## REGULATIONS FOR THE CARIBBEAN AREA SENIOR SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## A. INTRODUCTION

These Regulations (the Rules) shall govern the Caribbean Area Squash Championships (the championships). The abbreviations $\boldsymbol{C A S A}$ and $\boldsymbol{W S F}$ shall mean the Caribbean Area Squash Association and the World Squash Federation respectively.

All advices, communications and matters required by the rules to be submitted to the officers of $\boldsymbol{C A S A}$ (the officers), shall be addressed to the Secretary of $\boldsymbol{C A S A}$.

Should any situation arise in connection with the Championships, which is not provided for in these rules, the WSF Championship Regulations shall apply mutatis mutandis.

## B. DEFINITIONS

Host Association (sometimes called the Host) is the association appointed to conduct the Championships.
Ties are between opposing teams.
Matches are between individual teams.
Championship Director schedules matches, courts and is accountable for the efficient conduct of the Championships.
Championship Referee allocates match officials.
Venue Controller shall be responsible for the efficient conduct of the Championships at each venue.
Championship Panel (sometimes called the Panel) will consist of the Championship Director (in an advisory capacity only), who shall chair all meetings of the Panel, and such representatives as are appointed by the members of the CASA (the members) competing in the Championships, limited to one representative per member. The panel will be responsible for scrutinizing team nominations, players fitness and/or replacement, the seeding and draws of the individual events and will hear all appeals and be responsible for all disciplinary matters. Its decision shall be final.

## C. CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZATION

C. 1 Unless CASA shall otherwise resolve, the Championships shall be held once every two (2) years and shall take place in the July/August period.
C. 2 The Championships will be staged by the Host and will be appointed by CASA at the preceding Championships.
C. 3 The Championships shall comprise Team Championships and individual Championships. The Individual Championships shall precede the Team Championships, and which shall as far as practicable, be confined to a period of seven (7) days and in any event to a period not exceeding ten (10) days.
C. 4 Championship dates shall be determined by the Host and in consultation with the officers. The Host shall advise all the members of the approximate start date and duration of the Championships, not less than eight (8) months prior to such start date.
C. 5 Invitations to compete in the Championships, specifying the overall format of the Team Championships (see L.2) and the entry fee, shall be issued by the Host to the members not less than six (6) months prior to the start date. Members ineligible under clause C.12, C. 14 or J. 2 or for any other reason will be advised of their ineligibility by CASA.
C. 6 The amount of the entry fee shall be determined by the Host and in consultation with the officers.
C. 7 Each member shall advise the Host in writing not less than four (4) months before the start date, whether it intends to compete in the Championships. Each acceptance shall be accompanied by one-third $(1 / 3)$ of the entry fee for a full team, which shall be non-refundable except at the discretion of the officers.
C. 8 A preliminary timetable and official entry form shall be issued to the members not less than three (3) months before the start date. The entry form shall specify the conditions of play (ball to be used, court facilities, hours of play, etc.).
C. 9 Requests from members for alterations to the timetable and/or conditions of play, shall be received in writing by the Host and copied to the officers not less than two (2) months before the start date. The decision of the officers, after consultation with the Host, shall be made within two (2) weeks and shall be final.
C. 10 Entries to the Championships, containing the names of team members, shall be received by the Host from members at least six (6) weeks before the start date. Each entry, shall be accompanied by the balance of the entry fee, photographs and short biographies of all of the team members. Any change in the composition of a team shall be notified immediately in writing to the Host.
C. 11 Any member which fails to comply with deadlines in C.7, C. 10 or D.3, without an excuse considered legitimate by the Championship Panel shall, if the panel so resolves, be liable to pay to the Host a fine equivalent to one half of the entry fee for a full team.
C. 12 Any member whose team withdraws within four (4) months prior to or during the Championships, without an excuse considered legitimate by the Championship Panel, shall forfeit their entry fee and, if the Championship Panel so resolves, be prohibited from entering a team at the next Championships. The member may appeal by complying with the requirements of calling a Regular General Meeting of CASA. A prohibition and the result of any appeal shall be circulated with pertinent details to all members.
C. 13 In the event of the member duly appointed to host the Championships, wishing to be relieved of the appointment, it shall give written notification with reasons to the officers by the end of the year in which the appointment was made. If the reasons are not considered legitimate by the officers, and the member fails to stage the championships, it shall pay to $\boldsymbol{C A S A}$ a fine equivalent to the entry fee for a full team.
C. 14 A member which has been appointed to host the Championships and which fails to do so, and is in breach of C.13, without an excuse considered legitimate by the officers, shall pay to CASA a fine equivalent to twice the entry fee for a full team and shall be prohibited from entering a team in the Championships. The member may appeal by complying with the requirements of calling a Regular General Meeting of $\boldsymbol{C A S A}$. Such a prohibition and the result of any appeal shall be circulated with pertinent details to all members.
C. 15 In the event of it becoming necessary to appoint another Host, the appointment shall be made by the officers in consultation with the members. The officers may make a grant to any substitute Host of an amount equivalent to all or part of the fine payable under C. 13 or C.14.
C. 16 The officers have the power to approve alterations to the timetable requested as specified in C. 9 and the deadlines specified in D.1, D. 2 or D.3, if they deem this necessary to assist in the smooth organization of the Championships.

