

## **JUNIORS - 2016-2017**

Please note, there have been some changes to the guidelines for this season.

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### ***Player Behaviour:***

All junior players are required to be familiar with the Conditions and Rules for Juniors Travelling to Tournaments and Events. A copy of these conditions and rules is available here - <https://www.irishsquash.com/squash-for-juniors/>

Also see section below on representing Ireland and protocol for parents, guardians and supporters.

### ***Tournament Organisation:***

Provincial junior opens should be run over 2 days, unless there are strong logistical reasons to do otherwise, it is the decision of each provincial organisation to decide.

The Junior Nationals will be run over three days.

Players and parents should note that when a tournament is played over 2 days that matches will be scheduled for 9:30 on Saturday and Sunday morning to allow for reasonably early finishes on both days.

### ***Tournament Draws:***

The standard Swiss 8 or Swiss 16 is the default draw format, where a competition is 'over-subscribed' players 7v10 and 8v9 will play off on Friday and the main draw on Saturday will have the 2 winners. The 2 losers will play off against each other. Entries of 11 and over will result in a 16 draw. Round Robin format will be used when entry numbers dictate.

### ***Withdrawals:***

Where a player withdraws from the competition up to the day of the event there will be a redraw but where the withdrawal is on the day of the competition there will be a redraw only where the player is in the top 4. Players should also note that penalties apply for players who withdraw after the draw or who fail to complete the competition. The bye-laws on late withdrawal can be found on the Competition Information page on <https://www.irishsquash.com/entry-forms/>.

### **Walk/Over**

A walk/over will be awarded against any player who does not present him or herself within 15 mins of the published match start time. It is the player or player's guardian's responsibility to check for changes in published start times on the day of the match.

### **Entry Fees:**

The entry fee is payable at the venue before the first match. Entry fees will be €20 (£15stg) per player (€30/£25 for 2 siblings & €40/£30 for 3 siblings).

### **Tournament Seeding:**

Tournaments will be seeded by the junior secretary on the basis of Points Rankings and will be published on [www.irishsquash.com](http://www.irishsquash.com). Rankings will be updated after each tournament.

A 'wildcard' seeding may be used at the discretion of the Junior Secretary and Provincial Junior Representatives where a player does not have a current Irish ranking. Reference will be made as appropriate, to rankings in other jurisdictions or to previous Irish rankings (eg. if returning after prolonged absence due to injury).

**NB.** Players dissatisfied with their rankings should, in the first instance, communicate through their provincial junior secretaries (listed above).

### **Balls:**

In line with ESF tournaments the Dunlop Double Yellow ball will continue for all age groups except U11s.

### **Ranking points:**

A 12-month rolling ranking system, similar to that used by the ESF, is to be introduced this season.

The points to be earned in this season's junior tournaments are shown below. Players who move up in age group carry 50% of the points already earned at the younger age group.

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Nationals	2000	1800	1600	1400	1200	1000	900	800	700	600	500	400	300	200	100	80	60	40
Opens	1500	1350	1200	1050	900	750	600	450	300	150	125	100	80	60	50	40	30	20

Ranking points will also be awarded for the East of Ireland tournament.

Ranking points determined by the number of players in a draw, e.g. in a 16 player draw, 1<sup>st</sup> place gets 160, 2<sup>nd</sup> place gets 150 points. In a 15 player draw 1<sup>st</sup> gets 150 points and 2<sup>nd</sup> gets 140 points and so on. Points are awarded on this basis for all finishing places.

'Points Rankings' are used to select players for Irish Teams (U19 & U17, U15 & U13), and will be published on [www.irishsquash.com](http://www.irishsquash.com) and updated after each tournament.

### ***Squad Sessions:***

The dates for the squad sessions will be published on the Irish Squash website, email notification will be sent to the players and their parents. Failure to attend squads may lead to a player not being selected on a team.

The squad sessions are heavily subsidised by Irish Squash by on average 85-90%. The duration of training sessions is estimated and can change at the discretion of the National Coach. **There will be no refund of coaching fees in the event that coaching times are changed or reduced.**

### ***Schools Competition:***

The age rule for these competitions is the same as all other junior competitions and a player must be under the relevant age on the final day of the competition.

### ***Communication between players/parents and Irish Squash:***

If you have an issue relating to junior squash please let us know by contacting your provincial junior secretary who will be able to provide you with an explanation or who will be able to follow up your query through the Irish Squash junior committee and the Irish Squash Junior Secretary. **Under no circumstances should any issue be brought to the Irish Squash office or the Junior Secretary in the first instance.**