separate medical certificates.

### 5.5.8 Bereavement

A player who withdraws because of a bereavement WILL NOT receive a zero score and have the event count as played where the relationship to the bereaved is a spouse or long term partner, parent, parent-in-law, step-parent, grandparent, sibling, step-sibling and children. Any other requests would be at the discretion of the Board.

## 5.6 Zero Scores

A **Disciplinary Zero** score is automatically given for the following:

- Late Withdrawal
- Defaults and No Shows
- Disciplinary Matters

This zero will stay on player's record as an event played for the following fifty-two (52) weeks. An appeal against a Disciplinary Zero will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and this should be done so in writing to the PSA Office. DISCIPLINARY ZEROS WILL ALWAYS COUNT AS A "BEST RESULT" TOURNAMENT PLAYED AND WILL NOT BE USED IN REDUCING THE DIVISOR.

If a player fails to play a tournament through sickness or injury he must supply a medical certificate. Once the PSA office receives the medical certificate it will be recorded as a **Medical Zero**. A Medical Zero can be included as one of a player's lowest scores, for the calculation of the ranking. The medical certificate must be provided before the end of each month to coincide with the monthly rankings.

If a player receives written advice from his governmental security department that it is advisable not to travel to a certain country then the player can withdraw from the tournament, without penalty. The player must supply official documentation to support such late withdrawal from an event.

## 5.7 Pegged Ranking

### 5.7.1 Criteria

A PSA member who has not competed for a minimum of 6 months in any PSA World Tour event but no more than 18 months, may be eligible to utilise a Pegged Ranking (PR) for event placement purposes based upon their ranking when they ceased competing i.e. his ranking on the date of the final of the last event in which he was entered, (irrespective of whether he played or withdrew<sup>4</sup>). This elevated ranking will enable them to be placed in event entry lists higher than their Actual Ranking (AR) at the time and so be placed in qualification or main draw at a level closer to their AR at the point at which they stopped competing. This benefits the returning player and other event entrants.

- i. PR is only available on the basis of medical or other related situation, as approved by the Board. The Board may refuse an application if it feels that the medical or related criteria are not applicable or that the player has been fit enough to compete as evidenced by activity other than in PSA registered events.
- ii. The 6-month minimum is pegged to start on the final day of the last event in which the player actually entered (irrespective of whether he played or withdrew).
- iii. The injury period is deemed to have ended on the first round date of qualification of the next competition they enter. The qualification start date shall be used irrespective of whether the player would be placed in the main draw. (In cases where there is no qualification event offered the date of first round commencement shall be the applicable date).
- iv. A player is only permitted to use the PR option if they have competed in a minimum of 10 (ten) PSA World Tour events during the preceding 12 months as determined in the ranking list current on the final date of the last event entered in.
- v. The player concerned must have retained unbroken PSA membership during the period of inactivity.

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<sup>4</sup> Late withdrawal

### 5.7.2 Pegged Ranking System

- i. A PR would be linked to the ranking list in effect on the final day of the last event for the player, as defined in 5.7.1.
- ii. The PR is determined by taking the player's ranking in 5.7.1 and adding ranking places as follows:

RANKING	ADD
1-16	+ 5
17-32	+10
33-64	+15
65+	+20

For example, if a player was ranked 18 when they stopped, 10 would be added and so their PR for seeding purposes would be 28.

- iii. If the Pegged Ranking is the same as that of an entered player the PR player will be placed lower than the player with the actual ranking in the event order.
- iv. A player is permitted to use a maximum of 4 (four) PRs.
- v. The use of PRs must be completed within a period of 4 (four) months taken from the closing date of entries of the first and last event where a PR is used i.e. remaining PRs may be used for events whose closing dates do not exceed 4 (four) months from the closing date of the first.
- vi. A player is not obliged to use any or all available PRs.
- vii. PRs and ARs may be used interchangeably but the player must notify the PSA prior to the event closing date and may not alter their status after the entry deadline.

### 5.7.3 Operation

- i. A member wishing to be considered for PR must apply to the Board no later than 7 days before the entry deadline of the initial event they wish to enter following their lay off.
- ii. If a player is accepted then it shall be assumed they will be using their PR for all allowable events unless they denote otherwise i.e. that they wish to use their actual current ranking prior to the respective entry deadline.

## 6 Player Conditions

### 6.1 Player Eligibility

To compete in a PSA World Tour sanctioned event a player must be a member of the Professional Squash Association. (See section 9 PSA Membership Categories).

All players entering PSA World Tour sanctioned events must be in good standing with the PSA. In particular, all outstanding fees and fines must be fully paid prior to entering an event. PSA reserves the right to bar a player from participating in a sanctioned event for non-compliance with any disciplinary action.

### 6.2 Payment of Membership Fees & Fines

Every PSA member shall pay to the Professional Squash Association, in each calendar year of his membership, an annual subscription, which is, from time to time, determined by the Board. A member shall not be entitled to exercise any of the rights or privileges of membership until he shall have paid all monies payable by him to the Association upon becoming a member. If any member shall fail to pay to the Association any amount owing from such member in respect of:

(a) Membership fees and subscription for a period of one month following the due date thereof

**Or**

(b) Fines or penalties imposed under the Code of Conduct for a period of one month following the date upon which written notice of the same was duly given to such member.

Then all rights and privileges exercisable by him as a member of The Association shall be immediately suspended. In the event of a member being suspended or resigning or his membership of The Association otherwise terminating his subscription shall be payable in full for the year during which such suspension, resignation or termination of membership occurs. If he has already paid such subscription he shall not be entitled to recover such payment or any part thereof from The Association.

Any fully paid up member for the previous two consecutive years who is **unable** to compete on the PSA World Tour for a period of six (6) months or more, and who provides a medical certificate that evidences that, will be granted a credit of 50% of the then current annual membership fee against future fees.

### 6.3 Conduct

A PSA player shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others.

### 6.4 Clothing Regulations

#### 6.4.1 On Court

Every player shall dress and present himself for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable squash attire shall be worn. Unacceptable attire shall include sweatshirts, gym shorts, running shorts, dress shirts, T-shirts (i.e. shirts without collar, this excludes matching branded non-collared shirt & shorts outfit).

The following clothing rule, which has the full support of the World Squash Federation, shall apply without exception to all PSA World Tour Events.

1. In all matters of judgement or opinion arising from the interpretation of this clothing rule, the decision of the Tournament Referee shall be final, except that he may not rule illegal or unacceptable an item of clothing or a design which has been approved by the PSA.
2. Playing clothing shall consist of a short-sleeved shirt with an attached collar or matching branded non-collared shirt and shorts outfit, matching branded sleeveless shirt and shorts outfit, shorts, socks and playing shoes. Other garments such as part or all of a tracksuit may be worn during play with the permission of the referee.

3. All clothing shall conform to the accepted standards of decency and cultural/religious tradition of the country in which the competition is taking place, as adjudged by the Tournament Referee.
4. For any match covered by television or Squash TV, players' clothing shall conform to the advertising regulations published and generally applied by the appropriate television authority of the country in which the match is being played.

