



SQUASHWALES LTD

League Constitution & Rules

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SQUASH WALES LTD SQUASH LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

CONSTITUTION

Squash Wales Ltd represents the whole of Wales, and its objective is to promote competitive squash in Wales.

The main regions are as follows

- North East Wales
- Eryri
- Pembroke
- West Central
- South Central
- East Central
- Premier Divisions

1. The League is represented in each Club by that Club's Club Lead; for contact details please refer to the League Master system at <https://walessquash.leaguemaster.co.uk>
- 1.1. The League Manager will be supported by a League Committee as detailed in Section 3 below.
- 1.2. The Club Lead will be the main communication point between their club and all teams in that club, and Squash Wales. The responsibility of the Club Lead will be to communicate all information from Squash Wales to all teams in their club, and feedback any information from their club to Squash Wales in a timely manner. All clubs must have a Club Lead.
- 1.3. The Leagues shall be known as the "Squash Wales League" hereinafter referred to as 'The Leagues'. The Leagues will be administered by the League Manager on behalf of Squash Wales Ltd who will always have overall jurisdiction on matters relating to The Leagues.

Active League structure can be found in the Squash Wales Rules Appendix One.

This constitution relates to all registered Squash Leagues in Wales which shall be run in accordance with the Articles of Association which can be found at www.Squashwales.com/Governance/

Small differences and variations in individual arrangements within Regional Leagues outside of the Premier Divisions are noted in Appendix Three of Squash Wales League Rules.

2. League Structure

- 2.1. The member clubs of The Leagues will be able to submit proposals and amendments for changes to the rules, and /or structure of The Leagues for prior discussion and then ratification at the Annual General Meeting. All final decisions on changes are subject to approval by Squash Wales Ltd Board of Directors.

- 2.2. The League Manager, who shall be appointed by Squash Wales Limited, will be responsible for the Administration and day to day running of The Leagues.
- 2.3. The League Committee will consist of no more than 9 (nine) members and up to seven of which shall be elected at the League AGM. The League Committee will assist the League Manager in the running of the Leagues and review decisions emanating from the application of the League Rules.
- 2.4. A League Panel, consisting of 3 (three) persons and selected from the Board of Directors of Squash Wales Limited, and who are not connected to any club participating in the League, will be convened and assist the League Manager in respect of any disputes that arise from decisions made by the League Manager, Watchdog, League Committee, or by complaint from a person, club, or team.

3. League Committee

- 3.1. In accordance with Squash Wales Articles of Association, a League Committee will be formed to assist the League Manager in the running of The Leagues.
- 3.2. The League Committee will comprise of the League Manager and a suitable Board Member together with a maximum of 7 (seven) other League Committee members.
- 3.3. The League Manager will chair the League Committee.
- 3.4. League Committee members may be nominated by any Squash Wales member club and will be elected at the League AGM. No club may have more than one representative on the League Committee.
- 3.5. At least 5 (five) members must be present at a general meeting of the League Committee for the meeting to be quorate.
- 3.6. Where a decision is made or a sanction imposed by the League Manager or "Watchdog" with which a player, team or club does not agree, it is open to the affected party to make representations to the League Committee.
- 3.7. For the purposes of the League Committee considering such representations, only 3 (three) League Committee members are needed to form a quorum.
- 3.8. Whilst the League Manager may be present, he or she will do so in an advisory role only and will not otherwise participate in the meeting.
- 3.9. Such meetings will be chaired by the Board Member and a majority decision will suffice.
- 3.10. One or more League Committee members including the Board Member will be excluded from involvement in voting under 3.9 above if there is a direct or indirect conflict involving the League Committee member's own club.
- 3.11. For the avoidance of doubt, the League Manager may not be involved in any initial sanction if there is a direct or indirect conflict involving his or her own club.
- 3.12. If following the League Committee's decision on review of a sanction remains unsatisfactory to a player, team or club, it is open to the affected party to appeal against the decision to the League Panel.

4. League Panel

4.1. A League Panel, consisting of 3 (three) independent persons and selected from the Board of Directors of Squash Wales Limited, and who are not connected to any club participating in the Leagues, will be convened to hear any appeals by teams, clubs or individual players arising from sanctions imposed by either the League Manager or Watchdog in the event that the team, club or individual does not accept the decision on the issue once reviewed by the League Committee.

4.2. For the purposes of the League Panel, a person will be regarded as being connected to a Club Participating in The Leagues (CPL) if:

That person currently: (or did within the previous 5 seasons)

- a. Plays for a team from a CPL; or
- b. Sits on the committee of a CPL; or
- c. Sponsors a team or CPL.

5. Dispute and Appeal Procedure

5.1. All disputes and appeals must follow the correct procedure as outlined in this Constitution and all disputes MUST be in writing. In all instances 'e mail' will be accepted as 'in writing'.

5.2. Any complaint made by a person, club/team, in relation to an incident involving another person, club/team, must be reported to the League Manager in writing within 3 [three] days of the incident on which the dispute is based.

5.2.1. The facts must be reported in full including reference to the rule[s] contravened with details of any witnesses provided.

