



Our culture is based on our **commitment** to each other to **share experiences**, to **encourage** and **speak well** of each other. We'll be **considerate** and **respectful** of each other and work **smarter not harder** while ensuring our time together is **fun** and filled with **laughter**.

2022 Wellington Squad Programme

For Masters



Purpose

This document provides an overview of the Masters Squad programme and the Masters Rep Team selection policy. It also sets out the expectations for players and support parties.



Goal

The Masters programme aims to provide an environment where players can thrive and develop their individual game while participating in a team environment.

In addition, the programme will:

- Prepare players for the demands of squash at a District Representative level.
- Prepare players for NZ Squad selection

Who is this programme for?

Anyone aged 35 or over, who is interested in improving their game while training in a team environment with likeminded players. There is no lower grade limit for applications, and while the programme will include some of the district's top Masters players, we will endeavor to accommodate lower graded players, providing that there is a suitably balanced group for training purposes.

Masters Squad & Rep. Team

The squad is the entire group of players who participate in 5 training camps from April to September. From this pool of players, the Masters Representative Team (or Rep. Team) is selected, ahead of the National event, details of which is on the following page.



National Masters Representative Event

Background

The Christchurch Cup for the winner of the Squash NZ National Inter-District Masters competition has been contested since 1985. The National Inter-District Masters Teams Championship is played by teams of twelve players from each district – six men and six women (a player of each gender in each of the following age groups: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+ 60+).

In addition, there is the Squash NZ Individual Masters Championships. This is contested annually and represent the pinnacle of national competition for New Zealand masters. The Individual Championships were first played in 1982 and is for men and women players aged from 35 to 70+ years in five-year age groups. This is held before the Inter-Districts event.

This year the New Zealand Masters will be held in the Waikato at the Hamilton Squash and Tennis Club from 9th to 13th September 2022.

The Individual Championship runs Friday to Sunday (9-11th September) and the Inter-District Masters Teams Championship is on Monday and Tuesday (12-13th September).

Note: Players selected for the Wellington Masters team are expected to play in both the individual championship and the inter-district championship and therefore may need to schedule time off work.





Eligibility & Selection Criteria

Eligibility:

To be eligible for selection players must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Reside in the Wellington region at the time of selection and competition.*
- Listed on the Wellington grading list, unless they are a Homegrown player.
- Be a full financial member of a Wellington affiliated club.
- Adhere to the SW Code of Conduct on and off court.

Selection criteria:

Representative teams will be selected by a selectors panel. While position on the grading list will be taken into consideration, the following will also inform the final selection.

Activity: Match play is an important part of preparation therefore players will need to have played at least two (2) of the following Wellington Masters Tournaments:

- Wairarapa Masters @ Red Star (optional) – April 8–10th
- Wainuiomata Masters (optional) – May 13–15th
- Tawa Masters (optional) – May 27–29th

and Wellington Masters @ Island Bay (Mandatory) – July 15–17th

Competed in at least two (2) other competitions held within the district or around the country before the Squash NZ National Inter-Districts Masters Championship. These can be an Open or B&Below.

Training: Ideally would have attended all training camps as listed under Squad Camp Dates.

Note: Play-off matches may also be used as part of the representative team selection process.

*Homegrown players may be considered as long as they meet the National Homegrown player criteria.



Selection Process

Whilst ideally, the selection panel would prefer to select a player for each age group, from time-to-time player availability prevents this. In this case it is acceptable for someone in an older age group to play in a lower age group and therefore a player can be selected accordingly. Playing up in an age group is NOT permitted, e.g. 35 year old cannot play in a 40+ age group.

The team to compete at the National inter-district team event will be made by a selection panel comprising of the following people:

- Masters Convenor
- Masters Team Coach
- SW Staff or Board member

The inter-district team will be selected based upon meeting the eligibility criteria, results/performance at sanctioned national, district or club events and attendance/performance from squad training sessions.

The inter-district team will be announced no later than the 15th of August 2022. All players will be notified whether they have made the team or not (noting that any players can play in the individual championship if not selected, at their own expense).



Key dates



8 March 2022
EOI open



28 March 2022, 9:00am
EOI applications close



28–30 March 2022
Selection panel review



31 March 2022
Applicants notified via email



23 April 2022
Camp One



9–13 September 2022
National Inter-District Masters
Teams Championship,
HAMILTON, NZ

Squad camp dates

The training is less likely to focus on technique (given most masters playing would have had technical coaching at some stage in their playing career) but more on training/working as a team.

It is expected that squad training will be monthly for two hours.

Players are encouraged to attend all training camps as each camp will build on from the previous month, however, we know things can change. If you are unable to attend a camp please contact the Masters Convenor as soon as practicable.

