

ILT Southland Wide Interclub Competition 2023 Rules

1. The ILT Southland Wide Interclub Competition is to be organised by Squash Southland.
2. An entry fee of \$200 [incl. GST] will be charged per team. 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. There will be a Team Captains' meeting held prior to the start of the competition. Every team in the competition must be represented at this meeting by an original team member [no 'on behalf ofs']. Any team not present will have 3pts deducted from their overall total at the conclusion of the [first] Round Robin competition. This rule has been added to ensure that all teams are aware of the updated rules so there can be no confusion at the end of the season.
4. 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 2023 ILT Southland Wide 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.
5. ALL FINALS WILL BE PLAYED AT SQUASH CITY. The Finals are scheduled to be held on Saturday, August 5, 2023. Any teams unavailable to play Semi Finals, Playoffs or on Finals' Day will be defaulted and the next ranked available team will be brought in.
6. ALL PLAYERS [team members and reserves] must PASS the Squash NZ online Club Referee exam every 2 years. The 2023 deadline for team members is March 31. Reserve players must have passed the exam before playing – www.squashnz.co.nz/survey/training.cfm. Anyone who passed the exam in 2022 will NOT need to re-sit it.
7. 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.

8. All players in the competition will be seeded according to points rather than Grade.
9. Teams shall consist of four players as listed on the entry form.
10. 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 event of players being on identical points the Team Captain can decide their playing order.
11. 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, team members can play more than once in a tie. A team member can 'play down' if they are within 150pts. As a courtesy, please advise your opposition team captain if you are not using your originally listed 4 players.
12. Squash Southland will provide a list of players who have made themselves available as Reserves but anyone on the Grading list is available to play [not above 150pts ahead].
13. 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 MUST notify the opposing captain ASAP BEFORE the start time if any games are to be defaulted.
14. All matches shall be played on Wednesday nights with catch up matches and extra rounds played on Monday nights if required. When absolutely necessary, some venues will be scheduled for 2 x 6pm and 2 x 8pm matches [4&4 at Squash City], ie June 28, 2023 [Stadium unavailable].

15. Please notify bruce@squashsouthland.co.nz if any ties are to be played BEFORE the scheduled date so that the date in iSquash can be updated to allow the result to be entered.
16. Games should be played in the order shown on the result sheet but can be altered by agreement between team captains. The playing order for Finals will be 4321.
17. There are numerous starting times each week depending on the number of courts being used at each venue so please double check the draw each week. Ties played at ILT Stadium Southland will usually commence at 6.30pm.
18. 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.
19. All Division 1 games will be PAR 11 [win by 2] and best of five sets. All other Divisions will be PAR 15 [win by 2] and best of 5 sets.
20. Games shall be played according to the World Squash Federation Singles Rules 2020.
21. All games shall be adjudicated by a marker and a referee [one person from each team]. Each team must referee 2 matches per tie.
22. A tie between 2 teams consists of 4 Matches. Each of these matches being the best of 5 sets.
23. 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.
24. Any teams unavailable to play Semi Finals, Playoffs or on Finals' Day will be defaulted and the next ranked available team will be brought in.
25. In the SEMI FINALS and PLAYOFFS, the lower seeded team must win the tie outright [matches/sets/points] to advance. NEW - If there is an overall draw in the SEMI FINAL, PLAYOFF or FINAL, the last players on court will go back on to play a Superset to determine the overall winner.

26. Teams must record the match results using the 2023 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.
27. 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.
28. The scores from each match will accumulate throughout the Round Robin competition for each team. At the end of the final Round Robin competition [Wednesday, July 19] the 4 teams with the highest accumulated points in each Division will advance to the Semi-Finals.

In Divisions 1 & 3 [2 x RR] - in the event of a tie between 2 teams, the team that won both ties between those teams [or had a win and an overall draw] will be seeded higher. If there is still a tie, 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 a tie, total points won.

Division 2 will initially play a full Round Robin, followed by a split into the top 6 teams and the bottom 6 teams. At the end of each Round Robin: in the event of a tie between 2 teams, the team that won the tie between those teams in that Round Robin will be seeded higher. If there is still a tie, in order, the total number of matches, sets and points won in the ties between those 2 teams in that Round Robin 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 in that Round Robin, 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.

Divisions 4, 5 and 6 will initially play 1 x RR each, followed by an immediate promotion/relegation. The bottom 2 teams from Div 4 will drop to Div 5. The top 2 teams from Div 5 will move up to Div 4. The bottom 2 teams from Div 5 will drop to Div 6 and the top 2 teams from Div 6 will move up to Div 5. The new Divisions will then play a further 1 x RR, followed by another immediate promotion/relegation, and then a final RR. At the end of each Round Robin: in the event of a tie between 2 teams, the team that won the tie between those teams in that Round Robin will be seeded higher. If there is still a tie, in order, the total number of matches, sets and points won in the ties between those 2 teams in that Round Robin 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 in that Round Robin, 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.

29. The Semi-Finals will be conducted using a PAGE 4 format.
NEW - If there is an overall draw in the SEMI FINAL, PLAYOFF or FINAL, the last players on court will go back on to play a Superset to determine the overall winner. 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 to be played at Squash City [scheduled to be on Saturday, August 5]. Squash Southland will provide food for after the prize giving.

30. 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. As a courtesy, please advise your opposition team captain if you are not using your originally listed 4 players. 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.

31. The Finals are scheduled for Saturday, August 5, 2023. The Semi-Finals and Playoffs will be played on the two Wednesdays immediately prior to the Finals. There will be no 3 v 4 Playoff on Finals' Day.

32. 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.

33. All matches must be played in the spirit of the game.

34. 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.