## D. CONTROL OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

D. 1 At least four (4) months before the start date the Host shall appoint a Championship Director, who will be responsible for the overall control of the Championships.
D. 2 At least four (4) months before the start date, the Host shall appoint a Championship Referee.
D. 3 At least one (1) month before the start date, each competing member shall notify the Host in writing of the name of the person, who shall represent that member on the Championship Panel.
D. 4 The Host shall appoint a Venue Controller(s), to whom all disputes shall be referred in writing by the manager(s) of the country/countries involved. The Venue controller(s) shall be present at each venue and while acting as such, may not officiate in any match. If the Venue Controller(s) fails to resolve a dispute s/he shall refer it to the Championship Director, and on appeal, to the Championship Panel. In the event of a dispute being referred to the Championship Panel, the representatives of those countries involved in the dispute shall not be permitted to vote with respect thereto.
D. 5 (a) The Championship Referee shall appoint a referee and marker to control each match.
(b) Each competing member shall nominate at least six (6) players/officials to assist with refereeing and marking.
D. 6 The Championships shall be played under the current Rules of the Game and Code of Conduct of the WSF.
D. 7 Competitors enter and play in the Championships at their own risk. Neither CASA, the Host nor the venues will accept any responsibility for injury arising from participation in a Championship. This shall be stipulated on all entry forms and competitors may be required to sign a disclaimer to this effect.
D. 8 CASA and Hosts reserve the right to implement compulsory dope testing for any players participating in the Championships. (A notice to this effect must be included on all entry forms).

## E. DOPING

E. 1 There shall be no doping before or during play in the Championships.
E. 2 For the purposes of these rules, doping is the introduction into the body, in any way of any, of a list of prohibited substances with the object of improving performance during competition.
E. 3 Anti-doping controls may be carried out in accordance with directives issued by the officers.
E. 4 These directives, which shall be based on medical advice, shall include details of the procedure for the conduct of test and the imposition of penalties.*
E. 5 Any directives authorized by the officers under these rules, shall be issued to all members not later than six (6) calendar months before the start date.

## *Penalty for Misuse of Drugs:-

Members must undertake to impose a standard two 2) years suspension, from all forms of competitive Squash upon a player who has misused drugs, in order to gain a competitive advantage in squash. That player shall also be excluded from the next Championships.

## F. CLOTHING

F. 1 Clothing restrictions may be decided by the Host, but must meet the approval of the Championship Panel.

## G. ELIGIBILITY

G. 1 Subject to G.2, the team events shall be open to all full members and such associate members as are not restricted in their eligibility by the terms of acceptance of their membership.
G. 2 A member is eligible to enter a team in the Championships provided:
(a) It is paid up (including any fines), and
(b) It has not been prohibited from entering the team event under the provisions of rules C.12, C.14, J. 2 or for any other reason.
G. 3 Eligibility to represent a country in the Championships requires that a player be born in, or be a citizen of, or become a naturalized citizen of, or have resided in that country for at least two (2) years, immediately preceding the Championships or for at least four (4) years in the aggregate, during the five (5) years immediately preceding the championships.
G. 4 Notwithstanding the above, a player is ineligible to represent a country, if s/he has represented another country in the three (3) years prior to the commencement of the Championships, in a recognized international squash team championship in any age group; thereafter s/he may represent another country only with the prior approval of the officers.
G. 5 Members or team manager must be able to produce proof of eligibility if requested by the officers or the

