



## VSRA CLUB CIRCUIT INC

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## VICTORIAN SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION – CLUB CIRCUIT INC.

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### INTRODUCTION

Victorian Squash Racquets Association Club Circuit Incorporated conducts a squash rackets competition twice per annum played under the Rules of Squash and the By-laws of Club Circuit. Club Circuit is an affiliate of the Victorian Squash Federation (VSF) Incorporated and complies with its relevant By-laws and guidelines as appropriate. Club Circuit has registration no: A0016078Y dated 30 May 1988 and ABN 23 041 512.

### INTERPRETATION OF BY-LAWS

The authority to interpret and review the By-Laws is the responsibility of the Committee of Management of the Victorian Squash Racquets Association - Club Circuit Incorporated. However it may delegate that responsibility to the Disciplinary Tribunal and/or the Appeals Panel but retains the right to be final arbiter.

### 1 DEFINITIONS

**Appeals Panel** is a group of people appointed by and responsible to the Committee, to review the results of a Disciplinary Tribunal hearing upon appeal and to make recommendations to the Committee as a result of this review. The panel shall consist of at least three (3) persons nominated by the Committee as being competent to interpret the By-laws of Club Circuit. One member of the associated Disciplinary Tribunal may be appointed as an advisor but may not be a member of the Appeals Panel. The Pennant Chairman shall not chair the Appeals Panel (but may be a member).

**Chairman** is the member of the Committee responsible for chairing all committee and general meetings of Club Circuit. The Chairman is also the representative of the Committee in formal contacts with outside groups except in roles otherwise specifically delegated to other committee members.

**Club Circuit** means Victorian Squash Racquets Association Club Circuit Incorporated

**Committee** means the Committee of Management of Club Circuit.

**Delegate to the Victorian Squash Federation** is the member of the Committee representing Club Circuit on the VSF Technical Council, and is responsible for reporting to the Committee on any matters of interest which arise at the VSF Technical Council meetings and putting to the council any matters requested by the Committee.

**Fixture** is a pennant fixture publication issued by the Committee at the start of each season, which contains the details of the season's competition, key contacts and other relevant information.

**Match and Pennant Chairman** is the member of the Committee responsible for the day-to-day running of pennant competitions, including liaising with the delegates of member clubs.

**Member Club** means any club affiliated with Club Circuit Incorporated.

**Pennant Sub-Committee** means a sub-committee comprising the Match and Pennant Chairman and any other Committee members appointed by the committee.

**Player** means a person who is a bona-fide member of a Member Club.

**Records Officer** means the person specified in the fixture to receive results.

**Rules of Squash** means the rules of Squash as set out in the latest of "The World Squash Singles Rules 2001" published by the World Squash Federation or any later publication that replaces that document.

**Secretary** is the member of the Committee responsible for taking minutes of meetings, organising meetings as requested by the Committee and sending and receiving correspondence on behalf of the Committee and Club Circuit as instructed by the Committee.

**Treasurer** is the member of the Committee responsible for managing and reporting on the finances of Club Circuit, including receiving and disbursing money on behalf of Club Circuit according to its Rules and as instructed by the Committee and keeping correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of Club Circuit with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of Club Circuit.

**Tribunal** means the Disciplinary Tribunal.

**Vice-Chairman** is the member of the Committee responsible for taking on the Chairman's role when the Chairman is unavailable.

## **2 CLUB CIRCUIT COMMITTEE**

### **2.1 Membership**

Shall consist of the officers of Club Circuit, viz:

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Match and Pennant Chairman
- Delegate to the VSF

And two (2) ordinary Committee Members

### **2.2 Tasks**

- 2.2.1 To control the Club Circuit pennant competition.
- 2.2.2 To ratify amounts payable for subscriptions for Member Clubs each pennant season.
- 2.2.3 To convene Disciplinary Tribunal and Appeals Panel, etc.
- 2.2.4 To ratify amounts payable for fines against breaches of the By-laws and to inform Member Clubs of these decisions.
- 2.2.5 To perform any other tasks deemed by the committee to be necessary in running Club Circuit.

