



## CALGARY INTERCLUB SQUASH ASSOCIATION RULES

### 1. PURPOSE:

The intent of the Calgary Interclub Squash Association (CISA) is to promote competitive squash and sportsmanship within a social framework.

### 2. EXCEPTIONS:

The CISA rules are provided as a framework within which the Association shall be governed. All CISA members agree to **follow the rules**. If an appeal, change, clarification, exception or objection arises then a written notice must be forwarded to the Rules Committee. A written recommendation will be forwarded to the Board for ratification.

### 3. DEFINITIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:

AGM: The Annual General Meeting of CISA generally held the month following the Association playoffs.

Board: The group of Calgary Squash Club Representatives who are responsible for the day to day operation of the CISA. The Board consists of the elected Executive positions as well as other club appointed members at large.

CISA: Calgary Interclub Squash Association.

CISA Member: Anyone who plays a match sanctioned and organized by CISA and is a current member of Squash Alberta.

Default: A default results in a loss of the match by a game score of 3-0 and a point score of 45-0 (33-0 in the case of Men's Level One).

Executive: The executive of CISA shall be deemed to include the following elected positions, the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Junior Player: Any player under the age of 19 years.

Level: The Men's and Ladies' Divisions are divided into groups of teams which are roughly equivalent in skills. The highest level, or Level One (1), is that in which the most skilled players compete.

Official Ball: the Dunlop Pro double yellow dot.

Squash Alberta Member: Anyone who is a current paid-up member of Squash Alberta (requires an annual fee).

Team Selection Committee: The CISA committee responsible for the placement of the squash teams within the levels of CISA. The committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members from the CISA Board.

Rules Committee: The CISA committee responsible for the interpretation of the CISA rules and player conduct. The committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members from the CISA Board.

Season: July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

### 4. CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1. Clubs participating in the CISA must be members of Squash Alberta.
- 4.2. Member clubs must have one representative at **70%** of the CISA scheduled monthly meetings.



4.3. Each member club representative must fill at least one (1) volunteer position on a sub-committee, as defined by the Committee.

4.4. Each club has one (1) vote at CISA meetings.

4.5. Member clubs may be subject to penalties for non-compliance with Rules 4.2 and 4.3, including (but not limited to) a financial penalty equal to **100%** of that club's annual team fees in the year of the infraction; a rebate of **50%** of this penalty may be granted at the end of the following season if participation is satisfactory, all at the discretion of the Committee.

## 5. TEAM MEMBERSHIP

5.1. Teams in all men's and women's divisions will be comprised of at least four (4) named players with the appropriate skill levels.

5.2. A maximum of three (3) teams per club per division is allowed.

5.3. Each team (the collective members of the team) is required to pay a team fee to CISA; such fee to be determined at the discretion of the Board and reviewed on an annual basis.

5.4. No team shall field more than two (2) players per match under the age of 19, during the regular Interclub season.

## 6. GENERAL RULES

6.1. International scoring and rules apply Scoring is Point-A-Rally as per rule 11.1.

6.2. Players are required to follow the dress code and equipment requirements acceptable to the host club (i.e. whites only at Glencoe).

6.3. All matches will be played on the designated night, beginning no earlier than **6:00 P.M.** and no later than **8:30 P.M.** A match can be rescheduled (to other date / time) with the consent of both team captains (prior to the match) and followed by a notification to the CISA statistician.

6.4. CISA strongly recommends the use of suitable eye protection for all members. Junior players must wear polycarbonate lens protective eyewear.

6.5. Any appeals regarding a game or a match shall be directed, in writing, to the Rules Committee. Appeals must include all pertinent information such as date, place, participants and a brief description of the situation. A written recommendation from the Committee will be forwarded to the Board for ratification.

## 7. HOME TEAM DUTIES

7.1. The home team shall provide:

7.1.1. Two (2) clean courts,

7.1.2. Two (2) new official balls,

7.1.3. Marking materials: a) two (2) score-sheet summaries (one (1) for each team captain) and b) four (4) individual score-sheets.

7.1.4. Refreshments.



## 8. TEAM CAPTAIN DUTIES

- 8.1. Each team captain and more generally each team must:
  - 8.1.1. Appoint another member of the team to act as captain if unable to attend any duty.
  - 8.1.2. Input and maintain player list on the website.
  - 8.1.3. Ensure each player is an eligible player (see Section 9 - Player Eligibility).
  - 8.1.4. Ensure that a full team is ready and able to play for each match.
  - 8.1.5. Exchange lists of players **ranked in order of ability** at the commencement of the match.
  - 8.1.6. Ensure all matches start on time.
  - 8.1.7. Provide a referee or marker for each match.
  - 8.1.8. Enter results on the website **within 48 hours** of the match. The winning team is responsible for entering the results.
  - 8.1.9. Keep a signed copy of every score sheet for possible verification until the scores are confirmed and finalized at the end of the season.
  - 8.1.10. Verify the published team standing against their own results and report any discrepancies to club CISA representative.
  - 8.1.11. Notice to team captain's reference to juniors: Team captains should inform one another when a junior will be playing any particular match, prior to that match. At that time it can be discussed as to whether or not the junior can be included in the social activities following or if other arrangements need to be made.