## Championship Panel.

## H. RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOST ASSOCIATION

The association appointed to conduct the Championships will run them in accordance with CASA rules and any special instructions given by CASA. The association will be responsible for the day to day running of the event. A maximum of three (3) centres may be used for the Championships and the Host Association is responsible for:-
H. 1 The preparation of the squash centre/s for the Championships, including all facilities.
H. 2 All courts must have unsealed floors and be built to $\boldsymbol{W} \boldsymbol{S F}$ specifications.
H. 3 The providing of the staff and officials to run the Championships.
H. 4 The ticketing, seat allocation and sales.
H. 5 The scheduling of matches and officials.
H. 6 Maintaining notice boards and a master result board on display.
H. 7 Control of balls used for each match.
H. 8 Meal arrangements as appropriate for competitors and officials (minimum two (2) meals per day, cost of which will be included in the entrance fee).
H. 9 The obtaining of team liaison officers and briefing them on requirements and supervising.
H. 10 Arrival meeting and departure of competitors and officials.
H. 11 The organizing accommodation for competitors, officials and official guests.
H. 12 The organizing and controlling of practice facilities.
H. 13 The organizing of medical, physiotherapy and other facilities.
H. 14 The maintenance of facilities for the duration of the Championships.
H. 15 The organizing of transportation for competitors and officials.

## I. DUTIES OF HOST ASSOCIATION

I. 1 The Host Association will provide viewing facilities at no charge to competitors and accredited officials.
I. 2 The Host Association must remind the current holders of lien trophies, that it is their responsibility to return such trophies to the Host Association, in good condition by the commencement of the Championships.

Should any trophy be damaged in any way whatsoever, CASA shall be entitled to arrange for such a trophy to be repaired and to recover the cost of such repair from the member responsible.
I. 3 The Host Association will display the current rules for the Championships and make copies available for the team managers.
I. 4 The Host Association will make full and effective display of results at all major venues.
I. 5 The Host Association will provide medical cover at each venue.
I. 6 The Host Association will arrange and pay for suitable accommodation for members of the Championship Panel, competitors and other officials commencing at least one (1) day prior to the start date.
I. 7 The Host Association will provide facilities for the Championship Panel meetings as required.
I. 8 The Host Association will arrange and pay for all official transport for competitors and officials. This will be provided from the specified arrival point, to and from official accommodation and match venues/official meeting places and to the specified departure point.
I. 9 The Host will arrange and pay for reasonable practice facilities commencing at least one day prior to and during the Championships.
I. 10 A general meeting of CASA will be held in conjunction with the Championships. It shall be the duty of the Host Association to book, though not pay for, such accommodation and meeting place on behalf of the officers, representatives and observers as shall be requested by the officers. As far as practical, the Host Association shall book such accommodation at the same rates as those arranged for competitors and officials.
I. 11 The Host Association will provide the officers and members with detailed results within four (4) weeks of the completion of the Championships.
I. 12 The Host Association will provide the officers and members with a full report on the Championships within two (2) months of the completion at the latest.

## J. DUTIES OF VISITING MEMBERS

J. 1 Members will be responsible for transporting their competitors and officials to the specified arrival point and from the specified departure point as designated by the Host Association.
J. 2 Members shall ensure that their competitors and officials pay all expenses prior to leaving the Championships. If unpaid expenses, deemed legitimate by the officers, remain unpaid by a visiting member for more than three (3) months, CASA reserves the right to prohibit that member from competing in the next Championships.

## K. TEAM MANAGEMENT

K. 1 Upon arrival at the Championships, the team manager shall be the official and sole representative of her/his team in all matters, except when an individual match has started, when the Rules of the Game shall apply. At all other times, the manager shall act for all members of her/his team in receiving and giving instructions.

