



SuperChamps National Graded Club Championships

Squash Wellington Appendix to 2023 National SuperChamps Rules



Appendix Overview

- As per the National SuperChamps Rules ([linked here](#)), only players who are full financial members for your club and appear on your grading list on 2 June 2023 are eligible to represent your club at SuperChamps. If you do not have enough players in your club in a certain grade to enter a team, you can apply to enter a 'composite team' by transferring players from another club.
- The national rules concerning Interclub appearances do not apply to the Wellington District Event without warranting that a winning team will be eligible to participate in National SuperChamps based on the national rules.
- The following rules are an appendix, to be used in conjunction with the National SuperChamps rules in order to provide guidance on player transfers and composite teams prior to District SuperChamps.
- Clubs must comply with the guidelines and procedures outlined below. Fair play for all clubs is considered by Squash Wellington where clubs wish to transfer players in order to enter a SuperChamps team.

Guidelines

- Clubs are encouraged to remember that SuperChamps is the premiere club-level event for most NZ squash players, and it is the perfect platform to develop talent and team bonding within a club. Therefore, every effort should be made to form teams from graded players in a club first.
- If a club does not have enough players available to form a team for a particular grade/gender, they will be permitted to form a composite team by transferring players from another Wellington club.
- Players will only be allowed to transfer if there is NO possibility that their own club is not entering a team for that grade.
- If a club has 7 or more eligible players on their grading list in a particular grade for that gender, they are deemed to have enough players, but this presumption may be rebutted by the club in question.
- If a club has fewer than 7 players in the grade below a grade for which it also lacks 7 graded players, the lower graded players are deemed eligible and sufficient to make up a team in the higher grade.
- Composite teams may be permitted at the discretion of Squash Wellington on the following conditions:
 - Evidence is provided that, on the balance of probabilities, establishes that eligible players are unavailable for reasons other than a lack of fitness/stamina (e.g., pre-booked travel, childbirth, or long-standing injury) to last a SuperChamps campaign.
 - Except in exceptional circumstances, composite teams may only be made up of players from two neighbouring clubs.

Process

- A club wishing to transfer players to its grading list for the purpose of Superchamps District Eliminations must apply to Squash Wellington for consideration by 24 May using the form provided.

- Please supply:
 - The reason for the player transfer request including supporting information in the case that there are 7 eligible players at the receiving club OR fewer than 7 eligible players but sufficient players from the grade below where the grade below has fewer than 7 players.
 - A signed statement from the player's original Club Captain approving the transfer.
 - Proof of the full financial status with the receiving club of the player to be transferred.
 - Evidence demonstrating that all players in the relevant grade (or, where relevant, the grade below) were given an opportunity to participate.
- Squash Wellington reserves the right to contact personnel of clubs involved for further information.
- Squash Wellington will give its decision as soon as possible after the deadline and advise clubs accordingly to action the player transfer in the appropriate manner by 31 May.

Example Scenarios

1. **Scenario:** Paekākāriki Squash Club has 5 C Grade women players able to play SuperChamps, and 7 D grade women players able to play SuperChamps. They enter a D Grade women's team, made up of the 7 D Grade players they have available, and put in a request to form a composite C grade team, and transfer 2 C Grade women players from Lyall Bay Squash Club.
Result: Request granted.
Rationale: This is because there are just enough D grade women players to form a team, and therefore none can be spared to form the C grade team.
2. **Scenario:** Featherston Squash Club has 5 C Grade women players able to play SuperChamps, and 10 D grade women players able to play SuperChamps. They put in a request to form a composite C grade team and transfer 2 C grade women players from Ngawi Squash Club.
Result: Request denied.
Rationale: This is because there are enough D grade women players at Featherston so that 2 players can be used to form the C grade team, and there are still enough players to form the D grade team.
3. **Scenario:** Karori Squash Club has 5 C Grade women players able to play SuperChamps, and 4 D grade women players able to play SuperChamps. They put in a request to form a composite C grade team and transfer 2 C grade women players from Mākara Squash Club.
Result: Request denied.
Rationale: This is because there are not enough players to form a D grade team, and therefore 2 of the D grade players can move up to form the C grade team. The two remaining D grade players could potentially form a composite team with another club.

Timeline

24 May	Deadline for Player Transfer/Composite Team Applications
31 May	Deadline for Pre-Approved Player Transfers
1 June	Deadline for Results
2 June	National Grading List Run
5 June	National Grading List Distributed and Team Entries Opened
2 July	Deadline for Team Entries
10 July	Draws Distributed
17 July	Deadline for Team Protests
28 July	Competition Begins

Further Rule Clarifications/Additions for 2023

Entry Fees:

- Clubs will be invoiced for all teams entered at a cost of \$50 per team. This must be paid in advance of the competition.

Multiple Teams

- A club may enter more than one team for a particular grade. However, the bottom player of the higher graded team must be graded higher than the top player of the lower graded team.