

Q5 What are the barriers that prevent people from participating in Squash and/or sport in general.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Juniors - competition from other sports. Seniors - not enough consistency in 'quality' of the offering from each club to encourage people to join, feel welcome and stay in the sport.	11/11/2020 3:53 PM
2	Free time, cost	11/11/2020 9:10 AM
3	For squash its about awareness, clubs are growing only from returning members or word of mouth	11/10/2020 9:05 PM
4	Not enough information out there	11/10/2020 4:22 PM
5	Interclub can be a late night and that puts people off. Vary interclub so that it includes 4 x games of singles and 2 x doubles	11/10/2020 3:08 PM
6	People don't know about it or how to get into it because its not a well known sport. Holding more clinics or going around schools to teach how to play could bring more people in. Holding events where it could be seen as exercise instead of sport could help bring more interest.	11/10/2020 2:17 PM
7	Easy access to clubs. Cost initially to join when unsure if they will continue. Yearly subscription instead of a lesser period or monthly.	11/10/2020 2:06 PM
8	Cost / alternate options / getting started	11/10/2020 12:06 PM
9	Cost/accessibility	11/10/2020 11:54 AM
10	Generally the time factor I.e time allocated to games as it is always up in the air	11/10/2020 11:44 AM
11	Middle aged men. Requires appointment	11/10/2020 10:15 AM
12	Squash facilities needs to be kept and maintained. All the clubs in the Wellington area are in desperate need of upgrades and maintenance.	11/10/2020 9:33 AM
13	Not enough public court / access to courts with stand by coach or volunteer to introduce the game. For eg.at community center	11/10/2020 4:01 AM
14	Too unknown as a sport. Difficulty of access, have to be onsite to play squash, whereas other sports can be dumbed down to be played at most venue types.	11/9/2020 11:25 PM
15	Time..when events involve a lot of travel and waiting around.	11/9/2020 10:51 PM
16	Knowing where courts are, advertising of open nights and attendance of higher ranked members to club nights	11/9/2020 8:08 PM
17	Squash seems like reasonable low cost sport, the only real barrier seems to be interest.	11/9/2020 7:26 PM
18	possible cost	11/9/2020 7:12 PM
19	Difficult to join a club as no publicity.Difficult for children to play in numbers as no school programmes which are then coordinated to allow children to easily join clubs as each club should have a coordinator who would have Junior Club Days organized on a weekly basis.	11/9/2020 6:59 PM
20	Squash is a cold miserable sport in New Zealand and Wellington. Trying to attract new players will take new facilities, or newer facilities. Like Hutt City. Obviously this is impossible everywhere but clubs that are cold and miserable will hardly attract people who are on the fence about the sport.	11/9/2020 6:19 PM
21	confidence, fitness/injury, time	11/9/2020 5:10 PM
22	Not enough awareness	11/9/2020 11:35 AM
23	Money, and to play against juniors	11/8/2020 10:11 PM

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24	Very little once they're aware of the sport, it's dirt cheap for membership and basic gear,	11/8/2020 5:04 PM
25	Travel to and from wellington	11/8/2020 4:13 PM
26	Other more interesting sports for Juniors.	11/8/2020 9:15 AM
27	Cost maybe there is a way people can donate back equipment they no longer use so it can be passed onto others to get them playing the game.	11/8/2020 8:29 AM
28	Other sports, we need a good drive to promote so can compete	11/6/2020 7:02 PM
29	Not knowing how things work and who to contact	11/6/2020 6:54 PM
30	Time	11/5/2020 11:38 PM
31	Other commitments, possibly the high costs of memberships and tournaments so other people might find it hard to play as much as they want to.	11/5/2020 10:47 PM
32	At some clubs court availability	11/5/2020 9:27 PM
33	Affordability, ie, cost of membership & equipment	11/5/2020 3:07 PM
34	none come to mind, if someone wants to play squash i dont see any barriers that would stop them. Maybe cost if anything but i think squash memberships are reasonably priced.	11/5/2020 8:02 AM
35	Lack of visibility of squash in general media and lack of physical presence (clubs often hidden away). Clubs are shabby, not shiny new like gyms.	11/4/2020 4:44 PM
36	Lack of clear information for specialized events - under 900, ladies tournaments etc	11/4/2020 2:41 PM
37	Other sports, time, not being aware of it or introduced to it by others	11/4/2020 1:44 PM
38	Refereeing, initial player development, tired facilities, not buddied.	11/4/2020 11:57 AM
39	Time and lack of knowledge or understanding	11/4/2020 11:24 AM
40	Unsure	11/3/2020 6:53 PM
41	lack of visibility of the sport, tired courts and lack of court space. other activities creating time constraints.	11/3/2020 4:38 PM
42	They don't even know squash exist	11/3/2020 3:43 PM
43	Time poor. Need to promote it as a 40-60 min workout.	11/3/2020 12:45 PM
44	Access to facilities & equipment	11/2/2020 11:01 PM
45	Time, people are busy these days plus the electronic era, people (esp. juniors) are liekly to play computer games than play sports especially squash	11/2/2020 10:01 PM
46	Health and maybe willingness to try new things	11/2/2020 9:46 PM
47	Entry to squash: cost of coaching leads to giving up	11/2/2020 9:43 PM
48	Time people have busy lives so feel as though they have no time for a hobby or sport	11/2/2020 9:18 PM
49	Time. Knowing someone who plays squash. It's probably easier to go to the gym.	11/2/2020 7:10 PM
50	Multi choice with many sports and limited time/finance	11/2/2020 5:59 PM
51	need someone else to play with	11/2/2020 4:18 PM
52	awareness of squash and the social element of squash	11/2/2020 2:52 PM
53	Other commitments like school and exams, work, other sports, family and friends.	11/2/2020 2:35 PM
54	Finding enough time to participate, especially people with families	11/2/2020 2:23 PM
55	Generally participation is driven by different motivations. I think that the greatest threat to squash is squash itself. The competition is great but to get to the level to be competative is challanging. Squash Wellington needs to provide programmes taylors to each clubs needs, these will also change as a club develops and matures. Forinstance while the new hutt city has the best facilities and likely one of the largest memberships, I doubt that it boasts high	11/2/2020 1:57 PM

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utilisation. Simply for Hutt City to be as successful as they could be a programme to improve court use should be workon. for older clubs like Thorondon a mainanance program is lacking, its talked often about but never implemented. These are things at stragergy level SW should easily beable to guide clubs with.