## **3 MEMBER CLUB MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA**

Club Circuit accepts a licensed sporting or social club as a Member Club that meets the following criteria:

### **3.1 Squash Courts**

Availability of squash court(s), preferably within the boundaries of the Member Club, that meet the requirement under Appendix item 2.

### **3.2 Ancillary Facilities**

Separate change rooms for male and female pennant players that provide shower and toilet facilities consistent in number with the number of squash courts.

### **3.3 Post Pennant Hosting**

After the completion of the pennant match, the home team hosts the visiting team with supper and beverages in a supper room preferably within the Member Club confines but isolated from the squash courts.

### **3.4 Availability of Hosting Facility**

The hosting facility should be available to the home team for a respectable period of time after completion of the match while conforming to the in-house and licensing regulations of the Member Club.

### **3.5 Satisfaction of the Committee**

The Committee is satisfied that the standard of the facilities specified above is at a level expected for Club Circuit and the Committee approves of the membership of the club.

## **4 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

If a matter arises that results in the Committee determining that a disciplinary hearing is warranted the Committee will:

- Arrange to notify Member Clubs that players within their club have been charged with alleged breaches of the By-laws and the nature of the alleged breaches;
- Make arrangements for a hearing by the Disciplinary Tribunal.

### **4.2 Disciplinary Tribunal Membership**

The Disciplinary Tribunal shall consist of at least three (3) persons nominated by the committee as being experienced to interpret the By-laws of Club Circuit. The Match and Pennant Chairman shall not chair the Disciplinary Tribunal. Club Circuit may conduct the tribunal hearing itself or request Victorian Squash Federation to organise and conduct any or all aspects of the hearing, including nomination of the members of the Tribunal.

### **4.3 Tasks of the Disciplinary Tribunal**

- 4.3.1 To be responsible to the Committee for administering the alleged breaches of the By-laws and the Rules of Club Circuit for which the Tribunal hearing was called.
- 4.3.2 In relation to the hearing for which it was convened, to resolve all problems relating to the conduct of the players in their relationship with each other, officials and the public.
- 4.3.3 To impose any penalties the Tribunal deems appropriate to the case in accordance with "PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF THE BY-LAWS" set out in these by-laws.
- 4.3.4 To recommend changes to the By-laws for consideration by the Committee.

### **4.4 Procedure for reporting of offences**

- 4.4.1 The Club Circuit Match and Pennant Chairman or Secretary should receive the original complaint, either by post, fax or email no later than three (3) working days after the match date from which the allegations arose. Any complaint received after this date will not be considered.
- 4.4.2 The complainant should retain a copy of the complaint.
- 4.4.3 The tribunal hearing must be held within ten (10) working days from the receipt of the complaint.

### **4.5 Appeals Against Decisions Of The Disciplinary Tribunal**

- 4.5.1 The decision of the properly constituted Disciplinary Tribunal shall be final except as follows:
- 4.5.2 A Member Club may request a review of the Disciplinary Tribunal finding by lodging a notice with the Club Circuit Secretary in writing within seven (7) days of the decision of the Disciplinary Tribunal. This process is known as an Appeal.
- 4.5.3 An Appeal shall be considered only on at least one the following grounds:
  - 4.5.4 That the Disciplinary Tribunal was not properly constituted.
  - 4.5.5 That evidence of a substantial nature was not brought to the attention of the Disciplinary Tribunal.
  - 4.5.6 That the penalty imposed by the tribunal was manifestly excessive.
- 4.5.7 The Appeal must be in writing and must contain all material and evidence that the appellant relies upon in support of the review.
- 4.5.8 The Committee will appoint an Appeals Panel which shall consider such material and after consideration shall make recommendations to the Committee.
  - 4.5.8.1 The Appeals Panel may recommend that the Committee:
    - (i) dismiss the Appeal
    - (ii) allow the Appeal
    - (iii) modify the penalty according to the recommendation of the Appeals Panel
- 4.5.9 Any penalty imposed (suspension, fine, etc.) will not be suspended by lodging an appeal.