BOTH PLAYERS SHALL BE OBLIGED TO WEAR DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT COLOURED CLOTHING. THE HIGHER RANKED PLAYER, AS OF THE EVENT'S ENTRY LIST, WILL HAVE FIRST CHOICE. This colour/style must be worn for the duration of the match. If a player has to change his top during a match he must make sure that he wears the same colour and style of shirt as he started the match. It is the responsibility of the players to comply with this rule. As the PSA is very serious about its media obligations, non-compliance of this rule will result in application of the PSA Code of Conduct.

Referees are given the authority not to allow any player, breaching these rules, back on court and the player may be disqualified.

Further, players shall wear shirts or tops advertising the PSA World Tour Sponsor's name/identity/logo, on the back/front, in such area and size as specified by PSA.

5. Players may wear clothing of any colour or combination of colours.
6. Shirts or tops may carry;
  - a) The manufacturer's normal trademark, symbol or name on one breast. The display to be contained within an area not exceeding twenty (20) square cm in total and ten (10) cm in any one dimension.
  - b) Identification in areas clearly separated from each other on the opposite breast to the manufacturer's symbol and/or on each arm as follows;
    - i) Three sponsors displays. Each to be contained within an area not exceeding forty (40) square cm in total and ten (10) cm in any one dimension.

**Or**

    - ii) Two sponsor displays and one national identification badge. Each to be contained within an area not exceeding forty (40) square cm in total and ten (10) cm in any one dimension.
  - c) A national or club identification title, plus a sponsor's identification if required, on the back of the shirt; the whole to be contained within an area not exceeding three hundred (300) square cm. The player's name may also be displayed within an area not exceeding one hundred and fifty (150) square cm.
7. Shorts shall be of design normally approved and used for Squash and may carry;
  - a) The manufacturer's normal trademark, symbol or name on one side or leg, contained within an area not exceeding ten (10) square cm in total.
  - b) One sponsor display on the opposite side or leg from that in 8a, contained within an area not exceeding twenty (20) square cm in total and ten (10) cm in any one dimension.
8. Socks must be matching in colour and style, may be of any colour or combination of colours and each may carry one manufacturer's normal trademark, symbol or name contained within an area not exceeding ten (10) square cm in total.
9. Shoes shall be of any colour or combination of colours and have a non-marking sole. Each shoe may carry one manufacturer's normal trademark, symbol or name in not more than two areas, not exceeding in total ten (10) square cm.
10. Tracksuits may be of any design and colour and are subject to no advertising restrictions, unless worn during play when the restrictions under 6 above shall apply to the jacket and fewer than 8 above shall apply to the trousers.
11. Headwear, other than that normally worn for religious, cultural or medical reasons, is not permitted, with the exception of headbands, bandannas and straps for approved eye-guards, both of which may carry one manufacturer's mark or advertisement totally contained within an area not exceeding ten (10) square cm.

12. Eyeguards; Junior members are to abide by the rules of the National Federation sanctioning an event with regards to eye guards. If the National Federation deems it mandatory for Juniors to wear eye guards then this rule will be upheld by PSA.
13. Wristbands may carry one manufacturer's mark or advertisement totally contained within an area not exceeding ten (10) square cm.
14. Any jewellery or watches worn by a player shall not be so conspicuous or brightly reflecting as to distract or un-sight an opponent and shall not be potentially dangerous. The Tournament Referee may require the removal of any piece of jewellery deemed to violate the above.
15. The sponsor(s) of any tournament shall have no automatic right of exposure on player clothing unless such exposure is stipulated on the entry form.

NOTE: Where the manufacturer of clothing is also the sponsor of the player wearing the clothing, he shall additionally be allowed to utilise some or all of the advertising space granted to sponsors.

#### 6.4.2 Off Court

The following dress code will apply to all PSA sanctioned events;

**Court Venue:** neat trousers, polo or dress shirt, tie street shoes or loafers or professional athletic gear, including warm-ups and tracksuits. No jeans of any type will be allowed at the court venue.

**Tournament Hotel:** neat trousers, smart jeans, polo or dress shirt, tie street shoes or loafers or professional athletic gear, including warm-ups and tracksuits.

**Tournament Functions:** neat long trousers, polo or dress shirt, tie shoes or loafers with sport jacket or neat sweater. (You must check the Player Information Sheet to confirm what dress is required). All dress should be appropriate to the environment.

#### 6.5 Player Grievances

Tournament Organisers are required by the PSA to follow the PSA Tour Guide. Any player feeling that an injustice has been done should report his grievance to the PSA Office.

## 7 PSA World Rankings

PSA players competing in PSA World Tour events earn points for performance according to the schedule in section 7.4. The PSA World Ranking is used for selection of entries and the determining of seeds in each PSA World Tour event. The total number of points a player accumulates in any fifty-two (52) week period is divided by the number of tournaments played to give an **average score** (the minimum is currently ten (10) events). The average score is the factor that dictates where a player is placed in the PSA World Rankings. Until a player plays ten (10) events his total points accumulation will be divided by this minimum divisor (ten) and after that it will be determined by the formula below.

<b>Events Played</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Divisor</b>	10	10	10	10	11	11	12

<b>Events Played</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Divisor</b>	12	13	13	14	14	15	15

The PSA Board, if deemed necessary may alter this minimum number of events a player needs to play, as a minimum divisor, at any time.

E.g. a player who has competed in 13 events will have selected his best 10 scores which will be accumulated and divided by 10 to give the players average.

### 7.1 PSA World Ranking Points

PSA World Ranking points are earned based on the size of an event. Event Categories are determined by the amount of Total Compensation (see 2.3.2 Total Compensation). Players automatically receive ranking points appropriate to their final placing in an event.

### 7.2 PSA World Series Standings

PSA World Series events also have a separate World Series ranking. Points for this are calculated on a cumulative basis after each World Series event. The top eight (8) players at the end of the calendar year are then eligible to play in the PSA World Series Finals.

	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Semi-finalist</b>	<b>Quarter-finalist</b>	<b>Last 16</b>	<b>Last 32</b>
<b>Points</b>	100	65	40	25	15	10

### 7.3 Qualification Points

Where a tournament has minimum on-site prize money of \$3,000 USD, qualification ranking points will be awarded on the following basis:

Main Draw - 64 with 16 qualifiers; Qualification Draw Size - 32  
Qualification Last Round Losers no points awarded

Main Draw - 64 with 16 qualifiers; Qualification Draw Size - 64  
Qualification Last Round Losers awarded 3/5ths of the points awarded to Main Draw 1st Round losers

Main Draw Size - 32 with 8 qualifiers; Qualification Draw Size - 32  
Qualification Last Round Losers awarded 3/5ths of the points awarded to Main Draw 1st Round losers.

Main Draw Size 32 with 8 qualifiers; Qualification Draw Size -16  
Qualification Last Round losers awarded No Points.

