

ILT Southland Wide Interclub Competition 2019 Rules

1. The ILT Southland Wide Interclub Competition is to be organised by Squash Southland.
2. An entry fee of \$80 [incl. GST] will be charged per team with the money collected going to Squash Southland. Invoices will be raised against the clubs rather than the individual teams. [It is up to the clubs to collect payment from their teams. Any late payment consequences are at individual club's discretion]. Squash Southland will pay for Finals' Night food for all teams/supporters.
3. **Updated.** The Organiser will set up a Disputes' Committee, which will adjudicate over any disputes arising during the competition. This Committee will be made up of one person from each club with a team entered in the 2019 ILT Interclub **[club reps must not be a current Squash Southland Board member]**. The representatives from the clubs involved in a dispute will not vote. In the event of a split vote, the Squash Southland Board will determine the outcome.
4. The Finals are scheduled to be held on Saturday, August 10, 2019.
5. **Updated.** ALL PLAYERS [team members and reserves] must PASS the Squash NZ online Club Referee exam before playing their first match – www.squashnz.co.nz/survey/training.cfm **PLEASE ALSO BE AWARE OF THE NEW RULES FOR THE 2019 SEASON**: Rules 4.1; 8.11; 8.1.4 and 8.9.3 is a new rule.
6. All players in the competition [including reserves] must be a financial member of a squash club and have a current national grading to be eligible to play in the competition.
7. All players in the competition will be seeded according to points rather than Grade.
8. Teams shall consist of four players as listed on the entry form.
9. The ranking of players in a team must be consistent with their ranking on the grading list on the day of the match. If no agreement is made prior to the start of each match, the offending team will default each match played with a higher ranked player above a lower ranked player. It is the team captain's job to check the Grading List prior to play. In the rare event of players being on identical points the Team Captain will decide the playing order.

10. During the Round Robin competition a reserve player in a team cannot be more than 150 points above the player they are replacing on that particular day. [This rule does not apply to Number 1 players in Division 1 during the Round Robin – any player who is a financial member of a NZ club and has a current national grading can play Number 1 in Division 1 during the Round Robin]. All efforts should be made to field a team of 4 players but when this is not possible, to avoid defaulted matches, one player can play more than once in a tie. Before the Semi Finals, an injured/unavailable player can be replaced by any other player within 150pts [including team members on higher points]. Squash Southland will provide a list of players who have made themselves available.
11. If a suitable reserve cannot be found the team may default that match and DOES NOT have to move the remaining players up. [The team captains can agree to terms outside of these before the tie begins]. All efforts should be made to play with a full team. The team captain should notify the opposing captain before the start of play if any games are to be defaulted.
12. All matches shall be played on Wednesday nights with catch up matches and extra rounds played on Monday nights if required. Any matches played outside of the scheduled times must be approved by the Organiser.
13. Games shall be played in the order shown on the result sheet but can be altered by agreement between team captains.
14. There are numerous starting times each week depending on the number of courts being used per venue so please double check the draw each week. Ties played at ILT Stadium Southland will usually commence at 6.30pm.
15. The default ball for all Divisions is a SINGLE YELLOW dot. Prior to competitive play, if BOTH players agree to use a different ball they can. If not, a SINGLE YELLOW dot ball will be used.
16. All games will be PAR 15 [win by 2] and best of five sets.
17. Games shall be played according to the World Squash Federation Singles Rules 2019.
18. All games shall be adjudicated by a marker and a referee.