5.2.2. The League Manager will invite the person, club/team subject of the dispute to respond in writing, giving their version of the event concerned, and this must be with the League Manager within 3 [three] days of the invitation.

5.2.3. The League Manager will make a ruling with due regard to the rule[s] involved, and both parties will be informed of the decision explaining the ruling within 5 [five] days. Both parties will also be made aware of the written version of the events submitted by the other.

5.2.4. Any representations against the decision of The League Manager will be referred to the League Committee. The League Committee will receive copies of the original submissions of each party together with The League Manager's reasoning, with reference to the league rules applicable, for his/her decision within 3 [three] days.

5.2.5. The League Committee will review the information received and inform the League Manager of their decision within 5 [five] days with The League Committee's reasoning and rules applicable. The League Manager will notify all relevant parties of the decision within 3 [three] days of the League Committee's decision being received.

5.2.6. An appeal against the decision of the League Committee may be appealed to the League Panel as detailed in section 3 above. The League Panel will receive copies of

the original submissions of each party together with The League Committee's reasoning, with reference to the league rules applicable, for their decision within 3 [three] days.

- 5.2.7. Any appeal to the League Panel will need to be accompanied by a payment of £25 to cover administration costs. This payment will be retained by Squash Wales Ltd if the appeal is unsuccessful and returned to the claimant if the appeal is upheld.
- 5.2.8. The League Panel will review the information received and inform the League Manager of their decision within 5 [five] days. The League Manager will notify all relevant parties of the decision within 3 [three] days of the League Panel's decision being received.
- 5.2.9. Where an appeal is successful, the League Manager will be directed to implement the League Panel decision.
- 5.2.10. Where an appeal is unsuccessful, the League Panel will uphold the original decision and will have the discretion to increase the original sanction, but any such increased sanction must be proportionate to the issue under consideration.
- 5.2.11. The decision of the League Panel will be final, and no further appeal allowed. No further correspondence will be entered into or considered

6. LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 6.1. The League Annual General Meeting will normally be held each year after the completion of the 'Spring' season. The date of the League Annual General Meeting will normally be in June, the details of which will be circulated by the League Manager, together with an Agenda and details of any items listed for discussion. Timings for submissions are as per the Squash Wales Ltd Articles of Association. In exceptional circumstances, this date may be changed. The League Annual General Meeting will be chaired by the League Manager.
- 6.2. Attendance at the League Annual General Meeting is compulsory for any club who will have a team, or teams, competing in The Leagues for the forthcoming season. A club must have 1 [one] representative present. A person may only represent 1 [one] club at the League Annual General Meeting.
- 6.3. All clubs attending the League Annual General Meeting will have 5 (five) points added to each of their teams' totals at the start of the September Season of that year.
- 6.4. On matters requiring a vote a club will be entitled to 1 [one] vote irrespective of how many teams they will have competing in The League in the forthcoming season. No voting by proxy will be allowed.
- 6.5. Motions received in writing via letter or email to Squash Wales Limited will be included in the agenda. Motions must be received no later than 14 [fourteen] days prior to the meeting. Additional motions will be accepted at the League Annual General Meeting at the discretion of the League Manager chairing the meeting.

RULES

These rules apply to all areas within Wales

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1. All club ranked players allocated to a league team at the start of the season, must have a level of Squash Wales membership that allows participation in league matches i.e. one of the following: -

- Team player (Junior),
- Junior player,
- Team Player (Adult),
- Referee,
- Coach,

This status is called a "Team Player" in these rules, and this level of membership is required before a player can be allocated a position on a nomination list in League Master and play their first match.

1.1.2. For new players joining once the season has started, they must join Squash Wales as a Team Player and be entered into League Master at an appropriate ranked position for the club at least 24 hours prior to playing their first match

1.1.3. A Team playing an individual who is not a Team Player in accordance with rule 1.1 or 1.1.2 above will be considered as using an ineligible player. Penalties for using ineligible players is detailed in Rule 6 (six)

1.1.4. If both teams play an ineligible player any points earned by each ineligible player will not count, each team will lose 10 points and no overall winning bonus will be awarded to either team.

2. NON-WELSH QUALIFIED PLAYERS IN PREMIER LEAGUES

2.1. Non-Welsh player rules only apply to Premier Divisions.

2.2. Any player who is eligible to represent Wales or has represented Wales at Junior, Senior or Masters level will not be regarded as a non-Welsh qualified player.

2.3. All other players, Junior, Senior or Masters level, will be deemed non-Welsh qualified players.

2.4. A Premier Division One or Two club will be allowed to register one 'non-Welsh qualified player' to play in any one of their teams. Non-Welsh players are not allowed to "play up" into a higher team.

2.5. If a Premier club/team wishes to apply for a non-Welsh qualified player to be an exemption to this rule, an application in writing must be submitted to the League Manager, together with the ranking list. The application must include any reason[s] why the player should be made exempt. The League Manager will present the exemption to the League Committee which will consider each application on merit.