Team Championships (to be played after completion of the individual Championships)

## L. OVERALL FORMAT

L. 1 Subject to the provisions of the rule, a team shall contain no less than three (3) and no more than six (6) players in each of the women's and men's sections and one (1) lady Over 40 (forty), one (1) man over 40 (forty) and one (1) man over fifty (50) for the Veterans' Team Event. The host Association, with the approval of the officers given not less than six (6) months prior to the commencement of the Championships, may for any particular Championships extend the composition of a team to include such greater number of players or such further sections as it may think fit. Without limitation to the foregoing such extensions may include:
(a) A Junior section or sections.

No player shall be eligible to play in more than one (1) section of the team events.
L. 2 In the first stage of the Championships, all teams will be required to play ties in "pools" on a round robin (all play all) basis.
L. 3 In the second stage, teams will play ties on a knockout basis.
L. 4 Teams that have been beaten will be required to play off to produce a final order covering all competing teams.
L. 5 Subject to L.6, each tie will consist of five (5) matches between teams of five (5) players nominated in order of strength, and such additional matches as may be required to accommodate any extensions made in the composition of the team in accordance with L.1.
L. 6 A tie involving a team with less than five (5) players, shall consist of as many matches as that team has players. In such a tie, a walkover or walkovers shall be awarded to the opposing team at the bottom ranked position(s).
L. 7 Veterans will play in their respective categories. Teams may consist of less than three (3) players but will compete for the full allotted points.

## M. TIMETABLE

M. 1 The draw shall be published in time to enable competing members to receive it no later than one (1) month prior to commencement.
M. 2 As far as practicable, all Team Championship ties will be scheduled for completion within a period of four (4) days and in any event within a period of seven (7) days.
M. 3 As far as practicable, teams will not be required to play more than one (1) tie a day. Rest days may be included in the schedule.
M. 4 All semi-final team ties must take place on the same day. Finals must be scheduled to commence at least eighteen (18) hours after the start of the latest relevant semi-finals.

## N. FORMAT AND SEEDING OF TEAMS

N. 1 Teams representing members that competed at the previous Championships will be seeded in the order in which they finished. The Host, with the approval of the officers, may at the time of the draw, move teams a maximum of two (2) places, if it is considered that they have significantly gained or lost in strength in relation to the preceding Championships. Other teams will be seeded to follow at the discretion of the Host. CASA will make available to the host, the results of the Rose Bowl Championships and Southern Caribbean Championships played since the preceding Caribbean Area Squash Championships, for consideration in determining team seeding.
N. 2 With 1-6 teams competing, all teams will play in a single pool.
N. 3 With 6-9 teams competing, teams will play in two (2) pools:

Pool A: Teams seeded $1,4,5,8$, and 9
Pool B: Teams seeded 2, 3, 6, and 7

## Deciding of final order of teams in a pool.

N. 4 All teams play one another in a pool to establish order of merit.

This is decided:
First, by greater number of ties won; if equal, then by greater number of matches won; If equal, then by positive difference between games won and lost; If equal, then by positive difference between points won and lost; If two (2) teams still equal, then by the result between the teams or if more than two (2) involved, then by lottery.

The format and seeding of teams at stage 2 .
N. 5 With 1-6 teams competing there will be no Stage 2 matches.
N. 6 With 6-9 teams competing:

The top two (2) teams in each pool will play in the semi-finals.
The next two (2) teams in each pool will play off for positions 5-8.
The semi-finals will decide final positions 1-4 with teams drawn to play one another in a knock-out format as follows:
Semi-Finals Final

Winner Pool (A)
Runner Up Pool (B)

Runner Up Pool (A)
Winner Pool (B)

The two (2) losing semi-finalists will play off to decide positions 3 and 4. Positions 5-8 will be established in similar manner (with byes at the bottom as necessary).

