

9.1.A. REGULATIONS

9.1.A.1. The NSA Squash League will be held at "Tasos Papadopoulos - Eleftheria" sports center on weekdays from 19:00 to 21:00 and on Saturdays from 09:00 to 13:00.

9.1.A.2. Each division will consist of 6 players. Each player will compete in each round with the other 5 players in the division in a best-of-5-games match. The PAR 11 scoring system will be applied. During the 2017-2018 season, a total of four (4) rounds will be organized.

9.1.A.3. Matches must be held on the day and time set according to schedule. If this is not possible because a player is prevented from doing so, then the following procedure should be followed:

9.1.A.3.1. Each player reserves the right not to accept the postponement of the match

9.1.A.3.2. In the case of a postponement, then the opponent of the player with the request has the first say to the arrangement. If there is no arrangement, then there is a count of 3-J or 3-D and 7 points will be accumulated to the player who was able to compete at the set time, where the player with the request gets a J or D accordingly.

9.1.A.3.3. The league director must be notified of the details of the postponement by 12 noon of the normal match date. The player who originally cancelled the match will be charged the court fees.

9.1.A.4. Results must be reported no later than the following Monday after the 5th game. Otherwise, both players will be awarded with a J if they had notified the league director beforehand. Otherwise a D will be awarded (paragraphs 9.1.A.5. and 9.1.B.).

9.1.A.5. Players must be on court in appropriate clothing, ready to play as assigned by the matches schedule. Any player who is delayed more than 5 minutes will be given a D or a J appropriately. Arrangements for rescheduling may be allowed only with the approval of the League Director and opponent's acceptance.

9.1.A.6. Players must provide their own squash balls for their matches.

9.1.A.6.1. Dunlop Double yellow dot with the double yellow dot in the yellow packaging and the name "Revelation Pro" or equivalent from another company is defined as tournament's official ball.

9.1.A.6.2. For the period December 1st to February 28th, the official ball will be Dunlop single yellow dot with the name "Competition" or equivalent from another company.

9.1.A.6.3. If both players agree, matches may be played with any type of squash ball they prefer.

9.1.A.7. WSF's rules of the squash individual game will apply.

9.1.A.7.1. The matches are held without a referee. To this end, all present members are invited to voluntarily assist on marking a game if this is required by their co-players.

9.1.A.7.2. If there is no referee then both athletes accept this settlement and are obliged to fight and complete their match. Interruption or withdrawal from the match will be considered as withdrawal.

9.1.A.7.3. Each player reserves the right to apply for refereeing services for his match to NSA's Organizing Committee. The application needs to be made at least 1 week prior to the match and a fee of €25 to be submitted as a compensation fee for the service. In this case, the player's opponent is being informed and the match is held without any changes on the day, time and venue as officially set by matches' schedule. Both players need to agree within 2 days on a commonly accepted referee and inform the Organizing Committee. In different case the Organizing Committee assigns a referee.

9.1.A.8. Behaviours by the athletes considered as unsportsmanlike will be treated either by an oral or a written reprimand. In cases of recurrence, the Association will apply its' provisions of the Articles for the deletion of a member. Depending on the criticality of the case, the Association retains the right to deviate from the penalty level. Penalties are as follows:

9.1.A.8.1. Reprimand

9.1.A.8.2. Zeroing match

9.1.A.8.3. Disqualification of a round

9.1.A.8.4. Disqualification of a season

9.1.A.8.5. Disqualification for life

9.1.A.9. The Organizing Committee consists of Costas Aristotelous, Theodoros Livadiotis and Sofronis Markos. League Director is Michalis Lyras. Members with suggestions or complaints may address to them.

9.1.A.10. Any objections must be made in writing to the Nicosia Squash Association, no later than 2 days after the incident has occurred. In cases where the objections remain, the matter is referred to the Judicial Committee of the Cyprus Squash Association with the submission of € 20 by the claimant. This amount is refunded if the claimant wins the case or the court judges it. The decision of the Judicial Committee is final.