- Saturday 23rd April
- Saturday 4th June
- Saturday 23rd July
- Saturday 13th August
- Saturday 3rd September





Squad Training:

\$100 per person. This covers the programme costs and merchandise. This must be paid before the date of the second camp (4th June 2022).

There will be travel and accommodation costs this year due to the New Zealand Masters event being held in the Waikato.

Rep team players MAY be required to contribute to travel and accommodation costs, unless outside sponsorship/funding is received. The contribution will be no more than \$150 for each player. If there is a cost associated for rep members, notification will be provided no later than 1st July 2022, this however, will not be payable until the final team has been announced.

Squash Wellington will cover all entry costs for the team (plus individual entry cost for rep team members) as well as a contribution towards travel, accommodation, uniforms, and coaching. Funding requests will be made to try and cover as much of the cost as possible.

Uniform will comprise 2 playing shirts. Team members may be able to purchase additional tops at their own cost.

Individual entry fee \$50 per person	\$600
Team entry fee, \$50 per person	\$600
Uniform (squad & rep team)	\$2000
Flights & accommodation	\$6300
Estimated total cost	\$9500



APPENDIX



Player Charter

Expectations



May question decisions in the correct manner



Rackets must not be thrown – on or off court



Verbal abuse of the referee, officials or opponents is not tolerated and considered a breach of the Code of Conduct.



No alcohol before or during major games/events



Taking of banned or illegal substances.

Team Events

- Players are expected to support each other on and off court at team events.
- Attend and actively participate in daily briefings before and after day's play to review what worked well and what can be improved upon.
- Be organised and efficient with practice and preparation.
- Players are expected to wear the correct team uniform.
- Players are expected to stay with their team for the duration of the teams event. In some instances, it will be necessary for players to stay with the team will competing in the individual events.

Communication

- Players are expected to communicate, at the earliest convenience, all issues arising from the programme to the Masters Convenor.
- Any change of contact details should be sent to the Masters Convenor.

Key contacts

Masters Convenor

Bryan Smith, bryan.smith@dragonfiremgmt.co.nz

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SW District Administrator

Russell Henderson, admin@squashwellington.org.nz

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SW Masters Coach

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Squash Wellington Code of Conduct

Purpose

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to encourage the fair, ethical treatment of all persons when participating in activities that come under the umbrella of Squash Wellington Districts Incorporated (SW).

Application

All persons participating in squash activities organised by SW or affiliate members of SW (squash clubs) must participate in accordance with this Code of Conduct. By participating in any capacity (such as by playing, officiating, spectating, managing or coaching), they acknowledge that any breach of the Code of Conduct may render them liable to disciplinary action by SW in accordance with the SW Complaints Process.

THE CODE

1.How to treat others

- a. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others in your words and actions.
- b. Be courteous and do not use profane language.
- c. Be fair, considerate and honest with others.
- d. Mistakes and lapses of judgement happen – acknowledge and rectify them by apologising and refraining from further incidents.
- e. No-one is perfect: accept apologies and do not harbour grudges.
- f. Respect others' belongings.

2.How to perform duties

- a. Do not abuse squash systems, processes or conventions to create unfair advantage or disadvantage.
- b. Adhere to conditions of participation in an event or series of events, including representative squads.
- c. Give reasonable notice where you cannot meet your obligations or are at risk of not meeting your obligations.
- d. Do not demand favourable treatment.
- e. Be consistently punctual.
- f. At playing venues do not damage, litter or waste resources.



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3. Additional requirements applying to match play situations (players, officials, spectators)

- a. Always make your best effort to win: never throw a match for any reason.
- b. Do not create unfair advantage or unfair disadvantage for anyone, where “unfair” means any activity other than legitimate strategy or tactics while the ball is in play.
- c. Observe the rules of the game.
- d. Abide by officials’ decisions and directions.
- e. Never argue with or verbally or physically abuse a player, spectator or official, whether intentionally or recklessly.
- f. Courteously acknowledge participation of your opponent and match officials at the end of a match.
- g. Defuse unhealthy tension; do not exacerbate it.
- h. Always be impartial when refereeing.
- i. Do not denigrate the skill of a player while spectating.

4. Additional requirements applying to treatment of vulnerable persons

- a. In dealings with children or vulnerable persons, act in a manner that encourages or promotes their enjoyment and participation in squash, not that of you or other adults.
- b. Never force children or vulnerable persons to participate.
- c. Never ridicule or yell at a child or vulnerable person for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- d. Encourage children to respect other players and officials and on-court rulings.
- e. Never take advantage of a position of authority in squash activities to abuse a child or vulnerable person in any way.

Incident reporting

If you feel that someone has breached this Code of Conduct in any way and the matter has not been resolved, please contact the relevant Club (if the incident related to an activity at a particular Club) or the SW District Administrator (Russell Henderson, admin@squashwellington.org.nz or 021 086 15446)