## O. TEAM ORDER

O. 1 At a meeting of the Championship Panel held at least one (1) day prior to the commencement of the Team Championships, the representative of each competing member shall hand to the Championship Director and every other representative a list of the names of the players in each section of his/her team in descending order of strength. This should reflect the current form of participating team members and the representative must be prepared to justify player order with evidence such as recent results or rankings.
O. 2 Any of the teams whose list has not been handed in at the Team Championship Panel meeting, may be scratched from the championships at the discretion of the Championship Panel.
O. 3 The Championship Panel will scrutinize nominations and may amend team orders. Its decision will be final and will be announced by the Championship Director by 22.00 Hrs . at the latest, on the day before the commencement of the Team Championships. Team orders shall be adhered to throughout the Championships.
O. 4 If six (6) players have been nominated in the men's and/or women's section(s) the team manager will have to omit one (1) player for each tie. Any player can be omitted provided the others play in order of merit. Unless the Championship Director is notified otherwise in writing at least one (1) hour, before the scheduled start of a tie, the manager shall be deemed to have selected his/her top five (5) players. The ChampionshipPanel reserves the right to allow changes to player nominations after the deadline for each tie in exceptional circumstances.
O. 5 A schedule of marking and refereeing duties of teams for the Team Championships shall be submitted at the Team Championship Panel meeting. Any changes should be made at this meeting (D. 5 (b)).

## P. PLAYING ORDER OF MATCHES

P. 1 For the Women's and Men's Team matches, the draw (by ballot) shall be made and published by 18:00 Hrs. on each day for the ties scheduled for the following day. The no. 1 strings shall always be played in the middle of the tie.
P. 2 Playing order for the veterans' ties shall be done by draw, as in the first part of P. 1 or by arrangement by the Championship Panel.
P. 3 Players will be required to contest all matches in a tie even if the result has been decided.

## Q. REPLACEMENT AFTER INJURY OR ILLNESS

Q. 1 A team manager may request permission from the Championship Panel to replace a member of his team at any time during the Team Championships. Such permission will only be given if the reason is considered legitimate (e.g. illness or injury) and provided that the replacement player is accepted as being of lower strength than all members of the team as originally nominated.
Q. 2 All team managers must be advised in writing by the Championship Director if a player is being replaced. Any appeal against the decision must be made within two (2) hours to the Championship Panel.
Q. 3 All player privileges and facilities will be passed to any replacement player on his/her arrival at the championships, by the player being replaced.
Q. 4 A team manager may at any time during the Championships, appeal to the Championship Panel if he/she has evidence that a player in an opposing team is likely to compete, or has competed when unfit. If this appeal is upheld, then the player in question may not be nominated to compete in any tie until approved by the Championship Panel, and action may be taken against the team concerned as appropriate.

## R. OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

R. 1 A trophy for the combined sections of the Team Championships (the men's, women's and veterans sections) shall be awarded as follows:

Upon the conclusion of the separate sections, points shall be awarded to the teams according to their finishing positions, i.e.
Men's/Women's Veteran

Team

| First Place | 10 | 6.0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Second Place | 8 | 4.8 |
| Third Place | 6 | 3.6 |
| Fourth Place | 5 | 3.0 |
| Fifth Place | 4 | 2.4 |
| Sixth Place | 3 | 1.8 |
| Seventh Place | 2 | 1.2 |
| Eight Place | 1 | 0.6 |
| Ninth Place | 0 | 0.0 |

Aggregate points awarded shall determine the winner of the trophy. In the event of two (2) or more teams having an equal number of points, then the winner shall be decided as follows:

First, by the greater number of ties won;
if equal, then by the greater number of matches won;
if equal, then by the positive difference between games won and lost;
if still equal, then by lottery.

## S. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

(this is to be played as the first segment of the championships)

## Format

S. 1 The individual events in the Championships shall include a men's individual event and a woman's individual event and may, at the discretion of the host, include:
(a) Plate events open to all competitors defeated in their first match.
(b) A Veteran's individual event or events.
(c) Juniors' individual event or events.
S. 2 The Championship Panel shall enter in the draw for the men's and women's events, the two (2) top ranked players from each team and such others as the Championship Panel shall decide. The Championship Panel may limit entries to competitors in the team events only.
S. 3 The Championship Panel may include in the draws for the plate events (if any) such other players as the championship panel shall decide. The Championship Panel may limit entries to the competitors in the Team Championships.
S. 4 The number of competitors in an individual event shall not exceed thirty-two (32) or such greater number as the host, with the approval of the officers, may decide.