Main Draw 16 with 4 qualifiers; Qualification Draw Size -16  
Qualification Last Round Losers awarded 3/5ths of the points awarded to Main Draw 1st Round losers.

Ranking points from qualification events are **only** awarded if a player confirms **in writing** to the PSA Office that he wishes to receive them. This needs to be done before the completion of the event.

## 7.4 PSA World Ranking Points Table

%	17.5	11.5	7	4.25	2.5	1.25	3/5ths of 1.25	3/5ths of 2.5	3/5ths of 33/64	
							Last Rd Qual 32	Last Rd Qual 16	Last Rd Qual 64	
Position	1	2	3/4	5/8	9/16	17/32	33/64	Qualification		
PSA World Championship	2890	1900	1155	700	410	205	125		75	
PSA World Series (Platinum)	2625	1725	1050	640	375	190	115			
PSA Cup	2200	1500	900	640	390	200	120			
PSA World Series (Gold)	2015	1325	805	490	290	145	90			
PSA International 70 (32 Draw)	1225	805	490	300	175	90	55			
PSA International 70 (16 Draw)	1225	805	490	300	175			105		
PSA International 50 (32 Draw)	875	575	350	215	125	65	40			
PSA International 50 (16 Draw)	875	575	350	215	125	65		75		
PSA International 35 (32 Draw)	615	405	245	150	90	45	25			
PSA International 35 (16 Draw)	615	405	245	150	90			55		
PSA International 25 (32 Draw)	440	290	175	105	60	30	18			
PSA International 25 (16 Draw)	440	290	175	105	60			35		
PSA Challenger 15 (32 Draw)	265	175	105	65	40	20	12			
PSA Challenger 15 (16 Draw)	265	175	105	65	40			25		
PSA Challenger 10 (32 Draw)	175	115	70	45	25	12	7			
PSA Challenger 10 (16 Draw)	175	115	70	45	25			15		
PSA Challenger 5 (32 Draw)	90	60	35	20	13	7	4			
PSA Challenger 5 (16 Draw)	90	60	35	20	13			8		
National Closed Satellite (32 Draw)	45	30	18	11	6	3				
National Closed Satellite (16 Draw)	45	30	18	11	6					
Closed Satellite (32 Draw)	20	14	9	5	3	1.5				
Closed Satellite (16 Draw)	20	14	9	5	3					
National Junior Open	10	7	4.5	2.5	1.5					



## 8 PSA Closed Satellite Tournaments

The PSA Closed Satellite category of tournaments is only applicable to:

- **National Closed Championships:** PSA will accept registration of a country's National Closed Championship as a Closed Satellite event. The entry into the event must be open to any citizen or resident of the country, as allowed by the National Association rules.
- **Closed Satellite Tournaments:** A tournament or series of tournaments whose entry is restricted to members of an Association that recognises the tournament. Such an Association must either be a National Squash Association/Federation or any other Association that has applied for and been recognised as in good standing with the PSA.
- **National Junior Open Tournaments:** PSA will accept registration of a country's Junior National Open Championship as a Closed Satellite event. The event must be recognised by the National Federation. Entry into the event must be open to any junior player.

### Eligibility to play

- PSA events are open to male players only.
- A member of the PSA can play as many Closed Satellite events as he wishes as long as he is also a member of the Association that is recognizing the event (not in the case of National Junior Opens). However only his best five (5) results in a fifty-two (52) week rolling period will count towards the rankings. These points can only be claimed in ONE country in the 52-week period (not in the case of National Junior Opens). This does not include a National Closed Championship.

**Players must confirm if they wish to receive the points within 24 hours of the completion of the tournament.**

### Registration Procedure

- Registration fee is £100.00 GBP.
- If Dunlop Squash Balls are required then the Registration Fee becomes £130 GBP.
- Payment is made through the Bank or by credit card.
- A letter of support from the National Squash Association or other PSA recognised Association must accompany the registration form.
- The completed registration form and fees must be with the PSA OFFICE, **at least ONE MONTH** before the event commences. **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- Once PSA has completed registration process the event will then be placed on the PSA website calendar.

### Prize money

- Closed Satellite tournaments must have minimum prize money of \$1000 USD (not in the case of National Junior Opens) and are not permitted in any way to offer player guarantees or incentives other than prize money.
- The event can determine how to pay out the prize money. However, they must inform the PSA and all entrants on how the prize money is to be distributed.

### The Draw

- The minimum draw size is 16 and no less. It must be a complete draw and it has to be run over at least 2 days.
- The draw and the seeding list must be with the PSA Office at least 5 days before commencement of the event.
- The random draw method must be used when making the draw; see section 5.2.5 Making The Draw.
- Events are required to use the current Dunlop PSA World Ranking, for seeding the participants, when making the draw. In special circumstances, a dispensation on this rule may be granted, on request, to allow National Rankings to be used. (Not applicable to National Junior Opens)

- The tournament must be a knockout format.

### Tournament Commitment

- i. The Tournament Organiser of the event must supply each player, on application, with details and rules/regulations of the tournament. These details should state clearly if there is an entry fee, amount of prize money, dates, closing date for entries and any other relevant information.
- ii. All **court floors** MUST BE UNCOATED; see 4.1.3 for conditions.
- iii. The **Tin** can be either 43cm (17in) or 48cm (19in). The height of the tin must be the same for all matches of the tournament.
- iv. **Scoring:** Tournaments must use PAR to 11.
- v. **Balls:** Events must use the Dunlop Pro Squash ball. This ball is the exclusive ball of the PSA World Tour. The PSA can provide an event with a minimum of three (3) dozen balls for a 16-man draw; five (5) dozen for a 32 man draw. If the event wishes to receive these balls directly via PSA, from Dunlop, it will have to pay £30 GBP towards postage and packaging, and this needs to be indicated on the registration form. If a Promoter is running more than one PSA Closed Satellite event and registers them all at the same time, then arrangements can be made for the Promoter to receive one delivery of balls to cover the number of events registered. The PSA will only make one postage charge of £30 GBP per delivery.
- vi. **Media: Television, Video & Internet** Please see Section 4.3 PSA Tour Guide.
- vii. All other tournament conditions are as per the PSA Tour Guide.

### Tournament Results

The results must be forwarded to the PSA Office, by either fax or email, within 24 hours of the completion of the tournament.

## 9 PSA Membership Categories

Membership of the PSA binds an individual to the policies, rules and regulations set forth by the PSA Board in the PSA Tour Guide.

Members may only apply for one category of membership of the Association. A member cannot join two or more categories of membership. PSA membership is only open to male players and the minimum age is 15 years old as of the date of joining.

The PSA has the following classes of membership:

- World Member
- Continental Member
- Country Member
- Junior Member
- Associate Member
- Honorary Member

World, Continental, Country and Junior members of the Association are liable for payment of the PSA Player Tax to the Association on prize money earned in PSA World Tour events.

A half yearly membership applies for those joining the Association after the 30th June in any year.

