
Newsletter: March 2023

Dear Clubs and Players

Happy Leap Year and 2024 has kicked off with a plethora of activity, not to mention the earlier start to Winter League – 3 rounds already completed.

An exciting year awaits, again, with the introduction of the Grand Masters (60+), reduction in Masters Women entry age for Doubles (30), New naming convention for League and after a Special General Meeting, some by-law changes including a small evolution of the Woody Kaiser Trophy.

The calendar (attached) provides a great summary of events for the year.

Key NSA dates for the next 3 months:

- March
 - Sat 30th: M&R Face to Face course (08h30 @ Uitsig) - <https://sportyhq.com/xuwzo>
 - Sun 31st: [SSA Registration](#) deadline (SportyHQ). R250 per player
- April
 - Fri 12th: SA Schools Closed Championship
 - Fri 12th: NMSA Closed Tournament
 - Fri 19th: Harlequins PSA
 - Fri 19th: NJSA Open Graded Tournament
 - Fri 25th: Baseline Tuks National u25
- May
 - Wed 01st: NSA Seniors Closed
 - Wed 07th: Doubles League Round 1
 - Fri 12th: NJSA Closed Tournament
 - Fri 12th: NMSA Sat II
 - Thu 23th: SA Master Singles IPT Gqeberha
 - Thu 30th: NSA PSA

Communication:

Please update your Club Committee details on the Website. Communication will be directed to the Club Chairperson and a nominated administrator. Clubs will then be responsible for distribution thereafter.

Two What's App Groups remain active:

- NSA Communication: General communication – please encourage your members to join.
- NSA Club Chairs: Chairpersons and the nominated administrator for province and club related matters.

To keep channels open, members can add insights and but limited only to squash related matters.

By-Laws

The 2024 updated version is attached. Some notable changes, in addition to administrative changes, are:

- Removal of the reference to Reserve League and changing to numerical
- Par 6 - Top 20 Players: Players ranked in the top 20 (Men) and top 10 (Ladies) on the South African National Rankings must play strictly according to the National Ranking order.
- Par 6 - Two sides in a league: Reserves may play for either side in a higher or lower league which has two teams but once they have represented one of the teams, they must play a match for the lower or higher league before playing for the other higher / lower team.
- Par 7: Loadshedding:
 - Teams may change players and playing order if the full fixture is postponed due to loadshedding. If one match has commenced, the original team order must be kept.
 - With a schedule in place, clubs must, as far as possible must seek an alternative venue, in advance.
- Par 9 - Marking & Refereeing: An online assessment option is now available and approved. "WSO - PLAYER INTRODUCTORY CERTIFICATE."
<https://worldsquashofficiating.com/home/player-courses/>
- Par 12 - Date of the Ball switch: 01 June (was 01 May) and continue to the end of the season.
- Par 13 – Clothing: Added Reference to WSF guideline.
- Woody Kaiser Calculation:
 - Incorporate Ladies into the calculation (Only Men's League was used).
 - Leagues with less than 10 sides, re-calculate end points based on 10 sides.
 - Reward clubs per side entered. 1 bonus point per side entered and added the total average league points.

Refer to the full By-Laws for explanations.

Blitz League

Congratulations to the Winners of the 2024 edition of the Blitz League

- Men 1st: Uitsig UIT001
- Ladies 1st: Tuks TUKL01
- Men 2nd: Pretoria Boys PHS001

Notable performances from CISR Ladies, making their debut, and Adelaar Men 2nd League making a re-entry after several year in the wilderness. We also extended a guest invite to Pierre van Ryneveld, giving them a taste on top league squash.

We thank the hosting clubs and look forward to 2025, with maybe a twist in the format.

Winter League

Winter League is about playing hard, leaving nothing on court and building camaraderie amongst fellow squash players. Catering has become the unwritten rule for hosting your opposition. If you are opting not to do so, please inform your opponents.

13 Men and 3 Ladies leagues will participate in the 2204 Winter League. Summary of participants

Club	Men	Ladies	Total	Club	Men	Ladies	Total
ADE	14	1	15	KUN	2	0	2
CBT	8	3	11	PCC	9	0	9
CEN	8	1	9	PHS	9	1	10
COR	2	0	2	PVR	10	3	13
CSI	8	3	11	SAR	2	0	2
GLE	13	3	16	SLL	1	0	1
HAD	6	0	6	TUK	4	4	8
IRE	8	2	10	UIT	17	6	23
KEN	5	1	6	NSA	126	28	154

Please note key by-laws below (this does not discount the importance of all the by-laws:

- League Score Loaders must be updated every season. Scorers default back to zero after each season.
- Scores must be loaded within 2 working days. The onus is on **both teams** to ensure compliance.
- Score loading errors will be forwarded to the Club Chairperson for resolution. Responses must be reported back within 2 working days.
- Disputes must be lodged to admin@northerns.co.za within **2 rounds** of the alleged dispute.
- Teams informing opponents of a No Show (in time) must email NSA and the opponent club within 2 working days of the scheduled match to avoid penalties. The missing players must be completed on the scoresheet and submitted to admin@norhtens.co.za
- League schedule must be adhered too. Clubs must submit, in writing, any change requests.

Marking & Referee Course

At least one team member must be playing and present per league side (2 for 1st league) effective 01 April.

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On Saturday, May 30th there is a Face-to-Face course (08h30 @ Uitsig) – bookings on SportyHQ: <https://sportyhq.com/xuwzo>

Doubles League

We kick off the 2nd edition on Wednesday May 07th and will incorporate mid-week dates as well. Clubs are encouraged to promote participation and the league is open to any NSA and SportyHQ registered players across all ages.

Centralised venues will be used each round with clubs volunteering their facilities, who will hopefully ensure the players are well nourished and their thirst is quenched – to raise much needed club funds.

Tournaments 2024

The Calendar lists a variety of tournaments in and around Gauteng and outside the provincial borders.

Woody Kaiser Standings

Standings after Round 3

Woody Kaiser								
Rank	Club	Name	Total Teams	League Points	Avg Sub Total	Weekly Bonus	Woody Total	Sides not counted
1	PCC	Pretoria Country Club	9	152	16.88	1.50	18.38	
2	TUK	University of Pretoria	8	135	16.83	1.33	18.16	
3	UIT	Uitsig	23	296	12.88	3.83	16.72	
4	CSI	CSIR	11	141	12.81	1.83	14.64	
5	CBT	CBCTUT	11	138	12.50	1.83	14.34	
6	GLE	Glenwood	16	151	9.46	2.67	12.13	
7	CEN	Centurion	9	91	10.06	1.50	11.56	
8	ADE	Adelaar	16	129	8.09	2.67	10.76	
9	PHS	Pretoria High School Old Boys	10	83	8.25	1.67	9.92	
10	IRE	Irene	10	77	7.71	1.67	9.38	
11	PVR	Pierre van Ryneveld	13	71	5.49	2.17	7.66	
12	HAD	Harlequins Defence	6	62	10.31	1.00	11.31	< than 8 sides
13	KUN	Kungwini	2	22	10.94	0.33	11.27	< than 8 sides
14	KEN	Kentron	6	39	6.55	1.00	7.55	< than 8 sides
15	SAR	Suid Afrikaanse Reserwe Bank	2	14	6.78	0.33	7.11	< than 8 sides
16	SLL	Silver Lakes	1	6	5.75	0.17	5.92	< than 8 sides
17	COR	Correctional Services	2	10	5.12	0.33	5.46	< than 8 sides

Closing

Communication is key, Club engagement even more so. I seek your support as we focus on the Leap Year.

Regards

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