- 2.6. If there is any doubt as to the eligibility of a player under this rule, clarification must be obtained from the League Committee.
- 2.7. Any club/team using a non-Welsh qualified player without first having notified the League Manager or applied for the non-Welsh qualified player to be made exempt from this rule, will be regarded as using an ineligible player and subject to the penalty outlined in Rule 6 [six].
- 2.8. Students who are resident in South Wales and are in full time higher or further education in a Welsh University/College on a course lasting a minimum of 12 months will be exempt from this rule, provided they are playing for their University/College Team only.
- 2.9. A team will be allowed to use only 1 [one] non-Welsh qualified player in any match.
- 2.10. Non-Welsh qualified players will be required to play a minimum of 50% of matches during a season. If a non-Welsh qualified player fails to fulfil the required quota of matches, all points earned by that non-Welsh qualified player will be deducted from the team's total league points. If the rubber played by that non-Welsh qualified was relevant in deciding the outcome of the match [i.e., the match was won 3-2 and the non-Welsh qualified player was one of the players to win his/her rubber] then the offending team will also lose the 4 [four] points awarded for winning the match. The bonus points will not be awarded to the other team. For non-Welsh qualified players joining once the season has started, they must play a minimum 50% of the remaining matches in that season or Rule 6 [six] will be applied.
- 2.11. If a non-Welsh qualified player fails to fulfil his/her quota of matches due to illness/injury, or for any other reason, which must be proven by production of written medical, or other evidence, the League Committee may allow that quota to be reduced. Any application to have the quota reduced must be made in writing.

3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1. All teams wishing to participate in any of The Leagues for the forthcoming season will be required to inform the League Manager, in writing, of the following information. This must be no later than the date circulated by the League Manager. Failure to provide this information to the League Manager and entering the information into League Master will result in a five-point penalty for each team in that club for every week the information is missing. It is the Club Lead's responsibility to keep this information up to date if and when it changes (e.g., when a team captain changes), and alert the League Manager by email when changes are made.
 - 3.1.1. Name of Club
 - 3.1.2. Name and contact detail of the Club Lead
 - 3.1.3. Name and contact detail of "Team Contact" and "Reserve Contact"
 - 3.1.4. Name of team i.e. A team, B team etc.
 - 3.1.5. Match venue including address, phone number and postcode
 - 3.1.6. Night for home matches together with match start time

4. TRANSFERRING CLUBS

- 4.1. Players will only be allowed to transfer clubs if both clubs agree or in exceptional circumstances. Permission must be gained from the League Committee before playing for a new club. The request for transfer must be made in writing or by email to the League Manager outlining full reasons for the transfer request. Where both clubs agree a transfer, the request must be made in writing or email from an appropriate official of both clubs to the League Manager.
- 4.2. The League Manager will confirm the decision of the League Committee regarding any request to transfer to all relevant parties.
- 4.3. Where a team withdraws from The Leagues the players from that team will be allowed to apply for transfer to another club/team. If more than 60% of the matches in the league program have been completed, then no transfer will be allowed.
- 4.4. Any player allowed to transfer to another club, after permission has been granted, will still be subject to the conditions outlined in Rule 5 [five] when playing for the new club.

5. REPRESENTATION

- 5.1. Unless following a transfer allowed under Rule 4 [four], a player may only represent 1 club in The Leagues within any one region during a season.
- 5.2. A player will be allowed to play for more than one team in The Leagues, provided the teams are not from the same club or same region, unless the player is ranked in a Premier One or Two team in which case the player will not be allowed to play in teams in lower divisions for any club.
- 5.3. Players ranked in a lower team will be allowed to play for a higher ranked team in the same club. When a player has played above their ranked team[s] on 6 [six] occasions he/she will no longer be eligible to play for the lower ranked team.

Where a player is called up to a higher team but the fixture/string does not get played (opposition team short of players as an example and string is awarded as a walkover) this "play up" will not be included as one of the six occasions.
- 5.4. Players ranked in a higher ranked team will not be allowed to play for a lower ranked team within that club. [Unless otherwise stated it will be accepted that a club 'A' team is higher than a club 'B' etc].
- 5.5. A player will be deemed ranked in the team that he/she is listed in when a club submits its rankings in accordance with Rule 7 [seven].
- 5.6. Divisions will be regionalised into their respective region and consist of teams as needs require. When the occasion demands, and due to a potential regional imbalance of teams relegated from Premier Division Two, then some Divisions may have more or fewer teams than the previous season.
- 5.7. All Divisions will operate 2 [two] separate seasons in each calendar year. One season will be known as Winter and commence in September each year, and the other season will be known as Spring and commence in January each year.

- 5.8.1. In exceptional circumstances, the process listed above may be suspended by the League Committee and an alternative process used where the situation demands. Such process to be ratified by the League Panel.
- 5.8.2. All other teams will be promoted and relegated in accordance with Appendix 2.