### **4.6 Committee Responsibilities Following A Tribunal Hearing**

Following a tribunal hearing (and the subsequent appeal, if any) the committee shall:

- 4.6.1 Notify each Member Club which was, or any of whose members were the subject of the hearing, of the result of the tribunal hearing including any penalties imposed.
- 4.6.2 Consider the recommendations of the Appeals Panel (if there was an appeal), accept or reject its recommendations and shall:
  - 4.6.2.1 If the appeal is rejected, notify the appellant club of the decision, with the relevant reasons.
  - 4.6.2.2 If the appeal is upheld and the penalty is amended, notify the appellant club of the decision, with the relevant reasons and the new penalty, if any.
  - 4.6.2.3 If the appeal is upheld and the Committee determines that a new Disciplinary Tribunal hearing should be held, take steps to hold a new Tribunal hearing and present all of the facts on the case to the Tribunal. All parties shall be notified and the hearing shall be held within fourteen (14) days. Any penalties imposed at the original hearing shall be cancelled.
- 4.6.3 Review the result of the tribunal hearing and any associated appeal.
  - 4.6.3.1 If a penalty is imposed by the tribunal (and confirmed or amended by the committee on the recommendation of the Appeals Panel if there was an appeal) the Secretary will inform the VSF of the penalty.

Any notification referred to in this by-law may be by post, fax or email or a combination of these.

## **5 PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF THE BY-LAWS**

The following penalties may be imposed as a result of a Tribunal hearing:

- 5.1 Disqualification of players or Member Clubs.
- 5.2 Suspension of players or Member Clubs.
- 5.3 Fines of players or Member Clubs.
- 5.4 Awarding and/or deducting points, games, rubbers, matches or tournaments.
- 5.5 Warning to players or Member Clubs.
- 5.6 Any other penalty that the Tribunal considers appropriate, subject to ratification by the Committee.

Penalties for breaches of the By-laws by people associated with Member Clubs may mean that the member or Member Club is penalised.

## **6 THOSE WHO MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BREACHES OF BY-LAWS**

Any one or more of the following may be responsible for breaches of the by-laws:

- 6.1 Players.
- 6.2 Member Clubs.
- 6.3 Any person who aids, abets, counsels or is a party to any breach of the By-laws.

**6.4** Any other person who breaches By-laws with respect to events associated with Club Circuit.

## **7 RULES OF PLAY**

**7.1** All matches shall be played under the Rules of Squash unless otherwise indicated by these By-laws and/or the appendices associated with these By-laws.

## **8 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**8.1** All Member Clubs and their members will comply with the terms of a penalty imposed on any Member Club(s) or player(s) under these By-laws or the By-laws of an associated organisation.

**8.2** The following offences may be subject to penalties by the referee of a match and / or disciplinary action by the Disciplinary Tribunal:

**8.2.1** Any of the actions covered by the Conduct on Court rule of the Rules of Squash whether these actions occur on or off the court and whether they occur before, during or after a rubber.

**8.2.2** Any action covered by the Duties of the Players rule of the Rules of Squash

**8.2.3** Any attempt to falsify or knowingly allow falsification of a result sheet.

**8.2.4** Any other conduct which in the opinion of the Committee brings the game into disrepute.

## **9 POWERS TO DEMAND INFORMATION**

**9.1** The Committee and the Disciplinary Tribunal have the power at any time to demand from any Member Club information regarding the circumstances under which any match has been played, or any matters relating thereto.

**9.2** Member Clubs and/or players required to attend will be penalised for non-attendance at a Disciplinary Tribunal without prior apologies accepted by the Committee.