### 9.1 World Member

A World Member is entitled to:

- Enter PSA sanctioned tournaments and be awarded world-ranking points.
- A PSA world ranking position.
- Receive regular updates on PSA events and Tour issues.
- Two votes at any meeting of members of the Association.
- Nominate members for election in accordance with Article 44 (b) of the Constitution.
- Exercise votes on a voting list in accordance with Article 44 (e) of the Constitution.

A World Member may downgrade to a Continental member should his ranking fall below 150.

### 9.2 Continental Member

The regions of membership for a Continental Member are Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Pan America.

A Continental Member is entitled to:

- Enter PSA sanctioned tournaments in his nominated region only and be awarded world-ranking points.
- A PSA world ranking position.
- Receive regular updates on PSA events and Tour issues.
- One vote at any meeting of members of the Association.
- Nominate members for election in accordance with Article 44 (b) of the Constitution.
- Exercise votes on a voting list in accordance with Article 44 (e) of the Constitution.

A Continental Member **must** upgrade to a World member on reaching the top 100 in the Dunlop PSA World Rankings for two (2) consecutive ranking lists. The member must pay the difference in membership fees on reaching such a ranking.

### 9.3 Country Member

A Country Member is entitled to:

- Enter PSA sanctioned tournaments in his nominated country only and be awarded world-ranking points.
- A PSA world ranking position.
- Receive regular updates on PSA events and Tour issues.
- One vote at any meeting of members of the Association.

- Nominate members for election in accordance with Article 44 (b) of the Constitution.
- Exercise votes on a voting list in accordance with Article 44 (e) of the Constitution.

A Country Member **must** upgrade to a World member on reaching the top 100 in the Dunlop PSA World Rankings on two (2) consecutive ranking lists. The member must pay the difference in membership fees on reaching such a ranking.

#### 9.4 Junior Member

A Junior Member is entitled to:

- Enter PSA sanctioned tournaments and be awarded world-ranking points.
- A PSA World ranking position.
- Receive regular updates on PSA events and Tour issues.
- A Junior Member is not entitled to vote at any meeting of members of The Association, nor nominate members for election nor exercise votes on a voting list.

To qualify as a Junior Member, he must be under the age of 19 years on the January 1 of the membership calendar year. A Junior Member must upgrade to a full member on reaching 100 in the Dunlop PSA World Ranking List on two (2) consecutive ranking lists. The member must pay the difference in membership fees on reaching such a ranking.

#### 9.5 Associate Member

An Associate Member shall be a person or business approved by the Chief Executive to be a member of The Association and shall be entitled to those rights and privileges which the Board may from time to time determine; provided, however, an Associate Member is not entitled to vote at any meeting of members of The Association, nominate members for election or exercise votes on a voting list as set out in the Articles.

#### 9.6 Honorary Member

An Honorary Member shall be a person elected by the Board to be a member of The Association for a specific period or for life. The Board has an absolute discretion in determining whether a person shall be elected as an Honorary Member, but it shall consider the extent of that person's contribution to the objects of The Association. An Honorary Member shall be entitled to those rights and privileges which the Board may from time to time determine PROVIDED THAT no Honorary Member shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of members of The Association, nominate members for election or exercise votes on a voting list as set out in these Articles.

## 10 PSA Code of Conduct

### ARTICLE 1. GENERAL

#### A. Purpose

The purpose of this Code is to ensure the orderly and fair administration and conduct of PSA World Tour sanctioned events.

The Code of Conduct will constitute the exclusive basis for disciplinary action against any PSA player competing in a PSA sanctioned event.

All fines are to be paid in Pounds Sterling (GBP).

#### B. Applicability

This code is applicable as stated herein to all PSA World Tour sanctioned squash events should the players participating therein and to any competitive squash event deemed by the PSA Board to be of international importance whether prior to and after its conclusion.

A Match Referee, Tournament Referee or Tournament Director, Promoter and any PSA Representative may initiate action under this Code.

### ARTICLE 2. PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOUR

PSA members must conform to the highest standards of professional conduct at all times.

#### (a) Public relations

No player or official of the PSA shall at any time give, make, issue, authorise or endorse any public statement which will have, or design to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the PSA or the sport of squash. Any breach of this could lead to a maximum fine of up to £1,000 GBP and a possible suspension of up to one year at the discretion of the PSA Board.

#### (b) Hotel/Billet Accommodation

The good name of squash and the competitive preparation of players should not be compromised by boorish, rowdy behaviour in hotels and abuse of hospitality in billets. Hotel or billet accommodation that is provided to a player is discretionary. Should the player breach any code of conduct in respect of the accommodation provided to him the PSA have the discretion to disallow a player from residing in hotel and billet accommodation either for a fixed term or permanently.

A player must officially check out of the hotel when involved in a tournament and he must pay his room bill (if applicable) and his own hotel extras (i.e. phone, drinks, food etc.).

The player will be liable for a fine up to £500 GBP for the failure to settle a room account. He will be liable for a fine up to £250 GBP if he should leave the hotel without paying all other outstanding expenses incurred (i.e. phone, drinks etc.). Should the player leave without checking out, the PSA authorise the promoter to withdraw from any prize money owed for the cost of the room plus any/all outstanding expenses. Should a player commit a second offence in any 12 months in respect of this section of the code of conduct the player may be suspended for up to six months and will have to show cause why his host accommodation and/or billets shall not be permanently withdrawn.

#### (c) Functions

The players are provided with tournament planner and regular information concerning functions at Tournaments. The player acknowledges his duty to attend official functions. The failure to attend tournament functions as specifically designated on the Player Information Sheet will incur fines of up to £1,000 GBP and possible suspension of up to one year.

### ARTICLE 3. PLAYER COMMITMENT AND ENTRY OFFENCES

#### A. Late Withdrawal

EITHER:

Withdrawal by the player, from the main draw, twenty-eight (28) hours after the closing date for entries.

OR:

Withdrawal by the player, from the qualification list, two (2) days after the closing date for entries.

In either case the player scores a zero (0) score towards computer ranking and the tournament counts as played. In addition, where this withdrawal is particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, a fine up to £1,000 GBP and the possible suspension for up to one year may be imposed and the player may be found in violation of "Aggravated Behaviour" (Article 6.E).

The PSA must be notified in writing of any withdrawal after entry deadlines have passed.

If a medical reason is given, a medical certificate must accompany this notification. Failure to notify satisfactorily may result in a further fine.

**B. Playing Another Event**

No player who has entered and been accepted into either the main or qualification draws of tour events shall play in any other squash event during the period of such tournament, without the express written consent of the Chief Executive and/or the Chief Operating Officer. Violation of this section shall result in a fine up to £1,000 GBP and the possibility of suspension of up to one year in addition to any other fines provided in the code.

**B. Playing A Rival Tour**

No player will play in a rival tour whilst he is a member of the PSA. A rival tour is a tour, championship or series of events that the PSA consider may damage or affect the good standing of the PSA, its members and own tour. Violation of this section shall result in a fine up to £1,000 GBP and the possibility of suspension of up to one year in addition to any other fines provided in the code.