56	I don't like this segregations of males and females. At Kapiti squash the club night apparently is only men and we also have a seperate female only facebook messenger. The Hello club website is also not utilised, like when there event's on the courts aren't blocked out and there's no mention of an event on.	11/2/2020 1:48 PM
57	Time, expense.	11/2/2020 1:28 PM
58	Initial start up costs of joining a club.	11/2/2020 12:32 PM
59	Availability of facilities	11/2/2020 12:25 PM
60	There are no clubs close to them.	11/2/2020 12:21 PM
61	Just knowing that it is there as a sport, need to promote it more to schools and get kids involved and know about squash and that schools can have access to these clubs during the day and get more kids playing	11/2/2020 11:47 AM
62	More social events not been pushed to compete	11/2/2020 11:00 AM
63	Time commitment for supper after interclub (but that that's great for those wanting the social aspect, so not sure there's an answer)	11/2/2020 10:56 AM
64	Awareness, plenty of alternatives especially in Central Wellington, entrance barrier in terms of skills	11/2/2020 10:31 AM
65	Getting started & feeling comfortable around established club members	11/2/2020 10:24 AM
66	Awareness. At my club a singinfcat percentage of players came from contacts in the club promoting the game.	11/2/2020 10:23 AM
67	Time/family commitments	11/2/2020 10:18 AM
68	Excitement of the sport.	11/2/2020 10:03 AM
69	The main reason is exposure through schools to all children of all ages on an every year continuing cycle. This is difficult to achieve with out sufficient paid people to make it happen.	11/2/2020 9:31 AM
70	Exposure to squash and I guess money to some extend	11/2/2020 9:27 AM
71	Being able to quickly feel part of the squash community and feel engaged and involved	11/2/2020 9:17 AM
72	Insufficient knowledge / exposure to the sport. People fear what they don't know.	11/2/2020 9:17 AM
73	Age, other sports, being able to contact a club and feel welcome	11/2/2020 8:39 AM
74	Awareness, more public profile required, use of current PSA success to promote	11/2/2020 8:38 AM
75	Not knowing what facilities are available and ensuring those that are, are of the best standard possible.	11/2/2020 8:05 AM
76	Don't know how to get involved, or where to play.	11/2/2020 7:41 AM
77	..	11/2/2020 6:47 AM
78	Having to ref games. Some players are jerks that think it's their right to treat refs who are trying their best like crap.	11/1/2020 11:52 PM
79	Time and other entertainment/sporting options	11/1/2020 10:56 PM
80	time, politics, visibility.	11/1/2020 10:38 PM
81	Inadequate marketing from squash Wellington	11/1/2020 10:22 PM
82	TIME!! The world is so much busier & tournaments could be played in one day ..best of 3 & play to 11.	11/1/2020 10:04 PM
83	Not knowing how to get started at club level	11/1/2020 10:01 PM

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84	It's never discussed as an option in sport in New Zealand, unless its amongst a community that already play it. Again, can go back and spell check this submission	11/1/2020 9:46 PM
85	Cost. Time.	11/1/2020 9:45 PM
86	Clubs are old and run down, they look OK if you're used to it. Also there isnt any depth of b and above players do everyone just plays same ppl	11/1/2020 9:40 PM
87	Not knowing people to play with. People come to club nights etc but if they don't already know someone it's harder to find people to play with ongoing. This area for women has been a good focus but men don't seem to have the growth at the entry level currently.	11/1/2020 9:40 PM
88	Work commitments and school commitments	11/1/2020 9:37 PM
89	The gap between social and competitive events	11/1/2020 9:34 PM
90	Interclub suppers make night too long for many format needs update to involve juniors/youth	11/1/2020 9:32 PM
91	Time, other sport taking priority	11/1/2020 9:28 PM
92	Not getting to play due to cut off grading even though player had signed up months ago!	11/1/2020 9:26 PM
93	The cost such as buying the rackets and shoes and membership to a club	11/1/2020 9:22 PM
94	For woman it's other women being available to pay i your grade.. not all women are close in grades at some clubs... it would be great to see women being able to practise at different clubs with people near their level provided they are full members of a Wellington club	11/1/2020 9:16 PM
95	THis is a poor question - that could range from financial barriers through to pjysical ones. Some of the clubs in Wellington are very clicky and this would put many people off joining.	11/1/2020 9:14 PM
96	May be the cost	11/1/2020 9:13 PM
97	need more social/semi-competitive leagues at Clubs to get members meeting new people and having some regular matches. Cost can be a factor memberships, interclub costs, tournament fees plus people can be short of time so can't commit to a tournament that runs all weekend. Not knowing anyone can be difficult if you want to start playing but don't really know anyone how to you connect with people.	11/1/2020 9:13 PM
98	How easy it is to access and find people of your own standard to play with	11/1/2020 9:12 PM
99	the gear needed	11/1/2020 9:09 PM