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### **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL JUNIOR SQUASH PLAYERS**

A junior squash player i.e. under the age of 19, who plays in any tournament run by any affiliated junior or senior association of Squash South Africa or any other neighbouring squash association, must adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

1. Completed entry forms shall be received by the due date. Late entries shall not be accepted by the Tournament Organiser unless there are extreme extenuating circumstances.
2. Payment of entry fees must be made by the due date and proof thereof shall be submitted to the organisers no later than the due date.  
Failure to submit proof of payment could result in the player's name not being entered in the draw.
3. Behaviour on and off the court must be in line with the World Squash Federations Rule No. 17 of the International Singles Game of squash and the International Doubles Game, viz.,

The following players will/can be disciplined:

- 1 A person who verbally or physically abuses his opponent, the Marker, the Referee, officials, spectators or sponsors.
  - 2 A participant who shows dissent to the Marker, Referee or Officials, including foul language and obscene or offensive gestures.
  - 3 A participant who abuses playing equipment or the court.
  - 4 A participant who fails to comply with the conditions of entry of a championship including any rules with regard to clothing or advertising.
  - 5 A participant, who having entered a championship or accepted an invitation to play, withdraws from the event or fails to attend.
  - 6 A participant who fails to complete a match for a reason other than injury, illness or emergency situation.
  - 7 A participant who defaults from a Championship. A doctor's certificate shall be produced to verify the withdrawal.  
The Tournament Organiser shall be informed of the withdrawal prior to the start of the day's play.
  - 8 A participant who does not comply with the Rules or the spirit of the game.
  - 9 A participant guilty of any other unreasonable conduct which brings the Game into disrepute
4. Tournament rules shall be adhered to e.g. marking/refereeing of games, arriving before you are due to play in accordance with the tournament rules etc.

Any breach of the above rules could result in disqualification from an event or a disciplinary hearing, which could lead to the exclusion of your participation in any future event, or not allowing you to represent your region, province or South Africa.

### **"Match and Tournament etiquette"**

**If you enter a tournament** you are committed for the whole period. Don't organise other events that you are committed to attending. If you travel away to a tournament you spend the whole weekend there - so do the same at a local tournament. Or don't enter. Anything less is rude. Rude to the other players, who you are abusing; rude to the organiser, who has plenty to do without having to arrange logistics around your personal needs. If you tell the organiser in advance and they can accommodate you, then that's not so bad - but don't expect it.

**If you wake up sick:** call the organiser, let them know immediately and get the phone number of your opponent and call them to apologise for letting them down. It is not good enough just to tell the organiser.

**If you don't feel like playing:** You have a responsibility - get going and play !

**Refereeing:** Volunteer! - don't try and sneak off. If you have had a tough match and have another one coming up, find a substitute, but it's your responsibility not the organiser's.

**If you do referee:** Do so with impartiality. When the author watched intercollegiate matches he was embarrassed at the corrupted version of refereeing which he regards as the encouragement of cheating: when one player from a team can effectively nullify a decision from the other team along partisan lines. Players should be taught to take pride in impartiality and should have the courage to make the right decision.

**Team matches:** If you agree to play, you should be there for the whole match - not just your match. And every match should be refereed.

**At the end of the match:** Always shake your opponent's hand and look him in the eye. And don't give a limp handshake. There is nothing more insincere as a limp handshake and an opponent who won't look you in the eye. You may be disappointed in losing but don't ruin your opponent's moment of success.

Squash should be the leader in the racket sports - so start by saying "Let please" instead of "Let!" Don't hit the ball to yourself 10 times in the warm-up. Volunteer to referee. Be polite and you will feel both proud of your method of play and of the sport. Start now - we all need to contribute.

Best wishes for a successful tournament, league and social season.