#### ARTICLE 4. PLAYER ON-SITE OFFENCES

For definition of on-site please see Section 5 (c)(c)

**A. Non-appearance**

If a player enters an event and fails to withdraw or fails to inform the PSA or the tournament of his withdrawal he will be fined up to a maximum of £1,000 and a possible suspension of up to one (1) year and receive a zero score (99) and the event counted as played towards his ranking.

A second offence in any 12-month period will be regarded as an aggravated offence within the meaning of Article 6 E.

**B. Punctuality**

Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his match is called shall be fined up to a maximum £250 GBP. Where the tournament referee allows a discretionary relaxation of this time limit, the penalty may be waived.

Where the tournament referee defaults the player from a set match time, that player scores zero (99) points towards computer rankings and the tournament counted as played. For a second offence in any 12-month period, the player shall be fined up to a maximum £500 GBP.

**C. Dress & Equipment**

On-court

Every player shall dress and present himself for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable squash attire shall be worn. Unacceptable attire shall include sweat-shirts, gym shorts, running shorts, dress shirts, T-shirts (i.e. shirts without collar, this excludes matching branded non-collared shirt & shorts outfit).

Any player who violates this section may be ordered by the tournament referee to change his attire or equipment immediately. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in immediate default. In this event, the player scores zero (99) points towards computer ranking and the tournament counts as played. Refusal to change will result in a fine up to a maximum £250 GBP. For a second offence in any 12-month period, the player shall be fined up to a maximum £500 GBP.

Off-court

All players must adhere to the following dress code:

Court Venue: neat long trousers, polo or dress shirt, tie shoes or loafers or professional athletic gear, including warm-ups and tracksuits. No jeans of any type will be allowed at the court venue.

Tournament Hotel: neat trousers, smart jeans, polo or dress shirt, tie street shoes or loafers or professional athletic gear, including warm-ups and tracksuits.

Functions: neat long trousers, polo or dress shirt, tie shoes or loafers with sport jacket or neat sweater. (You must check the Player Information Sheet to confirm what dress is required). All dress should be appropriate to the environment.

Violation of this section will incur a fine up to a maximum £250 GBP.

D. Leaving Court

A player shall not leave the court during a match without the permission of the referee. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine of up to a maximum £250 GBP. In addition, the player may be defaulted thus leading to zero (0) points towards computer ranking.

For a second offence in any 12-month period, the player shall be fined up to a maximum £500 GBP.

E. Best Efforts

A player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in a tour-sanctioned event. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine of up to a maximum £500 GBP and/or zero (99) points towards computer ranking.

For a second offence in any 12-month period, the player shall be fined up to a maximum £1,000 GBP.

F. Failure to Complete Match

A player must complete a match in progress unless he is reasonably unable to do so. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £500 GBP and/or zero (0) points towards computer ranking.

The PSA reserves the right should the particular facts of the offence justify regarding breach of this section under the "Aggravated Behaviour" (Article 6E). In any event should a player commit a second offence within any 12 month period under this section such an offence will be regarded as an aggravating behaviour in accordance with Article 6E.

G. Media Conference

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player must attend the post-match media conference organised immediately or within fifteen (15) minutes after conclusion of each match whether the player was the winner or loser, unless such time is extended by the tournament director for a good cause.

Players will be required to make themselves available for TV interviews whilst at the event by PSA's media partners. In the event that a player fails to make themselves available at the appropriate time the player will be in breach of this section of the code of conduct.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £500 GBP.

For a second offence in any 12-month period the fine shall be up to a maximum of £1,000 GBP.

H. Ceremonies

A player participating in the finals of a tournament must attend and participate in the finals ceremonies after the match unless he is reasonably unable to do so.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to a maximum of £500 GBP.

For a second offence in any 12-month period, the fine shall be up to a maximum of £1,000 GBP.

I. Audible Obscenity

Players shall not use an audible obscenity within the precinct of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £1,000 GBP for each violation. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the major offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" (Article 6E) and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the Referee or spectators.

J. Visible Obscenity

Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £1,000 GBP for each violation. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" (Article 6E) and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his hands and/or racket or ball that commonly have an obscene meaning or import to reasonable people.

K. Abuse of Ball

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger, hit, kick or throw a squash ball within the precincts of the tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to a maximum of £250 GBP for each violation.

For the purpose of this rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting/throwing a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

For a second offence in any 12-month period the fine shall be up to a maximum of £500 GBP.

L. Abuse of Racket or Equipment

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger, hit, kick or throw a racket or other equipment within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject the player to a fine up to a maximum of £250 GBP for each violation.

For the purpose of this rule, abuse of rackets or equipment is defined as intentionally, dangerously and violently destroying or damaging a racket or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the court during a match out of anger or frustration.

M. Verbal Abuse

Players shall not at any time, verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to a maximum of £1,000 GBP with the possibility of suspension of the player for up to 12 months. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the major offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" (Article 6E) and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty, is derogatory, is insulting or is otherwise abusive.

N. Physical Abuse

Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to a maximum of £1,000 GBP and the possibility of suspension of up to 12 months. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the major offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" (Article 6E) and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, physical abuse is the unauthorized touching of an official, opponent, and spectator or other person.

O. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £1,000 GBP and the possible suspension of the player for up to 12 months. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also



constitute the major offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" (Article 6E) and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport but that does not fall within the prohibition of any specific on-site offence contained herein.

In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorizing or endorsing any public statement having or designed to have an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament and/or the officiating thereof and shall include failure to complete all promotional activities associated with the player commitments (see Section 3 B).

#### P. Defaults

A player may be defaulted by any PSA Tour Tournament Director, PSA Chief Executive, PSA Chief Operating Officer or PSA Tour Executive for any violation of this code. If a player appeals such default then either the PSA Chief Executive, PSA Chief Operating Officer or PSA Tour Executive may over-rule such decision if either is available within 15 minutes of the default. THE FINAL DECISION WITH REGARD TO THE DEFAULT SHALL BE UNAPPEALABLE.

Any player who is defaulted as herein provided may be fined up to £1,000 GBP in addition to any or all other fines levied with respect to the offending incident.

The Player involved, however, may still appeal to the PSA Board after the event.

#### Q. Cumulative on-site Offences

1. If any player has received fines for two or more offences within a 3 year period totalling more than £1,000 GBP the Association have the power to levy a further fine of up to £500 GBP for the further offence such fine to be in addition to the fine that is appropriate for the breach of that further offence.
2. If any player has received fines for two or more offences within a 3 year period totalling more than £1,500 GBP the Association have the power to levy a further fine of up to a maximum of £1,000 GBP for the further offence such fine to be in addition to the fine that is appropriate for the breach of that further offence.
3. If any player has received fines for two or more offences within a 3 year period totalling more than £2,000 GBP the Association have the power to levy a further fine of up to a maximum of £1,500 GBP for the further offence such fine to be in addition to the fine that is appropriate for the breach of that further offence.