19. A tie between 2 teams consists of 4 Matches. Each of these matches being the best of 5 sets.
20. The winner of a tie is the team which wins the most matches. If matches won are even, then sets won are counted. If this is even then points won are counted. In the event of a draw, both teams will receive 1 bonus point, otherwise the winner of the tie receives 2 bonus points.
21. **NEW RULE** - In the SEMI FINALS and PLAYOFFS the lower seeded team must win the tie to advance. If Team 2 beats Team 1 in the 1v2 Semi, then Team 2 will become the top seeded team for the Final. If there is an overall draw in the FINAL, the higher seeded team will win the trophy.
22. Teams must record the match results using the 2019 ILT Southland Wide Interclub Result Sheet. Extras are available from the Clubs. These will also be online at www.squashsouthland.co.nz and will be supplied to all Team Captains in electronic form prior to the competition.
23. Result sheets must be checked by both team captains before being signed. The winning captain is to enter the results into iSquash before 10pm on the day following the match. All fields on the result sheet must be completed correctly [incl. player points and Grades]. Result sheets are to be kept by the winning team captains [or Club rep] until the end of the season.
24. The scores from each match will accumulate throughout the round robin competition for each team. Divisions 2&3 will each play a Round Robin, then the top 9 combined teams will become Div 2 and the remaining 9 teams will become Div 3. Divisions 4&5 will each play a Round Robin, then the top 8 combined teams will become Div 4, the next 7 teams will become Div 5 and the remaining 7 teams will become Div 6. All team points will be reset to zero for the new Round Robins. At the splits, in the event of a tie between 2 teams from the same Division, the team that won the tie between those teams will be seeded higher. If 3 or more teams from the same Division are tied there will be a countback based on the total number of individual matches won in the ties between those teams, followed by the total number of sets won in the ties between those teams [if needed], and if there's still no clear winner, total points won. If any number of teams from different Divisions are tied then a decision will be made on which teams will play in each Division.

25. At the end of the final Round Robin competition [Wednesday, July 24] the 4 teams with the highest accumulated points in each Division will advance to the Semi-Finals. In Divisions 2,3,4,5 and 6 - in the event of a tie between 2 teams, the team that won the tie between those teams will be seeded higher. If 3 or more teams are tied there will be a countback based on the total number of individual matches won in the ties between those teams, followed by the total number of sets won in the ties between those teams [if needed], and if there's still a tie, total points won. For Division 1, if two teams are on equal points at the end of the Round Robin, then the team which won 2 out of the 3 ties between those 2 teams will determine the higher seed. If there is still a tie then, in order, the total number of matches, sets and points won in the ties between those 2 teams will be counted and determine the higher seed. If 3 or more teams are tied there will be a countback based on the total number of individual matches won in the ties between those teams, followed by the total number of sets won in the ties between those teams [if needed], and if there's still no clear winner, total points won.

26. The Semi-Finals will be conducted using a PAGE 4 format. The first Semi-Final round will see the two teams finishing round robin play in first and second place play off in SEMI FINAL 1v2 with the winner going directly to the Final. The losing team will go to the PLAYOFF. The teams finishing in third and fourth place will play in SEMI FINAL 3v4. The winner of this match will advance to the PLAYOFF and the loser will be knocked out. The winner of the PLAYOFF will advance to the Final. The loser will be knocked out. The venues for the Semi-Finals and Playoffs will be the home courts of the teams who placed highest in the round robin competition. All Finals are scheduled to be played at Squash City on Saturday, August 10. Squash Southland will provide food for after the prize giving.

27. For the Semi-Finals, Playoffs and Finals, in ALL Divisions, any player from the originally listed 4 may be replaced by another player on equal or lower points. Any other changes MUST have approval from the opposing team captain before the tie commences. If an agreement cannot be reached, then the decision can be referred to the Disputes' Committee which will make a binding decision.

28. The Finals are scheduled for Saturday, August 10, 2019. The Semi-Finals and Playoffs will be played on the two Wednesdays immediately prior to the finals. There will be no playoff for 3 v 4 in 2019.

29. The home team, as shown on the draw, is responsible for providing hospitality to the travelling club including the provision of squash balls, court lighting, warm facilities, supper and hot showers.
30. All matches must be played in the spirit of the game.
31. In the event of a protest/dispute, DO NOT SIGN THE RESULT SHEET. Send the result sheet to bruce@squashsouthland.co.nz marking the result as a dispute and give a reason why. DO NOT enter the results into iSquash. All disputes will be passed on to the Disputes' Committee. Teams will have 24 hours to notify Squash Southland of a dispute.

HERE ENDETH THE RULES.