

## **BY-LAWS OF Q SQUASH NORTHERN REGION INC.**

### **DANGEROUS PLAY**

1. The powers of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Northern Region Committee are as follows:
  - (a) Members may warn players for what is considered dangerous and unfair play.
  - (b) The Region may suspend players who fail to heed such warnings.
  - (c) Members may intervene when it is considered that referees and or markers are not correctly enforcing the rules, except where the referee and/or marker is a qualified member for the Queensland Referees Association.

### **INTERPRETATION OF THE BY-LAWS**

2. The Northern Region Executive Committee shall decide any question arising as to the interpretation or construction of these by laws.

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

3. The Committee shall have the power to impose penalties for the breach of all or any of these by-laws, including using any Q Squash disciplinary and tribunal procedure, and powers under the constitution, which may result in termination of membership of Northern Region.

### **APPEALS**

4. Appeals against any Committee decision within the ambit of the By-Laws must be made in writing and be in the hands of the Secretary of Northern Region Inc within 14 days of the notification of the decision. m<sup>2</sup>

### **NORTHERN REGION CLOSED TITLES ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA.**

5. Juniors and Seniors who are affiliated with the Northern Region are eligible to play in the Northern Region Closed Championships.
6. Juniors wishing to represent the Region in the U11, U13, U15, U17 & U19 Boys and Girls MUST play in the Closed Championships unless exempted by the committee.
7. Juniors playing in the Closed Championships must be under the age as at the completion of the Compulsory tournament to win the Northern Region Perpetual Trophy for their age group. This date will vary year to year depending on the date set for this tournament. The winners of the age events at the Northern Region Closed Junior Championships will also be announced as the winner of each of the age perpetual trophies.

### **THE SELECTION SERIES FOR NORTHERN REGION STARTS 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE THE CURRENT YEAR.**

8. To be eligible for an age group juniors have to be under the age as at the completion of the QJC Teams Event in the upcoming year. The date will vary each year due to the school holidays.
9. Players must be affiliated (or subject of mutual recognition) and play in two nominated compulsory qualifying tournaments and at least one non-compulsory tournament, to be eligible for selection

for the Redbacks Team to represent Northern Region unless exempted by the committee.

10. Exemption is at the sole discretion of the committee if the player shows in writing exceptional circumstances, including senior school and university exams; international and national squash representation; death or critical illness or critical injury of an immediate relative; and incapacity from playing due to serious illness or injury (evidenced by a medical report identifying the condition, severity and period of incapacity). Work is not considered an exceptional circumstance.
11. Favourable consideration will be given to players who show a continuing commitment by playing fixtures, competing in Northern Region and other tournaments (including any non-compulsory events), and compete in the Northern Region Closed Championships. Talented players who relocate out of the Region for higher competition and training may represent their Region of Birth in compliance with the Q Squash policies.

#### **CONDITIONS OF PLAY.**

12. All matches will be played in accordance with the rules as adopted by the International Squash Rackets Federation or when modified from time to time by these by laws.

#### **VENUE FOR JUNIOR QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS AND NORTHERN REGION CLOSED**

13. The dates and venues for the Northern Region qualifying tournaments and closed championships will be determined by the committee each year and nominations for each tournament will close the Friday 1 week prior to the start of each tournament. The following will be the tournament default sequence:

First qualifier	Ingham	October
Second qualifier (Compulsory)	Mackay	February
Third qualifier	Townsville	March
Northern Region Closed (Compulsory)	Cairns	May

14. The Secretary will seek expressions of interest from affiliated centres and clubs in each host area.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY OF HOST CENTRE & CLUB**

15. The responsibilities of host centres and clubs will be determined by the committee, and each host must sign and comply with the requirements agreed between the hosts and the Northern Region.
16. Generally, the centres hosting the qualifying tournaments are responsible for supply of trophies, Balls and must provide its members to help with the running of the tournament. The host centre and club must also obtain sponsorship for tournament administration, prizes and trophies, account to Northern Region for any levy, and dedicate any surplus to junior development.
17. The hosts centres will also facilitate the Northern Region raffle at each qualifying tournaments to help fund sending officials with the team to Queensland Junior Championships and other major events.

18. Hosts of the Northern Region Closed Championships will receive payment of court hire and balls from entries and supplemented by Northern Region.
19. Tournament hosts must seed players for Regional Junior Selection Series Events in accordance with the Q Squash combined seedings. Failure to do so may result in the results being excluded from ranking at the discretion of the Q Squash Board.
20. Tournament hosts must administer the tournament using the same system adopted by Q Squash, and ensure all event results are accurately recorded in the State system and available for the selection committee and chairperson within seven (7) days of completion of the tournament for selection and ranking purposes. Appeals of match results recorded on the official tournament system must be made verbally to the tournament director within half an hour of the completion of the match in dispute to ensure any corrections can be made prior to other relevant matches proceeding. At the completion of tournaments any appeals of match results recorded on the official tournament system must be made to the Northern Region Committee in writing and within 7 days of the completion of the relevant tournament. Appeals outside of these timeframes will not be considered. Match results recorded in the official tournament system will be final and it is the responsibility of the players (including parents, carers and coaches) to check for the accuracy of the results and make timely appeals for any inconsistencies. Tournament Directors will scan all paper score sheets and forward to the committee to be retained for a 12 month period.