PREMIER DIVISIONS

- 5.9. Other than in exceptional circumstances, as defined and agreed by the League Committee, any player who plays in a team in the Premier Divisions and is ranked in the top 5 players in that team i.e., ranked 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 MUST play a minimum of 5 [five] matches before the last three matches of that season for that club during a season. If a player fails to fulfil the required quota of matches, then all points gained by that player will be deducted from the teams' total league points. If the rubber played by that player was relevant in deciding the outcome of the match i.e., the match was won 3-2 and the player in question was one of the players to win his/her rubber, then the offending team will also lose the 4 [four] bonus points awarded for winning the match. The bonus points will not however be awarded to the other team.
- 5.10. Players brought up from lower teams to cover illness/non availability of players in Premiership teams must have had Team Player membership and been registered on a ranking list in League Master for that club for at least 5 weeks prior to the last three matches of the league to be eligible to play in any of those final three matches.
- 5.10.1. If a player fails to fulfil his/her quota of matches due to injury/illness, or exceptional circumstances, which must be proved by production of written medical, or other, evidence before the player plays in any of the last matches of the season, the League Committee may allow that commitment to be reduced. Any application to reduce the quota of matches must be in writing.

FEEDER DIVISIONS (South Central 1, West Central 1 & East Central 1)

- 5.11. In all divisions consisting of 7 [seven] or 8 [eight] teams a player ranked in the top 5 (five) of a team must have played a minimum of 5 [five] matches for that team (or a higher team in the club) to be eligible to play in the final 3 [three] matches of the season.

Players playing up from a lower team must have played 5(five) times for the CLUB to play in the last 3 [three] matches of the season for the higher team.

In all divisions consisting of 5 [five] or 6 [six] teams a player ranked in the top 5 (five) of a team must have played a minimum of 4 [four] matches for that team (or a higher team in the club) to be eligible to play in the final 3 [three] matches of the season.

Players playing up from a lower team must have played 4 [four] times for the CLUB to play in the last 3 [three] matches of the season for the higher team.

- 5.12. If a player fails to fulfil his/her quota of matches due to injury/illness, or exceptional circumstances, which must be proved by production of written medical, or other evidence before the player plays in any of the last 3 [three] matches, the League

Committee may allow that commitment to be reduced. Any application to reduce the quota of matches must be in writing.

- 5.13. For teams in leagues below feeder one leagues and all other leagues (Eryri, North East Wales, Pembrokeshire) rule 5.11 will not be applied, hence a player can play in the last three matches of a season provided that the player has been a member of Squash Wales and nominated on a ranking list in League master for a team within the club for a minimum of 4 [four] weeks prior to the last three games of the season

New players joining a club below feeder one leagues, will be allowed to play in the last three games of the season in the team in which they are ranked if they join and are added to a ranking list four weeks prior to the last three games of the season.

SPLITTING STRENGTH

- 5.14. Split strength teams will not be allowed. All clubs will be required to provide a full club ranking list and indicate which players are playing in which team for that season.

6. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- 6.1. Any team who has used an ineligible player in Strings 1, 2 or 3 will lose;
- the points gained by that player,
 - 10 points from their match total and
 - the 4-point bonus for winning the match, which will awarded to the opposing team

If the Ineligible player was used at strings 4 or 5 the team will lose;

- the points gained by that player,
- 10 points from their match

The scores for strings 1- 3 will still be valid, as will the 4-point bonus for winning the match if the offending team win strings 1 through 3.

If both teams play an ineligible player any points earned by the ineligible player will not count, each team will lose 10 points and no overall winning bonus will be awarded.

7. RANKING LISTS

- 7.1. All clubs participating in The Leagues for the forthcoming season will be required to submit a ranking list of players, who it is intended will represent any team in that club during the season, in ranking order. Once a player is allocated to a team that player may under no circumstances play for a lower team.
- 7.2. The ranking lists will be used to determine a player[s] eligibility to play for any team within a club with reference to rule 5 [five].

- 7.3. A minimum of 5 [five] players must be registered in any team.
- 7.4. Clubs should only include in team rankings those players who will be used to represent the club from the beginning of the season. Injured players should not be included in any team ranking list if they will not be fit to play at the start of the season but may be added when they are fit to play.
- 7.5. Players who are not included on a ranking list, including injured players, are not eligible to play for a club/team until joining Squash Wales as a Team Player, and added by notifying the League Manager in writing, which must include their ranking position within the club/team. Notification should be given to the League Manager at least 48 (forty-eight) hours before the player is expected to play in The Leagues.
- 7.6. In any dispute about the merit order of a team the League Committee will adjudicate but, in doing so, will seek and try to respect the views of all the team captains in the same division.
- 7.7. Any player listed in the top 5 [five] places of any team, who does not play in at least one of the first 4 [four] matches of the season, will become ineligible to play until an application in writing is approved by the League Manager. If a player breaches this rule, they will be ineligible, and the team penalised as outlined in Rule 6.1.
- 7.8. Once the season has started, a team may not change their ranking order until the end of Period 1 [one] i.e.
- the end of week 7 [seven] for leagues with either 7 [seven] or 8 [eight] teams
 - the end of week 5 [five] for leagues with either 5 [five] or 6[six] teams
- 7.9. Any request for a change of rankings outside of rule 7.8 will need to be submitted in writing with rationale to the League Manager for consideration by the League Committee. A response will be provided within 5 [five] days.
- 7.10. Team rankings may not be amended at any other time. See 7.9.
- 7.11. A team which breaks ranking rules and plays players "out of turn" will forfeit the relevant rubbers e.g., if players 3 and 4 play out of ranked order only rubbers one, two and five will be scored and the offending team will lose rubbers 3 and 4 as 3-0 walkovers.
- 7.12. If a team wishes to register a player out of ranking order, i.e. playing in a team below their actual ranking ability, that player must be identified to the League Manager prior to playing any matches and will not be allowed to play up for a higher team.