## T. SEEDING AND DRAW

T. 1 The Championship Panel shall be responsible for the seeding and draw, which shall be carried out according to ISPA guidelines (i.e. Pick and Position formula). This shall take place at the Individual Championship Panel meeting held one (1) day prior to the commencement of the Individual Championships.

## T. 2 As far as practicable, no player shall play a fellow team member in the first round.

T. 3 As far as practicable, the two (2) top ranked players from each team shall not be placed in the same half of the draw.

## U. TIMETABLE

U. 1 Any player not ready to play at the appointed time or within ten (10) minutes thereafter may be defaulted.
U. 2 As far as practicable, all Individual Championship matches will be scheduled for completion prior to the start of the Team Championships.
U. 3 As far as practicable, players will not be required to play more than two (2) matches a day. Rest days may be included in the schedule.
U. 4 All semi-final team ties must take place on the same day. Finals must be scheduled to commence at least eighteen (18) hours after the start of the latest relevant semi-finals.
U. 5 Players are required to assist with marking and refereeing duties, as determined by the Championship Referee.

## V. ELIGIBILITY

V. 1 To be eligible to play in a Veteran's event, competitors shall be over the age (of the category) on the first scheduled day of play of that section (individual or team) of the Championships.
V. 2 To be eligible to play in a Junior event (if any), competitors shall be under the age (of the category) at the final scheduled day of play of that section (individual or team) of the Championships.

## W. CODE OF CONDUCT

The following offences may be subject to penalties under Rule seventeen (17) of the International Singles Game of Squash and/or disciplinary action:
W. 1 A player who verbally or physically abuses her/his opponent, the marker, referee, officials, spectators or the sponsors.
W. 2 A player who shows dissent to the marker, referee or officials, including foul or profane language and obscene or offensive gestures.
W. 3 A player who abuses playing equipment or the court.
W. 4 A player who fails to comply with the conditions of entry of a tournament including any rules with regard to clothing or advertisement.
W. 5 A player who fails to complete a match for a reason other than injury, illness or emergency situation.
W. 6 A player who defaults from a Championship. The Championship Panel may require evidence of proof of "bona fide" injury, illness or other emergency situation.
W. 7 A player who does not comply with the rules or spirit of the game.
W. 8 A player guilty of any other unreasonable conduct which brings the game into disrepute.

## X. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

A player who commits any of the offences listed in the code of conduct may be subject to disciplinary action by the Championship Panel.
X. 1 Objects of the disciplinary procedure:
a) To uphold the good name of CASA and the game.
b) To resolve all problems relating to the conduct of players in their relation with each other, officials, sponsors and the public.

## X. 2 Powers of the Championship Panel:

(a) To impose a warning or a fine.
(b) To recommend to the officers, the banning of a player.
(c) To recommend to the officers, such action as may be necessary to uphold the objects of the disciplinary procedure.
(d) To send a full report to CASA for consideration and forwarding to the national association of the player concerned.

X3. Procedures:
a) Following the report of an incident to the panel a meeting shall be convened comprising the panel, an officer, the player and a representative of the player, if required by the player.
b) A player shall be notified of the charge to be made against her/him and shall be invited to respond in writing or in person to the panel.
c) A player may appeal against the disciplinary action taken against her/him, but must do so within twenty-eight (28) days by notice in writing to CASA.
d) An appeal will be heard by an independent appeals board, appointed by the officers.

The decisions of the panel or the independent appeals board, as appropriate, shall be binding on all concerned.

## Y. CASA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Y. 1 The incoming four (4) Executive Committee members of CASA i.e. President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, will comprise of nominees from the Host Association of the CASA Championships of that year. They will hold office for a period of two (2) years or until the following CASA Championships.

## Z. LAST REVISED AND ACCEPTANCE DATES

Z. 1 Last revised on May 16th, 2001 by Colin Ming - Guyana - CASA President.
Z. 2 Accepted on May 17th, 2001 by other CASA Executive Members Vice-President - Paul Chan-A-Sue,

Secretary - David King, Treasurer - Garfield Wiltshire, Past President - Douglas Beckford and Sixth Officer - Craig Archer.