## ARTICLE 5. DRUG OFFENCES

All references to this Article are to be made to the World Squash Federation's Anti-Doping Code, a common anti-doping policy for squash, signed April 2004 between WSF, PSA and WISPA. Due to the length of the Code, it is impractical to repeat the language in the PSA Code of Conduct and Members may, upon reasonable request, obtain a copy of the Code from the WSF or PSA Office.

## ARTICLE 6. PLAYER MAJOR OFFENCES

#### A. Applicability

The provision of this article shall apply to all players who commit to enter or who enter PSA Tour Events.

#### B. Wagers

No player shall wager, cause to wager or benefit from the wagering of anything of value in connection with any tour sanctioned event. Violation of this section shall subject the player to a fine up to £10,000 GBP and/or suspension from play in the tour for a period up to three (3) years.

#### C. Bribes or Other Payments

No player shall offer, give, solicit or accept or agree to offer, give, solicit or accept, anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any players' efforts in any tour-sanctioned

event. Violation of this section shall subject the player to a fine up to £10,000 GBP and/or suspension from play in the tour for a period of up to three (3) years.

D. Guarantees

No player shall accept money or anything of value that is given from any source, directly or indirectly, to influence or guarantee his appearance in any tour sanctioned event. Violation of this section shall subject the player to a fine up to £10,000 GBP plus the amount or value of any such payment and/or to suspension from play in tour sanctioned events for a period of up to three (3) years.

E. Aggravated Behaviour

No player at any tour-sanctioned event shall engage in "Aggravated Behaviour" which is defined as follows:

1. One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament or is singularly egregious.
2. A series of two (2) or more violations in this Code within a twelve (12) month period which singularly do not constitute "Aggravated Behaviour" but when viewed together, establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to tour sanctioned events.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £10,000 GBP and suspension from play in tour sanctioned events for a minimum period of thirty (30) days and a maximum period of one (1) year commencing on the day after the expiration of the time within which an appeal may be filed or, in the case of appeal, commencing the day after a final decision on appeal.

F. Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game

No player shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash. If a player is convicted of the violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment for which includes possible imprisonment for more than one year, he may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash. In addition, if a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, he may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash and be in violation of this section. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £10,000 GBP and/or to suspension from play in tour sanctioned tournaments or squash events for a period up to three (3) years.

## ARTICLE 7. DISCIPLINE

- A. The Board shall be entitled to request that a member gives an explanation of any matters or circumstances, which the Board considers may constitute a breach of the Code on the part of a member. Such request will specify the matters or circumstances that the Board considers may constitute such a breach.
- B. A member shall deposit a written explanation to the Board at the Association's office or, by mutual agreement between the member and the Board, shall give an oral explanation to the Board within ten days of receipt of such a request.
- C. If, after consideration of any such explanation or if no explanation is received within the period of ten days referred to in Article 7(b), the Board is of the opinion that the matters or circumstances concerned constitute a breach of the Code on the part of such member the Board may, subject to (e) below, resolve:
  - i) That such member be disciplined in accordance with the Code or
  - ii) That the membership of such member shall be suspended or terminated.
- D. Without prejudice to the generality of Article 47 of the PSA Articles of Association, the Board may delegate its powers under (a) and (b) above to a Committee which will consider any explanation under (b) above, will consider whether there has been a breach of the Code by the member and will decide what action, if any, to take against the member, all in the form of a recommendation to the Board.
- E. The Board shall be entitled, subject to the procedure described in Article 7, but otherwise in its absolute discretion and in such manner as it thinks fit, to notify the members of The Association

of the decision under (c) above; and in addition the Board shall be entitled, in its absolute discretion and in such manner as it thinks fit, to notify or cause to be notified the public or any person, authority, body, commission or enquiry before which The Association has power to represent the interests of its members of any such decision.

- F. The Board shall use its best efforts to make its decision under (c) above within 30 days of the expiration of such ten day period set forth in (b) above. Within seven days after making such decision, the Board shall notify the member concerned of such decision and of the grounds upon which it has been made by written notice sent by hand or by first class recorded delivery post. Such decision shall be brought into effect at the expiration of fifteen days from the date on which, in all the circumstances prevailing at the time, such notice would reasonably be expected to have been delivered to the member unless an appeal has been lodged by the member within such fifteen day period in accordance with paragraph (g) below.
- G. Any member who is to be disciplined in accordance with the Code or whose membership of the Association is to be suspended or terminated at the expiration of the fifteen day period referred to in (f) above may appeal against such decision to a Tribunal to be appointed in accordance with Article 8 (b) provided that such appeal is made within such fifteen day period.
- H. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the Board may make by-laws, rules or regulations in relation to the Code and Circuit Rules.

#### ARTICLE 8. APPEALS

- A. Any person who wishes to exercise a right of appeal given by these Articles shall notify the Board of his desire within the fifteen-day period for appeal. The notice of appeal shall be in writing signed by or on behalf of the appellant and indicate the grounds on which the appeal is made and must be delivered to The Association's office.
- B. On receipt of the notice of appeal, the Board shall appoint an Appeal Tribunal (the "Tribunal") to hear the appeal. The Tribunal shall consist of up to three persons appointed by the Board, whether or not they are members of The Association.
- C. The members shall appear and be entitled to be heard at the hearing and the Board shall appoint a representative to appear at the hearing. Both the member and the representative of the Board may be legally represented.
- D. An appeal involves a new hearing at which fresh evidence may be submitted and the Tribunal may confirm, vary or reverse the resolution of the Board appealed against and may take any action which the Board could have taken at the time it passed that resolution and may give such directions as it thinks just for the payment of costs or expenses by any party to the appeal.
- E. The Tribunal shall state the grounds for its decision and shall give written notice thereof to the parties to the appeal within seven days of the conclusion of the hearing.
- F. Subject as aforesaid, the Tribunal shall determine its own procedure.
- G. In the case of an appeal against a decision to discipline a member in accordance with the Code or terminate or suspend his membership, such disciplinary measures or termination or suspension shall not take effect nor be publicized unless the Tribunal has upheld the decision.
- H. In the case of any resolution to fine a member, such fine shall be paid within fifteen days after receiving notice thereof under Article 7 (f); where a member has appealed against such fine, such member shall pay any fine levied by the Tribunal within fifteen days after receiving notice therefore under Article 8 (e).

#### ARTICLE 9. INTERPRETATIONS

Any person or entity subject to this code may file with the tour a request for an interpretation or clarification of the code and/or its applicability and effect on a particular event or transaction. Upon receipt of such request, the tour shall place the same on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Board. If a decision is necessary for the interim, the Chief Executive may render a decision upon which the requesting party may rely pending final disposition by the Board.

##### Interpretation of Guarantee Provision

With respect to all PSA World Tour tournaments where guarantees are prohibited the following illustrations provide the official interpretation by the tour with respect to "Guarantees" as apply to the players and tournaments.