8. MATCH & GAME SCORING SYSTEM

- 8.1. All matches will consist of 5 [five] rubbers. Each rubber will be the best of 5 [five] games.
- 8.2. In the Premier Divisions, each game will use the point-a-rally scoring system to 11 [eleven] points and where a game reaches 10 [ten] points each a player will be required to win that game by 2 [two] clear points i.e., 14 - (fourteen) 12 (twelve); 15 (fifteen) -13 (thirteen) etc. In non - Premier Divisions each game will use the point-a-

rally scoring system to 15 (fifteen) points and where a game reaches 14 [fourteen] points each the player receiving serve will have the option to play to 15 [fifteen] points or 17 [seventeen] points i.e., 1 or 3.

- 8.3. Each game will be scored as 1 [one] point for the team's league points total and the team winning most rubbers will be awarded 4 [four] bonus points.
- 8.4. At the end of the season the overall winner of the leagues will be the team with the most league points as shown on the League Table in League Master (shown as "Total").
- 8.5. Where two or more teams have the same total league points the following criteria, in order, will be applied until a differential is seen between the teams to identify a winner:
 - Number of matches won (shown as "W")
 - Number of games lost (shown as "A" i.e. "games against" - fewest games against will be the winner)
 - Number of individual points lost by the team – team with the fewest points lost will be the winner
- 8.6. If two or more teams have lost the same number of individual points, they will be deemed to have finished tied for the same position in the league table. Where promotion or relegation is affected, a play off between the two teams will determine the winner. Play off to be at a neutral venue and completed as soon after the end of the season as possible.
- 8.7. If a team withdraws from The Leagues before the end of a season, all points gained by other teams, including bonus points and /or referee points where applicable, against that team will be removed from the League Master system and not affect the league positions of remaining teams.

9. REFEREEING MATCHES & REFEREE BONUS POINTS

- 9.1. In all Division[s] and whenever possible, it will be the responsibility of the HOME team to mark/referee rubbers 1, 3 & 5 and the AWAY team to mark/referee rubbers 2 & 4. It will be necessary for each team to ensure they have personnel present to fulfil this commitment. This can be amended on the night subject to agreement from both team captains.
- 9.2. In all Divisions a single bonus point is available to the home and away teams for the presence of a qualified referee[s], in each team, provided that the referee[s] is/are registered for the current season with Squash Wales.
- 9.3. To gain a bonus point, the referee[s] must mark/referee at least 2 [two] complete rubbers if not playing in the match. However, where the qualified referee is also a player on that night, they will only need to mark at least 1 [one] complete rubber to gain the referee point. Only one referee bonus point is available for any one team per match.

- 9.4. No point will be awarded for any referee who is not registered as a referee with Squash Wales Limited for the current season. Points will not be awarded retrospectively.
- 9.5. Any referee who has gained his/her qualification with a governing body other than Squash Wales, must register with Squash Wales for the current season, to be eligible as a referee for the purposes of this rule.
- 9.6. Teams claiming a referee bonus point will be required to enter full name[s] via the drop-down box section on the result entry in League Master to show which string(s) was/were marked.
- 9.7. The Author field will require the name of the individual who entered the results to be added in all cases. If this field is not completed, two points will be deducted from the home team total.

10. MATCH VENUES, DAY OF PLAY & START TIMES

- 10.1. All matches will be played on the following nights:
 - Premier Division One THURSDAY
 - Premier Division Two MONDAY through to THURSDAY
 - All other Divisions, MONDAY through to FRIDAY.
- 10.2. Any club with a team playing in the PREMIER Divisions may not have another team playing in The Leagues playing on the same night. Exceptions to this rule will be allowed where circumstances demand i.e., clubs that play from Local Authority Leisure Facilities may not be allowed to have facilities other than on set nights or a club with multiple teams may not have other nights of play available.
- 10.3. Matches may start no earlier than 6:30pm and no later than 7.30pm. Any other start times outside this range will need to be agreed by both team captains.
- 10.4. Where circumstances demand that a match starts earlier than 6:30pm, or later than 7.30pm, the HOME team will be responsible for ensuring the away team are fully aware of, and agree with, the start time. Failure of both teams to agree an alternative start time will be referred to the League Manager to decide the start time of the match.
- 10.5. Whenever possible, 2 [two] courts should be available for the designated match start time.
- 10.6. In exceptional circumstances where a club has only 1 [one] court available for a match, the match must start no later than 6.30pm and the HOME team will be responsible for ensuring the away team are fully aware of, and agree with, the start time.
- 10.7. Where the start of the match is delayed due to the late arrival of either team, the match must start as soon as possible. The length of, and reason for, the delay, as well as the time that match starts, should be recorded on the match score card. Should the match fail to be completed due to the late start the full facts must be

reported in writing to the League Manager. The facts will be considered by the League Committee who will rule on the outcome of any unfinished rubber[s].

