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1. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 1.1. Regional teams shall be comprised of nine (9) players who qualified at their respective CAF Regional Championship. Only after exhausting all possible alternates, may a player, who had not qualified due to operational reasons, be chosen to fill a vacant position on the team. Should this occur, the player being selected, upon approval from the respective RSMgr. to augment a regional team, he/she is to be seeded player, based on his/her skill level in comparison to other players in that category.
- 1.2. The age category of a player will be based on his/her age as of first (1st) January for the CAF Regional/National Squash Championship competition year.
- 1.3. Certificates of eligibility must include player's date of birth.
- 1.4. The team composition shall be as follows:
 - a. Two (2) Women's Open; (women only);
 - b. One (1) under 30 player;
 - c. One (1) 45+ player; and
 - d. Four (4) Open players.

2. RULES

- 2.1. Play shall be conducted in accordance with the current rules of singles squash from the [World Squash Federation](#) and in accordance with the [CAF Sports Championships Operations Manual](#).

3. SUSPENSIONS

- 3.1. Suspension will be applied as per Rule 15 – Conduct, of the [World Squash Federation \(WSF\)](#).
- 3.2. Reference [Chapter 5 – Suspensions](#), for infractions that may be applied to any sport.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 4.1. The CAF Squash Championship shall consist of a single round robin Team Tournament followed by an Individual Tournament. All matches in both the team and individual events shall be the best of three (3) out of five (5) games. Individual games will use point a rally (PAR) scoring to eleven (11) points, for both the team and individual portions of the championships.

5. TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

5.1. The intent of the team portion of the championships is to crown a national team champion from one of the participating regional teams. The following are specific guidelines for the team portion of the championships.

a. Round Robin:

- The draw will be conducted using a single round-robin format.

b. Scheduling: The scheduling of matches will normally be in the following sequences;

- Open;
- Women's Open;
- Under 30; and
- 45+

c. Gender Eligibility:

- The only gender restriction to the categories is that only females may participate in the Women's Open category.

d. Scoring

- The scoring is based on the maximum contribution of each and every team member. The team with the most points at the end of the round robin will be declared the Team Champion regardless of the head-to-head standings. Scoring will be based on a 1-2-6 point system, with one point awarded for each game won, two points awarded for winning a match, and six (6) points awarded to the team that wins the most matches, each time one team plays another team. Defaulted matches will be scored as if the match was played 11-0, 11-0, 11-0 with a total of five (5) points scored for the winning player.

e. Tie-breaking procedures:

- Ties in the round-robin tournament shall be broken as follows:
 - If two (2) or more teams are tied, the total number of matches won between the tied teams applies;
 - If a tie still exists, the total number of games won between the tied teams applies; and
 - If a tie still exists, the total number of points scored in all games played between the tied teams applies.

Note: If a team is eliminated using the above procedures, the tie-breaking procedures will continue between the remaining teams until only one team remains.

6. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

6.1. The intent of the individual portion of the championships is to crown a champion and runner up in all categories. In all categories a third-fourth place match shall be played. Draws are to be developed with the intent of making the road to the championship finals, fair for all players. In addition, a significant amount of play for all competitors should be a secondary goal. The following are specific guidelines for the individual portion of the championships.

6.2. Individual Categories are as follows:

- a. Under 30;
- b. 45+;
- c. Women's Open; and
- d. Open.

6.3. Players may elect to play in any category for which they meet the age requirements regardless of which category they played in during the Team Tournament. The following restrictions however do apply:

- a. Only females may play in the Women's Open Category; and
- b. Players are only permitted to participate in one individual category.

6.4. Within one half (1/2) hour of the end of the Team Tournament, each CAF Regional Team Captain is to submit a confidential list to the Chief Official indicating the player's name and chosen category for individual tournament play;

6.5. Following the completion of the Team Tournament, the Chief Official, with the help of other appointed officials, shall draw up the schedule of play for the Individual Tournament. Results from the Team Tournament will be the only source of info for the placement/seeding of competitors into the individual play schedule. The individual play schedules will be posted in a prominent location as soon as possible in order for players to note their match times and opponents;

6.6. Seeded players should be spread throughout the draw. Seeded players will be in accordance with established WSF seeding guidelines;

6.7. Another consideration for draw make-up should be the region from where players come. Attempts should be made not to have members of the same region play each other in first or second round play;

6.8. In cases, where there are only a small number of participants in a category (3, 4 or 6 participants), a round robin format followed by a final elimination should be used. Where only three (3) or four (4) players register for a category, a round robin should be played with the top two (2) players in the round robin play advancing to a final championship match. When there are six (6) players in a category, two round robin pools should be run with the top two (2) players from each pool advancing to a knockout round (first vs. second in opposing pools). In individual round robin play, (one) 1 point per game won is to be awarded towards individual standings. In the event of a tie, the first tiebreaker will be the head to head match record between players. The second tiebreaker will be the most points scored; and

6.9. Consolation rounds should be played.

7. EQUIPMENT

7.1. The official ball of the Championship shall be the Black Knight Tru-Bounce Double Yellow squash ball or Dunlop (Pro) Double Yellow Squash Ball. One ball shall be chosen per tournament and used consistently.

7.2. All members' must wear the following equipment listed in the table below:

MANDATORY	RECOMMENDED
Players	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSA protective eyewear (at all times while on the court) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil

8. INJURY PREVENTION

- 8.1. It is important that injury prevention strategies are reviewed by all athletes, coaches, officials, athletic trainers, and organizers. Please refer to [Chapter 6](#) for further injury prevention.

9. AWARDS

- 9.1. The winner of the Team Championship will be awarded a banner. Members of the winning team and runners-up shall be presented with individuals medals.
- 9.2. Individual medals shall be awarded to both winners and runners-up from each of the individual categories.
- 9.3. At the end of the National Championship, members may nominate a player that has exhibited the highest level of sportsmanship including ethical & responsible behaviour, fair play, integrity and respect combined with a high standard of playing ability. The Jury of Appeal and/or Chief Official will select the recipient based on the nominations brought forward.
- 9.4. See awards breakdown in the table below;

<u>Awards / Recognition</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Nationals</u>	<u>Regionals</u>
Championship Banner	1	✓	TBD by regional constitution
Gold Medals (team)	9	✓	✓
Silver Medals (team)	9	✓	✓
Gold Medals (Individual)	4	✓	✓
Silver Medals (Individual)	4	✓	✓
Sportsmanship	1	✓	TBD by regional constitution
Officials	5	✓	TBD by regional constitution
Trainers	1-2	✓	TBD by regional constitution
Jury of Appeal	1	✓	TBD by regional constitution
VIP's / Patrons	1	✓	TBD by regional constitution