## **10 FINES**

**10.1** Certain fines imposed for breaches of By-laws shall be set periodically and advised to Member Clubs.

**10.2** The Member Club must pay a fine within thirty (30) days of notification unless an appeal has been lodged in accordance with clause 4.5.

**10.3** In the event that an appeal is dismissed, the Member Club must pay the fine within 30 days of notification of the dismissal of the appeal.

**10.4** If a Member Club fails to pay a fine within the time for which this clause provides, the Committee may further penalise that Club in accordance with clause 5 of these by-laws.

## **11 STANDARD OF COURTS FOR PENNANT AND TOURNAMENTS**

**11.1** All courts must comply with the standard of courts as prescribed by the Rules of Squash and Club

Circuit from time to time. Details of the minimum lighting, wall colours, line markings, conditions of walls and floors, ventilation and other amenities, must be adhered to.

**11.2** Any changes to amenities requested by Club Circuit must be completed within the time span agreed on between Club Circuit and the Member Club.

## **12 PROVISION OF OFFICIALS AND COURTS**

**12.1** Member Clubs may be required to supply referees, markers and officials for any event under the auspices of Club Circuit.

**12.2** Member Clubs may be required to provide one or more courts for finals use.

## **13 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE**

**13.1** Persons wishing to compete must be players as defined in the definitions of these By-laws.

**13.2** No player may play for more than one Member Club during one season in Club Circuit.

**13.3** No player shall be eligible to play before their nomination is approved by the Committee.

## **14 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS**

**14.1** The Committee will determine annually the financial requirements for Member Clubs entering teams and players in Club Circuit pennant or tournament competitions.

## **15 TRANSFERS**

**15.1** If a player wishes to transfer to another Member Club the former Member Club may not refuse a clearance providing the player is under no financial debt to their former club.

**15.2** If a player is named in a team by two Member Clubs and has played in the Club Circuit competition in the past two seasons with one of the nominating clubs, the club at which he last played shall have precedence.

**15.3** If a player is named in a team by two Member Clubs and has not played in the Club Circuit competition in the past, he shall play as directed by the Committee.

**15.4** A player wishing to transfer after team entries have closed may do so only if the player's former club and the Committee agree.

**15.5** Players who have not played for the past two complete Club Circuit seasons do not require a clearance unless they have a financial obligation to their former Member Club.

## **16 CONDITIONS OF PLAYING**

**16.1** All Member Clubs and players must abide by the By-laws of Club Circuit.

**16.2** No player shall play twice in the one night in any VSF affiliated squash competition unless it is the finals and permission is given by the Match and Pennant Chairman. Fines and/or loss of points will be incurred for any breach of this By-law.

**16.3** Players must play in the correct order (see by-law 19 Order of Merit).

## **17 TEAM ENTRIES**

**17.1** Team entries for Pennant Competitions must be in duplicate on the Club Circuit entry forms and must be in the hands of the Match and Pennant Chairman or as otherwise determined by the Committee by the date set down. All requested details including the last season's results and record of new players must be submitted.

**17.2** The top team entered by a club must have at least four players but all other teams must have at least five players.

**17.3** A fine may be imposed if incomplete or inaccurate entry forms are submitted.

## **18 GRADING OF TEAMS**

**18.1** The Committee shall have the right to restrict the number of teams, refuse the entry of teams from any Member Club, or decide the grading of accepted teams.

**18.2** A maximum of one bye is allowable per grade.

**18.3** Any Member Club withdrawing a nominated team after entries have closed may be liable to a fine.

**18.4** The Committee will grade men and women in mixed grades equally based on ability and past pennant performances.

## **19 ORDER OF MERIT**

**19.1** All clubs must submit their nominated teams in the correct order of merit.

**19.2** Any newly registered player who was not included in the Member Club's original nomination of graded teams, may only be included in a team with the permission of the Match and Pennant Chairman at a position approved by the Committee. Such inclusions will not be permitted to strengthen a team beyond the standard of the particular grade.