- 10.8. It is the responsibility of the HOME team to ensure enough court time is available for all rubbers to be completed if the match is started on time. As a rough guide an average of 40 minutes is allowed for matches when tournaments are scheduled.
- 10.9. All players should be present at the start of the match when the team captains declare their teams and record them on the match result card. A team may arrange for the late arrival, by no more than 1 [one] hour after the designated match start time, of 1 [one] player if this has been agreed by both team captains prior to the day/date of the match.
- 10.10. Any delay caused by a player not being present at the start of a match should be reported, in writing to the League Manager. The League Committee will take this into consideration if any rubber[s] fail to be completed due the delayed arrival of the player.
- 10.11. If any player[s] fails to arrive at the match venue within 1 [one] hour of the designated start time of the match they will be considered as failing to arrive and the rubber[s] and all rubbers below those strings will be awarded to the opposing team 3-0 irrespective of whether those rubbers have already been played and completed.
- 10.12. Any individual rubber must be completed on the court on which it started unless that court becomes unfit for play or both players agree to switch to another court. If an individual rubber cannot be completed on the same court on which it started due to lack of court time, the HOME team will concede that rubber with the game scores at the time the match stops being taken into consideration. Therefore, if the home team were leading the relevant rubber 2-0 when the match was forced to stop, they would forfeit the rubber 2-3. If this is due to the late arrival of the away team, the full facts must be reported, in writing, to the League Manager. The League Committee will then decide the outcome of the unfinished rubber.
- 10.13. Failure by a HOME team to make courts available for a match on the day/date as published in the official fixtures will result in a walkover being awarded against the home team, if said failure is considered the fault of the home team.
- 10.14. All rubbers of a match should be played at the published match venue. In exceptional circumstances (e.g., court flooded/Covid restrictions) a mutually agreeable alternative venue/date can be used. The League Manager must be kept informed and authorise any alternatives arranged.

11. WALKOVERS

- 11.1. Only the League Manager or League Committee can award a walkover match.
- 11.2. 19 [nineteen] points will be awarded to the non-offending team, except where the two teams are from the same club, when no points will be awarded to either team.
- 11.3. If a team has a walkover awarded against them for failing to fulfil a fixture, they will concede the match 0-19.

- 11.4. In Premier Divisions One and Two, if a team has two walkovers awarded against them, in a season, for failing to fulfil a fixture, the team will be automatically relegated, all previous results will be void. In all other Divisions, if a team has 2 [two] walkovers awarded against them, in a season, for failing to fulfil a fixture, they will be automatically relegated, all previous results will be void.
- 11.5. Any team wishing to claim a walkover, for whatever reason, must submit their claim, in writing, to the League Manager within 3 [three] days of the match date. The claim must include in full the reasons for claiming a walkover and include the name[s] of those players who would have played in the match for the non-offending team. The League Manager or League Committee will deal with the claim in accordance with the disputes/appeals procedure outlined in the Constitution Paragraph 6.
- 11.6. If a team is automatically relegated during 2 [two] consecutive seasons, the team, will be liable to disqualification from The League, for a period to be decided by the League Committee
- 11.7. Representations against decisions made by the League Manager and League Committee must be submitted in writing in accordance with the Disputes/Appeals procedure outlined in the Constitution Section 5

12. PLAYERS SHORT IN TEAM – PENALTIES

- 12.1. In Premier Divisions One and Two, if a team, for whatever reason, attends a match with only 4 [four] players, not only will they concede the uncontested rubber 0-3 but they will also have 5 [five] points deducted from their league total. The uncontested rubber will be rubber 5(five).

In all other divisions there will be 2 (two) points deducted from their league total.

- 12.2. In Premier Divisions One and Two, if a team, for whatever reason, attends a match with only 3 [three] players, not only will they concede the uncontested rubbers 0-3 but they will also have 10 [ten] points deducted from their league total. The uncontested rubbers will be rubbers 4 (four) and 5 (five).

In all other divisions there will be 4 (four) points deducted from their league total.

13. SUBMISSION OF RESULTS

- 13.1. All results must be submitted via the League Master on-line results service within 3 [three] days of the date of the match. Failure to record any result within 3 [three] days of the match date will result in 5 [five] points being deducted from the home teams league total. Within 3 days means by 5pm on the third day after the match date.
- 13.2. A result card must be completed by the HOME team.
- 13.3. The result card must be available prior to the start of a match for captains of both teams to record their team players.
- 13.4. It is the responsibility of BOTH teams to ensure a result card, provided by Squash Wales Limited, is completed.