#### **ENTRY FEE**

21. Each year the committee will decide on the cost of entries for the current year, including levy for each player in the graded/novice events and each player in the age events will be charged by Northern Region for administration and travelling officials. These must remain the same for all tournaments in the season.
22. The Northern Region committee will determine a levy to be charged per entry to be ratified at the Annual General Meeting. The levy will be applied to assist players, coaches, managers and officials travelling on behalf of Northern Region to the Queensland Junior Championships and other major events as determined by the committee.

#### **NORTHERN REGION SELECTION COMMITTEE.**

23. Three (3) Selectors are appointed by Northern Region Committee with a preference of each from different areas. The Selection Committee will decide representative teams members on results obtained from all tournaments in the current year. The criteria to apply for position of selector being – Current Blue Card, knowledge of the sport, have an intimate knowledge of the current standard of each player, be prepared to attend the qualifying tournaments, be aware of any inconsistent results, and must be totally unbiased.
24. The Chairperson has the casting vote for any unresolved issues and is also responsible to be the Q Squash Northern Region representative on Q Squash ranking committee and carry out the duties required by the Q Squash Ranking Policy, including applying the Policy to decide and update regional rankings, combined seedings, and State Rankings within 14 days of each Northern Region tournament.

#### **NORTHERN REGION TEAM SELECTION.**

25. A valid Team Member is generally a player who resides in Northern Region permanently, is affiliated with Q Squash, and has competed in the necessary qualifying tournaments unless

exempted by the committee. Players who change residency within 3 months prior to the QJC will have the option to play for the Region of their choosing.

26. Players wishing to play the qualifiers for selection in the Redbacks Team must be under the age as at the completion of the QJC Teams Event. A player who has turned 19 is eligible to represent the Region in any Senior Representative Team.
27. To reflect Squash Queensland policy, for the U15, U17 and U19 eight players, four boys and four girls will be selected for each age group. U11 and U13 will be a combined age division with five boys (three U13 and two U11) and five girls (three U13 and two U11). The top four/three/two players selected in boys and girls, providing they have satisfied the selection criteria will be chosen to represent Northern Region from their overall results. Players must compete in their own eligible age group as first option.
28. Players must compete in their own age group. If a player elects to play an additional age group they must play the age group above their own age group.

For example a player already competing in the 15 year age group may compete in the 17 year age group to enhance their chance of selection.

Any request for exception to this, the request must be made in writing to the Northern Region Committee prior to the closing date of the applicable tournament. An exemption will only be considered for juniors with a current Australian ranking within the top 3 of their own age group and currently ranked number 1 in their own age group in Queensland. The Northern Region Committee decision will be final."

29. When selecting the Northern Region Team the Selectors will focus mainly on the results achieved within the player's own eligible age group. However, a player may be selected to represent Northern Region in a higher age group if necessary.
30. Players selected to represent the Northern Region, and associated responsible adults, must sign and comply with the code of conduct and accommodation rules relevant to the event.

## **TEAM UNIFORMS**

31. The Northern Region Representative Teams will be known as NORTHERN REDBACKS. Specified uniform must be worn during any teams event. Only members of a team representing the Region is entitled to order the Team Uniform. The Polo Shirt and other items may be purchased by anyone wishing to do so, in order to support the Region.

## **AFFILIATION**

32. Players, clubs and centres must maintain current affiliation with Q Squash. Only affiliated players will be eligible to compete, and only affiliated centres and clubs are eligible to host Northern Region qualifying tournaments, Northern Region closed championships, Queensland Junior Championships or Queensland open.

## **PLAYERS RISK**

33. It is compulsory for Juniors under 19 to wear protective eyewear and also for seniors playing doubles. Juniors under 13 years of age must wear a mouth guard when playing doubles.

## **ACCOMMODATION FOR REPRESENTATIVE TEAM.**

34. When travelling to the QJC it is preferred that team members stay at the Northern Region booked

accommodation for the duration of the individual tournament, but it is compulsory for team members to stay at the Northern Region booked accommodation for the duration of the teams event.

35. Absolutely NO ONE outside Northern Region team will be allowed to stay overnight and any visitors to the accommodation must be approved by the Team Manager. Players wishing to leave the Official's care on the rest day must give Northern Region written permission from a parent.
36. Accommodated players and associated responsible adults must sign and comply with the code of conduct and accommodation rules relevant to the event.

#### **COACHES & OFFICIALS FOR QJC.**

37. Position for coaches to travel with the Northern Redbacks team will be advertised and appointment made by the Northern Region committee on receipt of resumes.
38. Minimum requirements will be – holding a current blue card, be an accredited Level 1 coach or higher, been working with juniors 9 – 19 age group in the current year, be available for the duration of the individual and teams event plus any other criteria deemed necessary by the executive of Q Squash Northern Region Inc.
39. A member of the Q Squash Northern Region Inc. executive, or its nominee, is to be appointed as a representative to attend the Q Squash Ltd Annual General Meeting as spokesperson for the Region and be available for election to the Board of Q Squash Ltd. This representative is appointed at the Annual General Meeting of Q Squash Northern Region Inc. each year.
40. The committee will determine the nature and extent of any subsidy for costs of travel, accommodation and meals of coaches, managers and officials travelling on behalf of Northern Region to the Queensland Junior Championships and other major events.

#### **RANKINGS**

41. Eligibility, determination and appeals in relation to rankings and seedings will be in accordance with the relevant Q Squash Ranking Policy.