

# SQUASH

## League Rules



EDMONTON **SPORT & SOCIAL CLUB**

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## 1. COURT REQUIREMENTS

League	Total # of Players Required on the Court	Minimum # of F Players Required on the Court	Maximum # of M/X Players Allowed on the Court
Open	2	0	2

All ESSC Squash Leagues use an 'open' roster format. There are no co-ed requirements for the leagues.

## 2. DEFAULT MINIMUMS & SCORES

League	Minimum Players to Avoid Default	Default Score
Open	2 (No Gender Requirements)	0-11; 0-11; 0-11

**Important** – In Squash, a team *is* allowed to play with one player in order to avoid defaulting all four matches. In this case, the team would only default two of the matches.

## 3. FORMAT & EQUIPMENT

### GAME FORMAT

- Teams will play four matches per night:
  - Each player will play two individual matches against the opposition
  - Example: A + B vs. C + D
    - Match 1: A vs. C, B vs. D
    - Match 2: A vs. D, B vs. C
- Total playing time is 60 minutes
  - Each match has a 30-minute time limit
- Matches are a best-of-five games format

### SCORING

- All games use a rally-point scoring system
- Each game is to 11 points (do not have to win by 2 points)
- A total of 5 combined points must be played in a game for the result to count
  - If time expires, the score of the current game will stand as-is, unless the combined score of the current game has not reached a total of 5 points, in which case the game will not count
  - Regular Season:** ties are allowed
  - Playoffs:** ties are not allowed
    - If both teams won the same number of matches, the following tie-breakers occur:

- *1st Tiebreaker*: Differential of games won vs. games lost
- *2nd Tiebreaker*: Differential of points scored vs. points allowed
- *3rd Tiebreaker*: Each team picks a player for a tie-break game to 5 points

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#### EQUIPMENT

- Players must wear clean, non-marking, indoor shoes
- Players are required to have their own racquet
- Balls will be supplied by the ESSC

### 4. GAME PLAY

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#### SERVICE

- First-serve is decided by the spin of a racket or an alternate means
  - The server can serve from either service box
- During a serve, a player needs at least one part of their foot within the service box
- For a serve to be good:
  - It is served directly onto the front wall above the service line and below the out-line
  - On its return, unless volleyed, it reaches the floor within the opponent's serving box
- After winning a rally, the server then serves from the alternate box
- The server continues serving until losing a rally, at which point their opponent serves
- The player who wins the preceding game serves first in the next game

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#### RETURNING THE BALL

- Players must return the ball before it bounces on the floor for a second time
- A returned ball must:
  - Hit the front wall, above the tin, below the out-line
  - Must not touch the floor first
- Returns can hit the side walls and/or the back wall before reaching the front wall

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#### VIOLATIONS AND FAULTS

#### HITTING AN OPPONENT WITH THE BALL

- If a player strikes the ball, which, before reaching the front wall, hits the opponent, play stops
  - If the return would have been good (front wall), the striker wins the rally, provided they did not "turn"
  - If the ball had struck, or would have struck any other wall, and the return would have been good, a "let" is played
  - If the return would not have been good, the opponent wins the point

#### INTERFERENCE

- The person returning the ball is entitled to play the ball with unobstructed access

- If interference occurs, the player can accept the interference (play on) or stop play
- When play is stopped as a result of interference:
  - The player gets a point if their opponent did not make an effort to avoid interference
  - The player is entitled to a let if they could have returned the ball, and the opponent tried to avoid interference
  - The opponent gets the point if there was no way the ball could have been returned or if interference was played through and the point was lost

#### LETS

- A let is an undecided rally, the rally doesn't count and the server serves again from the same service box
- Lets can occur in the following situations:
  - In instances when an opponent is hit with the ball
  - If the striker refrains from returning the ball in fear of injuring the opponent
  - If the receiver is not ready and doesn't attempt to return serve
  - If the ball breaks during play

If there are any disputes during a rally with interference, lets or returns, the best solution is usually to re-serve with no point awarded to either player.