- 13.5. It is the responsibility of the HOME team to ensure all the required information is correctly and fully recorded on the result card.
- 13.6. BOTH captains are required to sign the completed result card to indicate that all the recorded information is correct. It is strongly recommended that each captain take a photograph of the completed score card and retain until the results are completed in League Master.
- 13.7. Details of rubbers marked/refereed by qualified and registered referee[s], must be recorded in the appropriate section of the result card to include the referee registration number for the purposes of claiming a referee bonus point.
- 13.8. If either captain is not satisfied that the information recorded on the card is correct, they should refuse to sign the card and report the facts, in writing, to the League Manager for it to be dealt with in accordance with the procedure for disputes and appeals.
- 13.9. The result card must be retained by the home team and will be required to be submitted to the League Manager in the event of any dispute/appeal. A photograph of the result card will be considered acceptable.
- 13.10. The League Manager may request the result card for any match to be submitted immediately. Failure to submit the card on the request of the League Manager with 7 [seven] days of a request will result in 10 [ten] points being deducted from the home teams league total. If it is found on receipt of the card by the League Manager that the away captain has failed to sign the result card, 5 [five] points will be deducted from the away teams' league total.
- 13.11. When any conduct procedures, or any other issues, having been taken against any player or occurred during the match, this must be recorded on the result card and recorded in the notes section when submitting the result in League Manager.

14. POSTPONEMENTS

- 14.1. Any requests for matches to be postponed will be refused other than in exceptional circumstances. Any request to postpone a match for exceptional circumstances must be made in writing to the League Manager. The League Committee will decide on the merit of any request if required to do so and the League Manager will respond accordingly.
- 14.2. Should a postponement be allowed, the match must be re-scheduled to be played prior to the final 2 [two] weeks of the season. If the postponement is within the last two weeks of the season, the League Manager will decide a date for the match after consultation with both team captains.
- 14.3. Where extreme weather conditions such as snow exist, a match may be postponed for reasons of safety of players travelling to or from a match and the League Manager informed.
- 14.4. It is accepted that student teams may need to re-schedule matches which fall outside their semester dates. The League Manager will be responsible for re-scheduling such matches, and the alternative dates will be published in the fixture

schedule. These dates will be binding. It will mean that on occasions teams may need to play more than 1 [one] match in a week.

- 14.5. If it is necessary to move the date of a match due to exceptional circumstances, the home team will provide three alternative weekday dates to the away team for the rescheduled match to be played. The League Manager will determine the timeframe in which the rescheduled match needs to be played. If the away team refuse all these dates, the match will be awarded to the home team 19-0.

