



SuperChamps National Graded Club Championships

Squash Wellington Appendix to 2024 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 7 June 2024 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', formed between two neighbouring clubs (see 2.2.3 in national rules), or, if necessary, you can transfer players from another club under certain circumstances detailed here.
- The national rules concerning Interclub appearances do not apply to the Wellington District Event noting that a winning team may not be eligible to participate in National SuperChamps based on the national rules relating to Interclub appearances.
- 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 either form a team by transferring players from another Wellington club or form a composite team as per the national rules.
- Players will only be allowed to transfer if there is NO possibility that their own club is not entering a team for that grade.
- Players may NOT be allowed to transfer if;
 - a club has 7 or more eligible players on their grading list in a particular grade for that gender, as they are then deemed to have enough players, but this presumption may be rebutted by the club in question.
 - a club has fewer than 7 players in the grade below a grade for which it also lacks 7 graded players, as the lower graded players are then deemed eligible and sufficient to make up a team in the higher grade.

Process for Transferring Players

- 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.

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- Acknowledgement from the player's original Club Captain approving the transfer (e.g. screenshot, email).
- Proof of the full financial status (includes country/associate membership) 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 (e.g. screenshot of email/Google form to all club members).
- 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 – Composite Teams

1. **Scenario:** Paekākāriki Squash Club has 4 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 alongside 3 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 7 C Grade women players able to play SuperChamps but have had interest from players from a neighbouring club to who wish to join forces. They put in a request to form a composite C grade team with 2 C grade women players from Ngawi Squash Club.
Result: Request denied.
Rationale: This is because there are enough C grade women players at Featherston to form the C 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 alongside 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.

Example Scenarios – Player Transfers

1. **Scenario:** Johnsonville Squash Club has only 5 C Grade men players able to play SuperChamps but wish to enter a full team of 7. Newlands SC has 1 C Grade man who is a country member of Johnsonville, and Ngaio SC has 1 C Grade man who is

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also a country member of Johnsonville. They put in a request to transfer the players from Newlands and Ngaio to form a C Grade Men's Team

Result: Request granted.

Rationale: This is because the two players in question are financial members of Johnsonville, and their Club Captains have approved the transfer, on the basis that their home clubs are not entering a team.

2. **Scenario:** Pukerua Bay TSC have only 4 E Grade women players able to play SuperChamps, but a neighbouring club – Paekākāriki Squash Club – has 3 E Grade women who are keen to play. A request is submitted to transfer the 3 women from Paekākāriki to Pukerua Bay.

Result: Request denied.

Rationale: This is because this team would consist of players from two neighbouring clubs, therefore they should be entered as a composite team, under Pukerua Bay, as they have more players.

Timeline

24 May	Deadline for Player Transfer/Composite Team Applications
31 May	Deadline for Pre-Approved Player Transfers
6 June	Deadline for Results
7 June	National Grading List Run
10 June	National Grading List Distributed and Team Entries Opened
30 June	Deadline for Team Entries
8 July	Draws Distributed
15 July	Deadline for Team Protests
26 July	Competition Begins

Additional Rule Clarifications for 2024

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.