**19.3** The Match and Pennant Chairman may withdraw the admission of any newly registered player and allow the player to play as an emergency in a higher grade if the original position is deemed too low.

**19.4** A player may play twice in the same grade but not on the same night. The exception is in finals played in separate competitions. The Match and Pennant Chairman must grant permission in each case.

**19.5** Any player may play in a higher grade at the lowest order of play available in that grade without permission from the Match and Pennant Chairman.

**19.6** A player may only play in a lower grade if the following conditions apply:

**19.6.1** The player at number three (3), or lower, in the team may only play as a replacement for the number one (1) in the Member Club's next lower team that is no more than two divisions lower unless approved by the Match and Pennant Chairman.

**19.6.2** Players may not play down in finals matches.

**19.6.3** When approval is required, approval must be obtained from the Match and Pennant Chairman prior to the match being played.

**19.7** A player in a club with two teams entered in the same grade is eligible to play for the other team only in the same order number or higher. Players cannot play across during finals.

**19.8** In all other cases the delegate of the Member Club must seek approval from the Match and Pennant Chairman prior to playing any player in a lower grade.

## **20 ALTERATION TO ORDER OF MERIT**

**20.1** The Pennant Sub-Committee has the right to alter the order of merit of any player at any time.

**20.2** The Pennant Sub-Committee has the right to request clubs to resubmit the order of personnel within certain teams if a team did not receive the original grade requested.

**20.3** A Member Club may not alter the original order of merit submitted to the Committee without asking for a change in writing and receiving confirmation in writing from the Match and Pennant Chairman. Application for changes in the order of merit during any season must be presented in writing to the Pennant Sub-Committee before the last match of the first half of the season or by a date prior as nominated by the Committee.

**20.4** In the case of permitted changes as provided for in By-law 20.3, the new order of merit will take effect from the first match of the second round of the season. All other changes to the order of merit will take effect as from the date nominated in writing by the Pennant Sub-Committee.

**20.5** Only in exceptional circumstances will permission be given to a player who has achieved more wins than losses playing in a particular season in the team to play in a lower position in the second half of the season.

**20.6** The Pennant Sub-Committee can change the order of merit of any team at any stage of the season.

## **21 DUTIES OF THE HOME TEAM**

**21.1** To provide a court to the required standards of Club Circuit.

**21.2** To provide a score sheet and at least one new approved squash ball (preferably with a spare).

**21.3** To provide other facilities for hosting their guests as required by Club Circuit.

**21.4** To send the match results, signed by both competing team captains to the Records Officer by noon the next day.

## **22 PENNANT MATCH PROCEDURE**

**22.1** All players must be present at the venue of the match prior to the official advertised starting time. If any special time requests are to be made the opposing captain must be notified no later than the early afternoon of the match.

**22.2** Captains must advise their opposing captains of the composition of their team before the commencement of a match.

- 22.3** The order of the rubbers must be decided by the toss of a coin unless the captains agree otherwise. The team captain winning the toss shall nominate the players for the first rubber; and thereafter captains alternate choice of subsequent rubbers. Each subsequent rubber must be nominated no later than when either player of the rubber in progress has won two games.
- 22.4** Each rubber shall be the best of five games played in accordance with the Rules of Squash and these By-laws.
- 22.5** In the event of a dispute over the playing order of the team, the match shall be played under protest, and the Committee shall determine the matter on the receipt of a protest submitted according to these By-laws.
- 22.6** A dead rubber in a finals match shall be played as the best of three games unless both captains agree otherwise.