9.1.A.11. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend or introduce regulations for the purpose of improving the Championship at any time. However, any changes will come into force in the next round of the championship round.

9.1.A.12. The Ranking Rating (Promotion - Demotion) is defined as follows:

9.1.A.12.1. The winner of each match will receive 3 points while the loser, irrespective of outcome, 1 point.

9.1.A.12.2. In the case of absences, then the score of 3-0 will be calculated and J and D will be entered in a separate table based on regulation 9.1.B.

9.1.A.12.3. In the event of a tie for a promotion or demotion between 2 or 3 players, the result of the matches between them will be counted. If there is still no clear result then the games and the points per game will be taken into consideration. For this reason it is mandatory to record the points of each match.

9.1.A.13. At the end of each round, the 2 highest ranked players are promoted to the top category, and the 2 lowest being relegated to the next as follows:

<i>Division 2</i>	<i>Division 3</i>
Demoted from 5th place of Div. 1	Demoted from 5th place of Div. 2
Demoted from 6th place of Div. 1	Demoted from 6th place of Div. 2
Stay in 3rd place in Div. 2	Stay in 3rd place in Div. 3
Stay in 4th place in Div. 2	Stay in 4th place in Div. 3
Promotion from 1st place of Div. 3	Promotion from 1st place of Div. 4
Promotion from 2nd place of Div. 3	Promotion from 2nd place of Div. 4

9.1.A.14. In the event that a player's withdrawal or disqualification is void, this position might be covered by holding a player in the same category or by extra promotion from the following category. The retention / promotion process will be alternated in order of priority from the top category, ie A5, B3, etc.

9.1.A.15. According to the ranking of athletes in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd divisions after the promotion and demotions of each round, athletes will accumulate championship points where at the end the season will determine the champion. In cases that vacancies remain in the three categories, the points will be given after the additional promotions according to regulation 9.1.A.14. In the event of a tie of players, regulation 9.1.A.12.3. will apply.

Championship points will be awarded as follows:

A/A	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
1	24	16	8
2	22	14	6
3	20	12	4
4	19	11	3
5	18	10	2
6	17	9	1

9.1.B. ABSENCES

9.1.B.1. Any player who does not compete will receive 0 points. The player is charged with **J (Justified-Absence)** only in the case he notifies his inability to compete, both his opponent and the League Director until noon (12:00) of the day that their match is set. Failing to do that the player will be charged with **D (Disqualified - unjustified absence)**.

9.1.B.2. During the championship each player is entitled to a number of absences. This number is **2J** per round or even **1D in the total of 4 rounds**.

9.1.B.2.1. During 4 rounds players should not exceed 1D (Disqualified - unjustified absence). In this case, where a player gets a 2nd D then he is disqualified for the rest of the season based on rule **9.1.B.3**.

9.1.B.2.2. In the event that a player exceeds the limit of 2 J during a round then the athlete is reset and demoted. This can only happen once. In the case of a repeat, then it is zeroed and disqualified for the rest of the season.

9.1.B.2.3. Cases of athletes doing their military service will be dealt separately.

9.1.B.2.4. Cases of absences due to certified injuries will be dealt separately.

9.1.B.3. If an athlete exceeds the permissible number of absences per round (justified and unjustified), then the athlete is disqualified from the League for the remainder of the season.

9.1.B.4. In cases where a player is disqualified due to absences or withdraws for personal reasons then the matches of that round are cancelled whether they have already been played or not.

9.1.C. CHAMPIOSHIP PHASES

9.1.C.1. 1st phase (League announcement)

Registration as from September 1st to 22nd, 2017. New ranking based on last year's final rankings. For new entrants, the Tournament Committee sets the number of matches that must be played in order to assess as correctly as possible the position in which new members must join (process takes place from 25 Sept to 14 Oct 2017). After the final ranking list is arranged, the divisions and the match schedules for each division are prepared (members are given all the required information by October 16th 2017 the latest).

