

# Squash (2025-2026)

## 1. Format of Competition

- (a) A single round-robin system will be adopted in the preliminary round if the number of participating teams is six only. If the number of participating teams is more than six, teams will be drawn into two groups. The top two teams in each group will qualify for the final. Teams finishing at 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places in the groups will play for the consolation round, adopting the cross-elimination system. A single round-robin system will be adopted in the consolation round if the number of participating teams is three only.
- (b) In the preliminary round of men's competition, each match shall consist of five games. A game shall be played according to the best of five sets system. A set shall be won by the side which first scores 11 points by rally system (in deuce situation, a minimum lead of 2 points).  
In the preliminary round of women's competition, each match shall consist of three games. A game shall be played according to the best of five sets system. A set shall be won by the side which first scores 11 points by rally point system (in a deuce situation, a minimum lead of 2 points).
- (c) In the semi-final, final and consolation rounds, the men's matches shall be played according to the best of five games system and the women's matches shall be played according to the best of three games system.
- (d) On the Entry Form and the Record Sheet, each institution has to rank the athletes according to their performance ability. In each match, the line-up of the team shall be arranged according to the ranking order from the highest to the lowest. Priority is given to the following rankings: PSA World Ranking, Hong Kong National Ranking and Hong Kong Junior Ranking (announced on or after 1 Oct 2025) and recent performance of the individual player. Appeal can be made within 5 working days by writing to the convenor and chairman of the executive committee. All appeals will be handled by the seeding panel committee which will make the final decision.
- (e) The referee or convenor will draw to decide the order of the match prior to the start of the match.

## 2. Regulations

Unless otherwise stated, the competition shall be organized in accordance with the most recent (until October) technical regulations of the "World Squash Federation" (WSF)

## 3. Scoring

- (a) In the preliminary round, one point shall be awarded for winning in a match and in each game. A maximum of six points in a match for a Men's team and four points for a Women's team.
- (b) In case of equality in ranking between teams in the preliminary round, the following shall be adopted to decide the position:
  - i/ If a tie exists between two teams, the team that wins in a match shall be accorded a higher position;
  - ii/ If a tie exists among three teams or more, the position shall be decided by:
    - The team that wins more matches shall be accorded a higher position; If the tie exists, the ranking shall base on the match difference (number of matches won minus matches lost) during the matches played among the teams, the team with the larger difference shall be ranked higher;
    - If a tie exists, the ranking shall base on the game difference (number of games won minus games lost) during the matches played among the teams, the team with the larger difference shall be ranked higher;
    - If a tie still exists, the ranking shall base on the set difference (number of sets won minus sets lost) during the matches played among the teams, the team with the larger difference shall be ranked higher;
    - When a tie still exists among the teams on set difference, the position shall be decided by point difference (number of points scored minus points lost) during the matches played among the teams, the team with the larger difference shall be ranked higher;
    - If the results are still the same, teams concerned will play against each other again (only applicable in situation relating to advancement to final and consolation rounds).

- 4. Entries**
- (a) Each institution is entitled to enter one men's team and one women's team. The personal information with recent photos of the student-athletes should be put down clearly on the enrollment form, duly signed by the Council Member of the respective institution with school chop. The personal information of the student-athletes (including details and photos) cannot be changed after the submission of the entry form.
  - (b) A men's team may consist of a maximum of eleven and a minimum of five players; A women's team may consist of a maximum of eight and a minimum of three players.
  - (c) Eligibility of student-athletes: registered for full-time studies at the respective institutions.
  - (d) All student-athletes must be born from 01/01/1990 to 31/12/2008.
- 5. Postponement**
- Request for postponement will not be entertained. Under special circumstances, the convenor has the right to change the competition schedule.
- 6. Referees**
- Qualified/Certified referees/markers will be recruited/ hired for the referee/marketing services by convenor.
- 7. Withdrawal**
- (a) Any team that does not present a minimum number of players (not less than 5 for Men; not less than 3 for Women) required for a particular game at the scheduled competition start time (according to the timing system of venue) shall be disqualified for the match.
  - (b) During a match, the decision of the referee made according to the relevant rules of squash shall be final. Should a team oppose the decision and refuse to play, the team shall be taken as withdrawing from the match.
  - (c) The team withdrawn should submit an official explanation signed by the Council Member of the institution concerned to the Chairman of the Executive Committee of USFHK within 72 hours (irrespective of holidays) of the event.
- 8. Protests and Appeals**
- Each and every appeal must be made in writing and signed by the Council Member of the institution concerned. The appeal, accompanied with a deposit of Hong Kong dollars three thousand, shall be made within 72 hours (irrespective of holidays) of the event concerned, to the convenor and copied to the Chairman of Executive Committee. The decision of the Appeal Board shall be final.
- 9. Weather**
- If, two hours before the start of competitions/events, the Hong Kong Observatory issues a No. 8 or higher tropical cyclone warning signal or its pre-warning, or a black rainstorm warning signal, all competitions/events for that day will be canceled, and the convenor will arrange for rescheduling.
- 10. By-laws and Rules**
- (a) The "DUNLOP PRO Double Yellow Dot Squash Ball" is adopted as the official ball of the competition and shall be supplied by the Federation.
  - (b) Each student-athlete can only participate in one game of a match only.
  - (c) All student-athletes must wear suitable eye-goggles during the match.
  - (d) The organizer reserves the right to amend and/or supplement the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations. The By-Laws, Rules and Regulations thus made will be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval before adoption.
  - (e) In case of controversy over the rules/regulations between the Chinese and the English versions, the interpretation of the Chinese version shall be followed.