Club Challenge Shield

NB – Shield matches do not count towards the Grading List

- Open to all clubs affiliated with Squash Southland
- Players must be financial members of the club they are playing for [but do not need to be on the Grading List]
- The holders are not required to play any Challenge match before the first day of February and after November 30. However, if BOTH clubs agree, Challenges can be played in December & January.
- Challenges are to be held at least every 3 weeks. If the Shield holder cannot host a challenge within 3 weeks of the previous Challenge, the Shield is forfeited to the next challenger.
- If the Challenging Club is unable to get a team together within 3 weeks they must advise Squash Southland to enable the next challenger to be informed ASAP. If Squash Southland are notified within 3 days of the end of the 3 week Challenge period, they will hold the right to challenge the next holders. If Squash Southland are not notified in this timeframe, the Challenger will drop to the bottom of the list of Challengers.
- Once the teams have been agreed on by both clubs, unless the clubs agree to any last minute changes, if a player is unavailable for any reason, that match will be Defaulted [with the win going to the opposing team].
- All matches are to take place at Shield Holder's Club.
- UPATED RULE: Where possible, teams are to consist of 1 person of each gender from each grade i.e. B, C, D, E, F - however this will be unlikely in most cases. In order to encourage smaller clubs to compete, the Challenging team must have a minimum of 4 players, with at least one woman included.
- All Challenges to be played in the spirit of the intended competition.
- The Challenging club is to set their team first and the Host club is to match grades as best they can.
- In order to help arrange players, the teams should be submitted to the Host club as early as possible.
- To win: The team that wins the most matches wins the Challenge. If the matches won is even, then sets won are counted.
- If overall matches and sets won are even, the Host team will retain the Shield [no points' countback].
- The losing team will move to the bottom of the Challenge Shield list
- The Shield Holder will determine the ball choice and PAR scoring per match [11 or 15], but must let the opposing team know in advance, so they can prepare.

- Use this form to submit your team to the Host club: NB you do not need to name your players!

Men's Grade	No. Players	Women's Grade	No. Players
B		B	
C		C	
D		D	
E		E	
F		F	

- The Shield holder is responsible for the Shield and if it gets lost or damaged will be required to replace it at their cost.
- The Shield is to be on display at all Challenges.
- The Shield can be stored at Squash Southland over the summer period if needed.
- In the unlikely event of the Shield being held by a club for the duration of a round it will be passed back to Squash Southland to select another club to start the next round. This is to ensure the spirit of the competition remains and the club that had held it would become the last to challenge in the next round.
- Squash Southland reserve the right to make any changes as needed to the Shield rules. All clubs will be notified if there are to be any such changes.