## **23 TIME AND PLACE OF MATCHES**

- 23.1** All matches shall be played at the venues nominated by the Committee and shall commence at the time approved. Matches will not be approved to commence any later than 7:00 pm.
- 23.2** If play is not commenced within fifteen minutes of the time laid down the team offended against may claim the rubber by default. Fifteen minutes grace shall be allowed after each rubber for the expiration of such grace; the team offended against may claim the particular rubber. This process is to be continued until a match commences or all four rubbers have been claimed.
- 23.3** If a rubber is played after the expiration of the fifteen minutes period of grace, the team offended against must advise the team at fault of its intention to claim that rubber prior to the playing thereof, otherwise the result of the playing of the rubber shall stand.
- 23.4** If both teams default in entirety the match shall be cancelled and neither team will receive competition points for the match.

## **24 POWERS TO ORDER A REPLAY OR ALTERATION OF MATCHES**

- 24.1** No alteration shall be made to the time or the venue of a match unless with prior consent of the Committee.
- 24.2** Should a match not be played as arranged, then the team at fault shall be deemed to have defaulted, provided, that the question as to whether a team is in default or not, shall be decided by the Committee.
- 24.3** The Committee or Disciplinary Tribunal shall have the power to order any match to be replayed, either wholly or in part, and to alter the time and place for playing any match.

## **25 MARKING AND REFEREEING**

### **25.1** Requirements for pennant

- 25.1.1 Each team must provide markers and referees unless otherwise agreed by the team captains or as directed by the Pennant Sub-Committee.

25.1.2 Each team captain nominates one person to officiate in each rubber.

25.1.3 The nominated officials from the two teams shall alternate each rubber between the role of marking and refereeing.

25.1.4 If captains fail to agree on who should mark or referee the first rubber, this will be decided by the toss of a coin.

## **26 SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS**

**26.1** Where a match has commenced and a team member nominated under By-law 22.2 is unable to commence the rubber, due to sudden illness, accidental disablement or any good and sufficient reason, a substitute player may replace the team member, providing that:

26.1.1 The opposing captain agrees.

26.1.2 The proposed player is eligible under these By-laws.

26.1.3 The change is noted on the result card.

**26.2** If no substitute is eligible or approved, a forfeit shall be given.

**26.3** The Committee or Disciplinary Tribunal has the right to request proof of reasons for substituting players.

**26.4** The Committee has the right to override the results of a substitute player.

## **27 GAME AND MATCH WALKOVERS**

**27.1** If any team receives a match walkover from any other team, it shall be awarded all rubbers, games and points.

**27.2** In the event of a team defaulting part way through a match, the non-defaulting team shall be awarded all uncompleted rubbers, games and points.

**27.3** In the event of an individual rubber being defaulted in a match which has already commenced, the non-defaulting team shall be awarded the rubber, games and points equivalent to the player winning without the opponent having another serve. The non-defaulting team shall also be awarded all rubbers, games and points competed for by the players at lower positions in the two teams. The Committee may waive this ruling if the circumstances causing the walkover are deemed to be of an extreme or sound nature.

**27.4** If any team gives a match walkover the team's club shall be fined for each walkover up to two.

**27.5** Order of merit must stand regardless of the position of the defaulting player.

## **28 POSTPONEMENT OF GAMES**

**28.1** In the event of a match being postponed after play has commenced, all rubbers already decided shall stand. All remaining matches shall be played at a time and venue mutually agreeable to both clubs with the approval of the Match and Pennant Chairman.

## **29 REPORTING PENNANT RESULTS TO CLUB CIRCUIT**

- 29.1** The home club shall be responsible for conveying the match results to the Records Officer as specified in the fixture.
- 29.2** The match result must be recorded on the official form of the competition (the result sheet).
- 29.3** All sections required to be completed on the official result form must be completed correctly.
- 29.4** A member of each team must sign the appropriate result sheet and the result sheet must be received by the Records Officer no later than 12 noon the following day.
- 29.5** The Committee may also require results to be telephoned to the Match and Pennant Chairman, or the designated delegate, prior to a specific time.
- 29.6** Teams failing to comply with any of the By-laws 29.1 through to 29.5 may be liable to a fine or loss of points or both.

