

NSA HANDICAP TOURNAMENT 2026

Friday 23 October - Sunday 25 October 2026

Shake off the summer and start the new squash season actively! This handicap tournament is designed to bring players of all levels together in a competitive, balanced and enjoyable weekend of squash.

Tournament Information

- **Dates:** Friday 23 October to Sunday 25 October 2026
- **Entry deadline:** Tuesday 20 October 2026
- **Entry fee:** €20 per player (Guaranteed 2 matches)
- **Format:** Handicap tournament comprising a Main Draw and Plate competition open to players of all levels
- **First-round Main Draw losers enter the Plate.** Thereafter, both draws are knockout: a further loss eliminates the player. A 3rd/4th place playoff will be played in the Main Draw

Handicap System

Handicaps will be allocated by the Tournament Committee using the most appropriate available indicators of playing standard, including SquashLevels points, Club league performance and, where necessary, the Committee's knowledge and analysis of a player's game.

Player Tier	Starting Handicap
Highest-ranked tier	-7
2nd tier	-5
3rd tier	-3
4th tier	+3
5th tier	+5
6th tier	+7

How handicaps are netted off

Where both players have a positive starting handicap, or both have a negative starting handicap, the handicaps will be recalculated so that one player starts at 0.

Example 1: Player A (-7) vs Player B (-3) → Player A starts at -4; Player B starts at 0.

Example 2: Player C (+7) vs Player D (+3) → Player C starts at +4; Player D starts at 0.

Match Format & Rules

- All matches up to the Main Draw semi-finals will be best of 3 games.
- Main Draw semi-finals and the final will be best of 5 games.
- If the score reaches 10-10 in any game, the game will be decided using the 2 clear points rule.
- The winner of each match will referee the next scheduled match.

Tournament Administration

The Tournament Committee will have discretion over handicap allocation and any tournament matters requiring a ruling. Players are expected to respect the spirit of the handicap format and support the smooth running of matches throughout the weekend.

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