9.1.C.2. 2nd phase (4 rounds)

League takes place in 4 rounds (start of 1st round 23 Oct – finishing on 24 Nov 2017). League is concluded by announcement of 2017-18 League Champion, runner-up, Most Improved Player (MIP) and Most Improved Junior (MIJ) of the season, based on the division rankings. The final ranking of all members is defined by the division ranking of the last round and is not affected by the championship rankings.

9.1.C.3. 3rd phase (NSA Super Cup)

After the League Champion process is completed, the 8 athletes that have collected the most championship points will be allowed participation in a special championship. If one or more of the eight players cannot participate, the players following in the league championship list can fill the vacant positions. Participation right holds only those who have collected league championship points during the four rounds.

9.1.D. NEW ENTRIES

9.1.D.1. At the beginning of the season.

New members wishing to take part in the championship, who do not have rankings in the previous season's rating, may be included after the new members' ranking process (**rule 9.1.E.**).

9.1.D.2. During the championship.

The only case that during round 2 to 4, a new member can join the League is in the event that a player's withdrawal or disqualification a position is void. This available position is defined after the athletes are promoted and demoted. The new member may fill this vacancy only if it is considered that the level of the new member is proportional to the level of the category with the vacancy. If the level of the category is higher, then the position is moved downwards based on the method analyzed in paragraph **9.1.A.14**. In no case the vacancy will be transferred above. If the new member's level is higher, then he cannot participate.

9.1.E. NEW ENTRANTS CLASSIFICATION MATCHES

9.1.E.1. Registration for participation to the NSA Squash League.

9.1.E.1.1. Registration period is specified where players may submit their entry forms (**9.1.C.1.**).

9.1.E.1.2. Registration period is for members wishing to participate in the Championship.

9.1.E.1.3. Members who do not wish to participate in the Championship are not required to pay the annual subscription based on the expiration date of the entries. However, until they settle their subscription they will be considered as non-members with the appropriate rights and charges.

9.1.E.2. Criteria for participation in the Championship.

9.1.E.2.1. Settlement of the annual membership fee,

9.1.E.2.2. Settlement of any other financial liabilities to the Association,

9.1.E.2.3. Submission of a valid Health Certificate ASYA/CSA or a Disclaimer.

9.1.E.3. Preliminary ranking of members based on their ranking in the previous season.

9.1.E.3.1. Those members who meet the criteria for participating in the Championship are included in the preliminary ranking process.

9.1.E.3.2. Divisions are defined as completed in the previous season, after the promotions and demotions of the members.

9.1.E.3.3. In cases where members do not participate in the new period, their seats are vacated and transferred to the last position of each category.

9.1.E.3.4. Members who have completed their matches of the previous season and are in the Association's ranking do not participate in a process for improving their position. Only in the case of being considered as necessary according to rule **9.1.A.14.**

9.1.E.4. Conduct friendly matches for indicative ranking.

9.1.E.4.1. In the case of new entrants, they are "tested" for an indicative rating for their participation in the process of claiming position to a division.

9.1.E.5. Determination of matches to new members to claim category based on their indicative ranking.

9.1.E.5.1. Each new member claims an entry to a division, in the last position 6 or accordingly depending to the number of number of contenders.

9.1.E.5.2 Under no circumstances, can claim a position other than that.

9.1.E.5.3. If there is a vacancy, then this position is filled in according to regulation **9.1.A.14**.

9.1.E.5.4. Depending on the number of contenders, the format of the classification matches is determined along with the timetable.

9.1.E.5.5. Classification matches should start from Division 1 (if there is a contender) and depending on the results continue to the next.

9.1.E.5.6. If a new entrant does not succeed in claiming a position in a division, then matches should be assigned for the next division.

9.1.E.5.7. The organizing committee reserves the right, where appropriate, to circumvent or modify procedures only in cases of long duration of this process.

9.1.E.5.8. In cases where there is feedback about the new entrant's level, he / she may proceed to his / her non-competitive placement. This is only the case when the new member fills in an empty position and does not cause demotion of a member.