### **30 PREMIERSHIP POINTS**

- 30.1** The team winning the most rubbers shall be the winner of a match. If the rubbers are equal, the team winning the most games shall be the winner. If the rubbers and games are equal then the team scoring the most points shall be the winner. If rubbers, games and points are equal a drawn match shall be declared.
- 30.2** For all the matches played throughout the Pennant Competition two (2) points shall be awarded for a match win and one (1) point for each rubber won.
- 30.3** In the case of a drawn match each team shall receive one (1) point for the match and one (1) point for each rubber.
- 30.4** If a team has a bye in a particular round it will be awarded 3 points for that round.

### **31 ORDER OF TEAMS HAVING EQUAL POINTS**

- 31.1** If teams have the same number of premiership points at the end of the Home and Away season, then the final order shall be determined by a count back based on the greater number of rubbers won, then, if the number of rubbers won is equal, the greater number of games won, then, if the number of games won is equal, the lower number of games lost, then, if the number of games lost is equal, the greater number of points won then, if the number of points won is equal, the lower number of points lost. If the teams are still equal the Match and Pennant Chairman shall arrange a play-off.
- 31.2** If a semi-final results in a draw (according to by-law 31.1) the match will be replayed within two days unless otherwise agreed by the Match and Pennant Chairman or his delegate.
- 31.3** If a replayed semi-final results in a draw, the team finishing in second place after the completion of the last round of home and away matches shall be declared the winner. However, if the two teams finished equal second after the completion of the last round of home and away matches the winner shall be decided by the toss of a coin.
- 31.4** If a Grand Final results in a draw (equal rubbers, games and points) both teams shall be declared

premiers and each shall be awarded the same prize as would have been awarded to the winner if one team had won.

## **32 ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY IN FINALS**

- 32.1** Prior to the start of the season the committee shall nominate within the pennant fixture the format that will decide the pennant premier.
- 32.2** Players must have played in at least five matches in eight team grades and four matches in seven team grades to be eligible to play in any final play-off, unless approval is otherwise given by the Match and Pennant Chairman. (Note: Eligibility matches are those played for the club, not necessarily for that individual's team. Games played up and down the grades are counted as eligibility matches.)
- 32.3** Permission may be sought by Member Clubs to grant special exceptions to this By-law.
- 32.4** At least 5 players in the team must have current rules accreditation (i. e., must have attended an approved RAP course within the current season or one of the 7 seasons immediately prior to the current season) and all players taking part in finals (including marking or refereeing) must also have current rules accreditation. If a team has been allowed to compete with only 4 players ( as permitted in by-law 17.2) then all four players must have current rules accreditation.

## **33 FINALS**

- 33.1** The finals series in all Club Circuit competitions shall be played off between the teams finishing in the top three positions after the end of the home and away matches. The team finishing first shall go straight into the final. The teams finishing second and third shall play off in a semi final to decide the right to play in the final.

The loser of the semi final will provide currently rules accredited referees and markers for the grand final at the designated venue.

- 33.2** Clubs whose teams fail to make the finals play-off may be required to supply currently rules accredited markers and referees for the semi final - usually, it is the team that is last on completion of round 12.
- 33.3** Any Member Clubs may be requested to provide courts where finals matches can be played.

## **34 DRESS PERMITTED ON COURT**

Attire must be in accordance with the Club Circuit requirements. Guidelines may be found in Appendices 3, 4 and 5.

## **35 PREGNANT PLAYERS**

- 35.1** Women are recommended not to play when they are pregnant.
- 35.2** Women who are obviously pregnant are not permitted to play in the pennant competition. Other pregnant women may be required to provide a doctor's certificate specifically allowing them to

play competition squash.

