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Dear Parents and Players

Junior squash players are governed by the rules set by the Department of Basic Education, SA Schools Squash and Squash South Africa.

At the Northerns Junior Squash Association (NJSA), we are incredibly proud of our players' talents and dedication. However, we must address an issue that has been affecting our standing within the broader squash community.

It has come to our attention that a small percentage of our players have displayed disrespect, unsportsmanlike behaviour and general misconduct at squash tournaments. While we recognize that 99% of our players conduct themselves admirably, this small percentage impacts NJSA's reputation and unfortunately, the perception reflects on all our players.

As a result, NJSA is committed to taking a strong stance against this behaviour. Moving forward, we will be enforcing strict conduct guidelines at all squash events. Players are expected to uphold high standards of respect, sportsmanship and courtesy, both on and off the court. Any player failing to meet these standards will face disciplinary measures, **including the possibility of being ineligible for participation in Inter-Provincial Tournaments (IPTs).**

In addition, we would like to remind players that pranks or disruptive actions at IPTs are not considered humorous or acceptable. Such behaviour damages our reputation and will not be tolerated. We want to be clear that poor behaviour on the court, even from talented players, will be taken into account when selecting teams for IPT. Conduct, sportsmanship and respect are essential and these qualities will be valued just as much as skill when choosing our representatives.

We want and encourage the players to enjoy their IPT experience but always show respect to the other players, the hosts and their facilities.

Please discuss these expectations with your child to ensure they fully understand the importance of representing NJSA with honour and respect. We believe that with your support, we can foster a positive, respectful environment that reflects the true character and spirit of NJSA.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in maintaining our high standards and reinforcing the integrity of Northerns Junior Squash.

Regards



Etienne Badenhorst
NJSA: Chairperson