1. Direct Payment of Money

May a tournament or any other person or entity offer or pay a specified sum of money to a player solely in exchange for said players' agreement to enter and compete in a tournament?

Answer: No. Such an arrangement would be a "Guarantee" and subject the player and the tournament to the sanctions set forth in the Code.

2. Guarantees Against Prize Money

May a tournament or any other person or entity offer or agree to guarantee to a player as a condition of entry, a sum of money in the event the player fails to win such sum in prize money?

Answer: No. Such an arrangement would be a "Guarantee" and subject the player and the tournament to the sanctions set forth in the Code.

3. Public Appearances

May a player make television appearances, store appearances, appearances at cocktail parties or similar appearances in a city during a tournament for money?

Answer: Yes. However, if such arrangements were part of an agreement between the player and a tournament or any other entity designed to induce his entry or participation in the tournament, then such arrangement would be a "Guarantee" and subject the player and the tournament to the sanctions set forth in the Code.

4. Exhibitions or Special Events

May a tournament or any other person or entity enter into an agreement with a player whereby the player agrees to play in an exhibition or special event and enter and compete in a future tournament?

Answer: No. Such an arrangement would be a "Guarantee" and subject the player and the tournament to the sanctions set forth in the Code.

May a tournament or any other person or entity enter into an agreement with a player whereby the player agrees to enter and compete in a tournament and to play in an exhibition or special event scheduled some time subsequent to the tournament?

Answer: No. Such an arrangement would be a "Guarantee" and subject the player and the tournament to the sanctions set forth in the Code.

May a promoter of a tournament or anyone else enter into an agreement with a player whereby the player agrees to compete in an exhibition or special event and there is no agreement, expressed or implied with respect to the player and his participation in any tournament?

Answer: Yes. Provided the player complies with the provisions of the PSA Tour Rules with respect to special events.

5. Endorsement Contracts

May a player enter into a commercial endorsement contract that requires the player to enter and compete in one or more specific tournaments?

Answer: Yes. Provided the main purpose of the contract is an endorsement of a product for a substantial period of time (e.g. one (1) year) and the entry and participation in such tournament(s) is only an incidental part of the contract.

If the endorsement contract is with a sponsor of a tournament, then there is a rebuttable presumption that the main purpose of the endorsement contract was to guarantee or influence the players' appearance at the tournament and unless such presumption is rebutted by clear and convincing evidence, then such arrangement would be a "Guarantee" and subject the player and the tournament to the sanction set forth in the Code.

6. Travelling Expenses

May a tournament pay or provide for travelling expenses for professional players or members of their families, agents or coaches to or from the city of the tournament?

Answer: No, unless the PSA has granted special permission to the tournament and it is specified who will receive such expenses. Otherwise such will constitute a "Guarantee" and subject the player and the tournament to the sanctions set forth in the Code.

**ARTICLE 10. NOTICE**

Any written communication required or sent to the PSA World Tour should be addressed as follows, unless notice of change is subsequently published:

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## APPENDIX II 3 Referee System

- (1) The 3 Referee System uses a Central Referee (CR) and two Side Referees (SR).
- (2) The CR, who is also the Marker, controls the match.
- (3) Where possible the two SRs should be seated behind the back wall in line with the inside line of the service box on each side, preferably one or two rows below the CR. One of the SRs will keep score as a backup.
- (4) The Side Referees (SRs) make decisions at the end of rallies, not during them, on the following matters only:
  - (5) When a player requests a Let;
    - (a) When a player appeals against a call (or no call) of Down, Not up, Out, or Fault by the CR.
    - (b) Every appeal must be decided by all three referees, simultaneously and independently. All three must signal and must not look at each other before doing so.
    - (c) The decision of the three referees is announced by the CR without revealing the individual decisions or whether it was a unanimous or a majority decision.
- (6) NOTE: In the unlikely event of three different decisions (Let, No Let, Stroke), the final decision will be Yes Let.
- (7) The CR alone decides all other matters e.g. time-periods, player conduct, injury, court conditions etc., none of which may be appealed by the player.
- (8) Players may not address the SR, only the CR. Dialogue must be kept to a minimum, and decisions may not be debated.
- (9) If an electronic device is available, the referees give their decision through their console and the CR announces the result.
- (10) Where an electronic refereeing system is not available, the use of cards is encouraged so that players cannot see the individual decisions of the three referees.

If hand-signals are required, the following are to be used:

Let = Thumb and forefinger in the shape of an 'L'

Stroke = Clenched fist

No Let = Hand held out flat, palm downwards

Ball Down/ Not Up / Out = Thumb down

Up/ In = Thumb up

## APPENDIX III World Champions 1975 - 2011

- 1975 Geoff Hunt (Australia) bt Mohibullah Khan (Pakistan)  
7-9, 9-4, 8-10, 9-2, 9-2.  
Host Nation - England
- 1976 Geoff Hunt (Australia) bt Qamar Zaman (Pakistan)  
9-5, 9-4, 8-10, 2- 9, 9-2.  
Host Nation -Australia
- 1979 Geoff Hunt (Australia) bt Qamar Zaman (Pakistan)  
9-2, 9-3, 9-2.  
Host Nation - Canada
- 1980 Geoff Hunt (Australia) bt Qamar Zaman (Pakistan)  
9-0, 9-3, 9-3.  
Host Nation - Australia
- 1981 Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Geoff Hunt (Australia)  
7-9, 9-1, 9-2, 9-2.  
Host Nation - Canada
- 1982 Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Dean Williams (Australia)  
9-2, 6-9, 9-1, 9-1.  
Host Nation - England
- 1983 Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia)  
9-3, 9-6, 9-0.  
Host Nation - Germany
- 1984 Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Qamar Zaman (Pakistan)  
9-0, 9-3, 9-4.  
Host Nation - Pakistan
- 1985 Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Ross Norman (New Zealand)  
9-4, 4-9, 9-5, 9-1.  
Host Nation - Egypt
- 1986 Ross Norman (New Zealand) bt Jahangir Khan (Pakistan)  
9-5, 4-9, 9-5, 9-1.  
Host Nation - France
- 1987 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia)  
9-5, 9-4, 4-9, 9-6.  
Host Nation - England
- 1988 Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Jansher Khan (Pakistan)  
9-6, 9-2, 9-2.  
Host Nation - Holland
- 1989 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia)  
7-15, 6-15, 15-4, 15-11, 15-10.  
Host Nation - Malaysia
- 1990 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia)  
15-8, 17-15, 13-15, 15-5.  
Host Nation - France
- 1991 Rodney Martin (Australia) bt Jahangir Khan (Pakistan)  
14-17, 15-9, 15-4, 15-13.  
Host Nation - Australia
- 1992 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia)  
15-11, 15-9, 10-15, 15-6.  
Host Nation - South Africa
- 1993 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Jahangir Khan (Pakistan)  
14-15, 15-9, 15-5, 15-5.  
Host Nation - Pakistan
- 1994 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Peter Marshall (England)  
10-15, 15-11, 15-8, 15-4.  
Host Nation - Spain
- 1995 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Del Harris (England)  
15-10, 17-14, 16-17, 15-8.  
Host Nation - Cyprus