## **36 SPONSORSHIP**

### **36.1 Pennant Sponsors**

Club Circuit may from time to time appoint a sponsor(s) to cover any or all Pennant Competition and Tournaments under its control. All member bodies will be required to comply with the conditions under which Club Circuit agrees to sponsorship documents. If these sponsorship deals conflict in terms with any sponsorship deals arranged by Member Clubs, it is the Member's responsibility to follow the requirements of Club Circuit until such time as a formal agreement between Club Circuit, Member and the respective Sponsors is arranged.

### **36.2 Requirement of Players**

36.2.1 Any sponsorship deals arranged by Club Circuit take precedence over sponsorship arranged by a Member. All players are expected to comply by the arrangements set out in the deal, and these requirements will be circulated to all players through their clubs.

36.2.2 While a player is wearing the sponsor's name, the player shall not bring the sponsor's name into disrepute.

36.2.3 While a player is attending any function which is connected with the sponsor, the player shall not bring the sponsor's name into disrepute.

### **36.3 Individual sponsors of teams**

Sponsors gained by clubs or teams do not take precedence over sponsors arranged for Pennant Competition or Tournaments, but they must be afforded the same respect as sponsors gained by Club Circuit.

### **36.4 Tournament Sponsors**

Tournament Sponsors take precedence over sponsors gained by Member Clubs, clubs, teams, or individuals, and must be afforded the same respect as sponsors gained by Club Circuit.

## **37 DRUGS**

37.1 Club Circuit will support the requirements set out by the Australian Sports Commission on the use of drugs.

37.2 The use of anabolic steroids during training or the use of stimulant drugs while playing competitive squash is not allowed.

37.3 Club Circuit retains the right to demand that any player suspected of using drugs, give a sample of blood to a nominated medical practitioner, so that the player and Association can independently test the blood contents for drug use, A third sample of the blood can be retained for identification purposes.

## **38 AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS**

These By-laws may only be amended on approval of the Committee. The Committee may receive recommendations from time to time from any Member Club which may or may not be acted on by Club

Circuit.

## **39 APPENDICES**

**39.1** From time to time the Committee may attach Appendices to these By-laws. These Appendices may contain various methods of controlling Pennant Competitions, scoring, determining positions on ladders and other related material.

## **APPENDICES**

### **1. APPROVED SQUASH BALLS**

The squash balls to be used are any double yellow balls of brands approved by the World Squash Federation and/or Squash Australia.

### **2. APPROVED COURT STANDARDS**

#### **2.1 Description and Dimensions**

The court shall conform to the specification set out in the Rules of Squash Appendix.

#### **2.2 Lighting, Court Walls and Court Floor**

Lighting, Court Walls and the Court Floor must be of a standard acceptable to the Committee.

### **3. DRESS STANDARDS**

The following clothing shall apply without exception to pennant competition:

**3.1** The decision of the referee shall be final in all matters of judgement or opinion arising from the interpretation of this clothing rule, except that the he may not rule illegal or unacceptable an item of clothing or a design which has been approved by the WSF, Squash Australia, the Victorian Squash Federation, or the Club Circuit Committee.

**3.2** Player clothing shall consist of a dress or shirt and shorts or skirt, socks and playing shoes. Headbands and wristbands are optional.

**3.3** All clothing shall conform to the accepted standards of decency and cultural / religious observance in Australia.

**3.4** Players may wear clothing of any colour or combination of colours.

**3.5** Neither singlets nor caps may be worn during pennant matches.

**3.6** Tracksuits may be worn during the warm-up but may not be worn during the remainder of the match.

### **4. OTHER CLOTHING**

**4.1** Any jewellery or watches worn by a player shall not be so conspicuous or brightly reflecting as to distract or unsight an opponent and shall not be potentially dangerous.

### **5. PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR**

A player who satisfies the Squash Australia age eligibility requirement for under 20 years and/or any younger age group competitions must wear protective eyewear approved by Squash Australia and under the conditions specified by Squash Australia.