## 9. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 9.1. To maintain eligibility CISA players must:
  - 9.1.1. Become a Squash Alberta member prior to playing their first match unless that player has obtained a One-Time / One-Match special Squash Alberta Membership prior to playing that match.
  - 9.1.2. Play for only one (1) club in a season or receive prior permission from the Board to play for another club.
  - 9.1.3. Not play for a lower level team after having played four (4) or more matches at higher levels.
  - 9.1.4. Played three (3) or more matches to be eligible to participate in any playoffs match for that team.
- 9.2. In the event a club has two (2) or more teams in the same level the following conditions shall apply:
  - 9.2.1. A player shall play on a specific team during the season and can play one (1) time for the other team(s) as a substitute. The **second (2) time** a player plays for a specific team determines the player's team.
  - 9.2.2. The rules of Section 9.1 also apply.
- 9.3. Each season, men wishing to play in the women's division and women wishing to play in the men's division shall, before playing, apply for and obtain approval from the Board.



## 10. DEFAULTS

- 10.1. Unless otherwise agreed by both team captains any player more than fifteen (15) minutes late shall default that particular match.
- 10.2. Any team with less than three (3) eligible players shall default all of their matches for that evening.
- 10.3. In the event a match cannot be finished due to a late start, the home team shall default the unfinished match(es).
- 10.4. In the event of an **ineligible player** playing on a team, that team shall be considered to have defaulted at that position as well as all those lower.
- 10.5. In the event of a team (with only **three (3) players**) defaults, the missing player will be deemed to be the **fourth position** player and the remaining three players will be ranked in positions one (1) through three (3), in order of ability. If a player is expected to turn up to play but is late, the team can opt to forfeit the missing player's match deeming it to be position four or with the opposing team's consent, to play the other matches at the usual positions in anticipation of the missing player's arrival. However if he/she does not show up, the defaulting team will be deemed to have lost the defaulting player's match as well as all those lower.
- 10.6. No player from a team with only three (3) players may play twice and have both results count. The match for the number four (4) position must be defaulted in all cases.

## 11. SCORING AND RESULTS

- 11.1. Scoring of games will be Point-A-Rally to 15 (PAR-15), with the exception of Men's Level 1, which is Point-A-Rally to 11 (PAR-11). For both PAR-15 and PAR-11 scoring, the player must win by two clear points.
- 11.2. Scoring of matches in all divisions will be the **best of three out of five games**; each match won being worth one (1) match point. Winning teams will receive one (1) bonus match point.
- 11.3. In the event of a tie in matches won, the tie will be broken by first comparing the total games won and then, if required, the total points won. If a tie still exists each team shall be awarded 2.5 match points.
- 11.4. The Board appointed statistician(s) will tabulate Association results.
- 11.5. In the event of results not being received within the prescribed time and format (see 8.1.8 & 8.1.9) match points **will not** be awarded.
- 11.6. Any match points deducted from a team for whatever reason shall be given to their opponents. The total match points for a match shall never exceed five (5).
- 11.7. In the event of a tie in team points at the end of the regular season, the tie will be broken by completing a **head to head comparison between the tied teams**; firstly comparing the total matches won, secondly the total games won and last (if required) the total points won. If a tie still exists a ruling by the Rules Committee shall be considered final.
- 11.8. The final standings and points awarded shall be considered as correct at midnight of the specified date as determined and documented by the Board. Typically this is the Friday following the last regularly scheduled match.



11.9. CISA club representatives shall ensure all teams are aware of the requirements for match result submissions and shall assist as required.

## 12. PLAYOFFS

12.1. Playoffs will be held between the top four (4) teams in each division at the completion of the schedule. Players will be eligible as per Rule 9.1.

12.2. The first place team shall playoff against the fourth place team. The second and third teams shall playoff against each other. The winners of the above matches shall compete to decide the playoff winner.

12.3. In the event of a 2 - 2 tie in the semi-final or final playoffs, after totaling matches, games and points, the two players ranked # one (1) on their teams shall play one (1) additional game to determine the outcome.

## 13. TEAM PLACEMENT

13.1. Team placement for the next year will be determined at the end of the current season.

13.2. Clubs will review the proposed team selections. Clubs will submit their acceptance of the offered team selections or a revision, at the **May meeting**. The submissions must include the total number of teams requested, the specific levels requested, the start times available, the number of courts available and team fees.

13.3. The Team Selection Committee will decide team placement based on the results from the previous year. At the discretion of the Committee up to two (2) teams from each level will be moved up and two (2) teams will be moved down.

13.4. The Team Selection Committee will determine the revised team placement and will provide the final positioning to the clubs by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Any openings in the levels will be highlighted.

13.5. Clubs will be given a final opportunity to add or drop teams. The Committee must receive submissions by the date of the June meeting. Again, all submissions must include all information as per rule 13.2.

13.6. The priority for placing new teams will be: a) new clubs, b) clubs with fewer teams and c) clubs with more teams.

## 14. CONDUCT

14.1. CISA reserves the right to discipline any player, team or club for conduct considered outside the intent and interests of the Association. The Board decision, which may affect the player, the team or the club membership eligibility, shall be considered final.

14.2. No player shall play at a level **inappropriate for their ability**.