- 1996 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Rodney Eyles (Australia)  
15-13, 17-15, 11-15, 15-3.  
Host Nation - Pakistan
- 1997 Rodney Eyles (Australia) bt Peter Nicol (Scotland)  
15-11, 15-12, 15-12  
Host Nation - Malaysia
- 1998 Jonathon Power (Canada) bt Peter Nicol (Scotland)  
15-17, 15-7, 15-9, 15-10  
Host Nation - Qatar
- 1999 Peter Nicol (Scotland) bt Ahmed Barada (Egypt)  
15-9 15-13 15-11  
Host Nation - Egypt
- 2000 No World Championship held
- 2001 No World Championship held
- 2002 David Palmer (Australia) bt John White (Scotland)  
13-15 12-15 15-6 15-14 15-11  
Host Nation – Belgium
- 2003 Amr Shabana (Egypt) bt Thierry Lincou (France)  
15-14 9-15 15-11 15-7  
Host Nation – Pakistan
- 2004 Thierry Lincou (France) bt Lee Beachill (England)  
11/5 2/11 11/2 10/11(0-2) 11/8  
Host Nation - Qatar
- 2005 Amr Shabana (Egypt) bt David Palmer (Australia)  
11/6 11/7 11/8  
Host Nation – Hong Kong
- 2006 David Palmer (Australia) bt Gregory Gaultier (France)  
9/11 9/11 11/9 11/10 (6-4) 11/2  
Host Nation – Egypt
- 2007 Amr Shabana (Egypt) bt Gregory Gaultier (France)  
11-7 11-4 11 -6  
Host Nation – Bermuda
- 2008 Ramy Ashour (Egypt) bt Karim Darwish (Egypt)  
5-11 11-8 11-4 11-5  
Host Nation - England
- 2009 Amr Shabana (Egypt) bt Ramy Ashour (Egypt)  
11-8 11-8 11-5  
Host Nation - Kuwait
- 2010 Nick Matthew (England) bt James Willstrop (England)  
8-11 11-6 11-2 11-3  
Host Nation – Saudi Arabia
- 2011 Nick Matthew (England) bt Gregory Gaultier (France)  
6-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-5  
Host Nation - Netherlands



## APPENDIX IV PSA World Series Finals Champions 1992 - 2011

- 1992 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia)  
15-10, 10-15, 15-13, 15-8.  
Host Nation - Switzerland
- 1993 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Peter Marshall (England)  
8-15, 15-8, 15-7, 15-9.  
Host Nation -Switzerland
- 1994 No event
- 1995 Del Harris (England) bt Brett Martin (Australia)  
10-8, 7-9, 9-4, 6-9, 9-2.  
Host Nation - England
- 1996 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Brett Martin (Australia)  
9/7 9/5 9/2  
Host Nation - England
- 1997 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Simon Parke (England)  
15/12 13/15 15/11 15/10  
Host Nation - England
- 1998 Peter Nicol (Scotland) bt Ahmed Barada (Egypt)  
15/8 9/15 15/9 15/11  
Host Nation - England
- 1999 Peter Nicol (Scotland) bt Simon Parke (England)  
13/15 15/9 15/12 12/15 15/12  
Host Nation – England
- 2000 Peter Nicol (Scotland) bt David Palmer (Australia)  
15/7 15/11 13/15 17/14  
Host Nation - England
- 2001 David Palmer (Australia) bt Thierry Lincou (France)  
15/9 10/15 15/7 10/15 15/4  
Host Nation - England
- 2002 Jonathon Power (Canada) bt Peter Nicol (England)  
15/11 10/15 13/15 15/4 15/14  
Host Nation - England
- 2003 Thierry Lincou (France) bt Joseph Kneipp (Australia)  
10/11 (0-2) 11/9 11/2 11/1  
Host Nation – England
- 2004 Jonathon Power (Canada) bt Thierry Lincou (France)  
11/7 11/6 11/2  
Host Nation - England
- 2005 Anthony Ricketts (Australia) bt Lee Beachill (England)  
11/7 6/11 11/4 11/10 (2-0)  
Host Nation – England
- 2006 Ramy Ashour (Egypt) bt Gregory Gaultier (France)  
11-10 11-8 4-11 11-4  
Host Nation – England
- 2007 Gregory Gaultier (France) bt Amr Shabana (Egypt)  
11-9 11-8 11-8  
Host Nation – England
- 2008 Gregory Gaultier (France) bt Thierry Lincou (France)  
11-6 8-11 11-5 11-5  
Host Nation – England
- 2009 Not held
- 2010 Final between Nick Matthew and Amr Shabana – cancelled  
Host Nation – England
- 2011 Amr Shabana (Egypt) bt Gregory Gaultier (France)  
6-11, 12-10, 11-7, 7-11, 11-8  
Host Nation – England

## APPENDIX V PSA World Series Finals Rules

### Direct Entries

The top eight (8) players from the World Series Rankings shall qualify for the event. Participation is mandatory, and all qualified players shall be entered. All qualified players must be at the tournament site at least one day before scheduled play begins and must be available for play through to completion of the competition.

### Reserves & Withdrawal

Any withdrawal will be replaced by the next highest positioned player on the World Series Rankings as confirmed following the last World Series event of the year. Any player who has entered and is confirmed in another PSA event on conflicting dates will automatically be **ineligible** for acceptance and the position will go to the next **eligible** player on the World Series Rankings. Three (3) reserves will be notified and must confirm their acceptance within 7 days.

### Competition Format

The tournament shall be a round robin format with eight (8) players. There shall be two (2) groups of four (4) players each with eight (8) seeds to be determined by the Dunlop World Series Rankings immediately following the last World Series event of the calendar year. All round robin matches shall be the best of three (3) games. The round robin shall determine the four (4) players for the semi-finals with the format thereafter being best of 5 games.

### Round Robin

- 1) The field shall be divided into two (2) groups of four (4) players each. The top seeded player shall be placed in Group "A" and the second-seeded player shall be placed in Group "B". Players seeded three (3) and four (4), five (5) and six (6), and seven (7) and eight (8), shall then be drawn in pairs with the first drawn placed into Group "A."
- 2) Each player shall play every other player in his group to determine the top two (2) players in each group.
- 3) The final standings of each group shall be determined by the first of the following methods that apply:
  - a) Greatest number of wins;
  - b) Greatest number of matches played;
  - c) Head-to-head results if only two (2) players are tied;
  - d) If three (3) players are tied, then:
    1. If three (3) players each have one win, a player having played less than all three (3) matches is automatically eliminated and the player advancing to the Semi Finals is the winner of the match-up of the two (2) players tied with 1-2 records; or
    2. Highest percentage of games won; or
    3. Highest percentage of points won.
- 4) If ties still exist after the above procedures, the PSA shall make the final determination.
- 5) Any final Round Robin match that is not completed will result in a straight games win or loss