



OCEANIA SQUASH FEDERATION
RULES and REFEREEING NEWSLETTER

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Hello Everyone - I hope you all had a happy holiday period

THE NEW SINGLES RULES. Effective January 1st, 2014

http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/131023_Rules-of-Singles-Squash-20141.pdf

These new Rules will be used for the first time at an Oceania event at the Oceania Junior Championships January 18th to 21st at Palm Beach, Queensland, Australia

Below is a simple summary of the changes

There is nothing major
Words in *italics* are explained in the Definitions
Some words are in **bold** font for clarity and emphasis

Restructure

The number of words has been reduced by almost half (yeah!!)
The language is simplified
Numbering has changed (e.g. Rule 12, Interference is now Rule 8)
The number of Rules has been reduced from 20 to 15
There are no Guidelines

Scoring System

This is now Point-A-Rally to 11. At 10-all a player must win by 2 points
PAR to 15 and traditional Hand-in/hand-out are alternate scoring systems in Appendix 3

Interference

Restructured to help everyone understand the concept of interference better, and to reach the correct decision more easily

Faults

All faults are now called simply "fault" (previous Rules there were 5 possible calls).

Deletion

The provision for a let if the ball goes out of court after the first bounce

Injury and Bleeding

Opponent caused

A distinction is now made between an injury or bleeding caused by

- accidental action by the opponent, and by
- deliberate or dangerous action by the opponent

The times allowed have changed too. See Rule 14.3.3

Contributed Injury

The time allowed has been reduced from one hour to 15 minutes, with the possibility of another 15 minutes if requested by the injured player

New Appendices

Three-Referee System

Video Review System

Technical Appendices have been separated for clarity

Appendix 7 (Court)

Appendix 8 (Ball)

Appendix 9 (Racket).

Resources

These will soon be available from Squash Australia

- Rule books
- Wall Posters
- Video Rules Presentations for Juniors and Seniors.

Please contact me if you have any questions

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