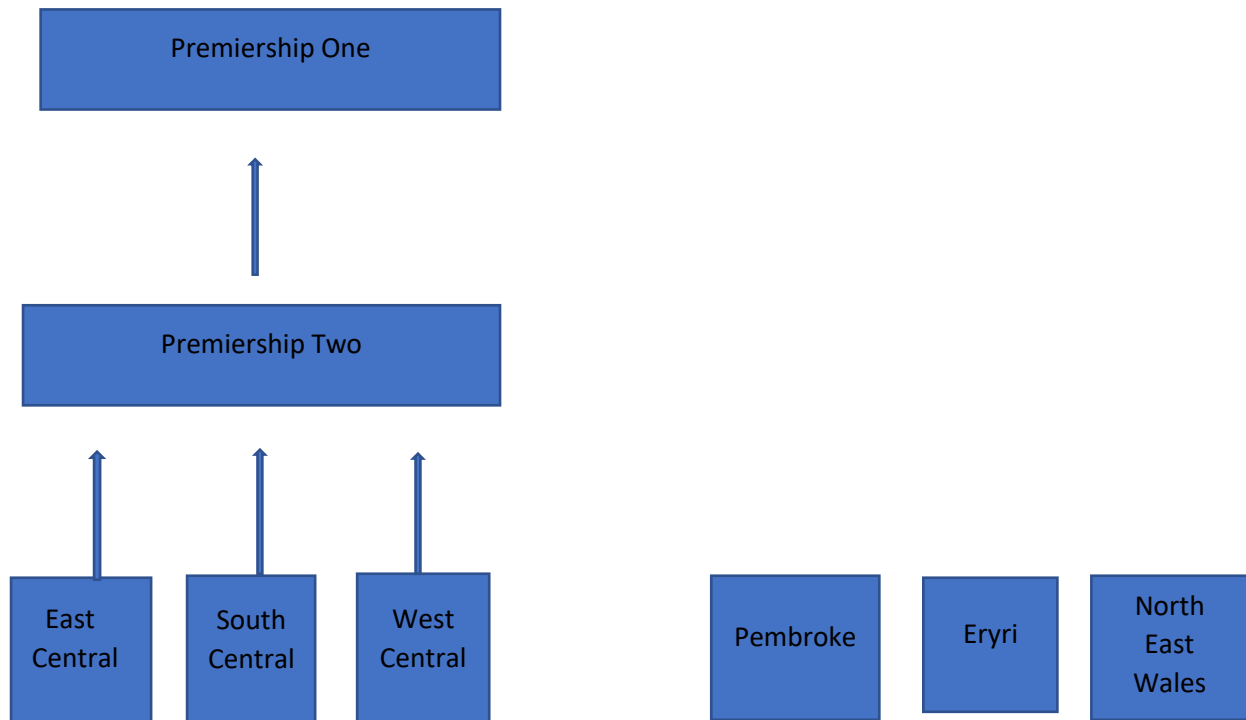
15. MISCELLANEOUS

- 15.1. Players shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner keeping with the spirit of Squash and true competition i.e., that by their actions they will use their best efforts to compete in a proper manner to defeat their opponent and always behave in a manner which is not abusive or detrimental to the game. If a dispute arises from such behaviour the full facts must be reported to the League Manager who will refer the matter to be dealt with under the discipline procedures of Squash Wales Limited. If a player is deemed to have contravened this rule, they will lose the relevant rubber 0-3 and all rubbers of players below the offending player in that team will also be forfeited 0-3. The player may also be liable to a ban from The Leagues' matches for a period to be determined.
- 15.2. Order of play for any match will be string 5 [five] through to string 1 [one] unless otherwise agreed by BOTH captains.
- 15.3. All teams will play 1 [one] home match and 1 [one] away match, during a season, with each of the other teams in the same division.
- 15.4. Refreshments are to be provided for visiting players but there are no requirements to cater for spectators. If a visiting team do not intend to remain for refreshments after a match, they should notify the home team in advance of the match date. Where it is feasible 48 hours' notice should be given. Where exceptional circumstances make providing of refreshments impracticable the home team must alert the visiting team in advance. Where a team is unable to provide refreshments post-match they should not expect to receive refreshments when visiting other clubs.
- 15.5. The DUNLOP black double yellow dot squash ball is the recommended ball for League matches.

16. DISPUTES AND APPEALS

- 16.1. Dispute and appeal procedures are detailed in the Constitution section 5.
- 16.2. For the purposes of any rule involving the League Committee making a decision after considering representations from an affected player, team or club following the making of a decision by the League Manager or the imposition of a sanction by the League Manager or Watchdog, all appeals against the League Committee will be considered by the League Panel whose decision will be final.

- 16.3. Where there is found to be any inconsistency between the League Constitution and the League Rules in the context of disputes and appeals, the Constitution will prevail.

APPENDICESAPPENDIX 1 League Structure by Divisions

West Central, South Central, and East Central will be feeder Divisions into the Premiership Two Division with one team from each feeder division being promoted at the end of each season.

Pembroke, Eryri, and North-East Wales are stand-alone Divisions and do not have access to the Premiership.

APPENDIX 2: Promotions & Relegations for Premier and Feeder Divisions (West Central, South Central, and East Central)

Promotion/ Relegation between Premiership One and Premiership Two

Relegation from Premiership One to Premiership Two will occur at the end of the Winter and Spring Seasons.

Bottom two teams in Premiership One will be relegated to Premiership Two and top two teams in Premiership Two will be promoted to Premiership One.

At the end of the Spring Season the winning Premier One teams of Winter and Spring seasons will do a play off to determine the overall Annual Premier Champion, unless the same team wins both Winter and Spring Seasons in which case that team will be deemed the Annual Premier Champion

Promotion/Relegation between Feeder Leagues and Premier Two

The three lowest teams in Premiership Two at the end of the Spring season will be relegated into their respective Feeder Divisions provided

- There are 3 Feeder division teams eligible for promotion
- No Premier team has withdrawn from the Premiership

Should this not be the case then only two (or fewer) teams will be relegated from Premiership Two to maintain the eight-team structure in Premier One and Premier Two

Promotion into Premiership Two

At the end of the Winter and Spring seasons the winner of each Feeder Division will be promoted to Premiership Two

Impact of Relegations from Premiership Two on Feeder and lower leagues at the end of Winter and Spring seasons

Relegations from Premiership Two will determine the subsequent promotions and relegations within the Feeder Divisions. There are several scenarios regarding promotion/relegation within a feeder division which are shown below.

Each Feeder Division will have one team promoted to Premiership Two but could receive three, two, one, or no teams from Premiership Two.

Resulting movement end of Winter and Spring Seasons within a Feeder Division

Premiership movement	Resulting movement of teams in Feeder and Lower Divisions
Feeder receives no Premiership team	1 team promoted into Premiership No team received from Premiership 2 teams promoted to Division One from Division Two 1 team relegated to Division Two All lower divisions work on "2 teams up 1 team down" system

Feeder receives one Premiership relegation team	1 team promoted into Premiership 1 team received from Premiership 2 teams promoted from Division 2 to Division One 2 teams relegated from Division One to Division Two All lower divisions work on "2 teams up 2 teams down" system
Feeder receives two Premiership relegation teams	1 team promoted into Premiership 2 teams received from Premiership 1 team from Division Two to Division One 2 teams relegated from Division One to Division Two All lower divisions work on "1 team up 2 teams down" system
Feeder receives three Premiership relegation teams	1 team promoted into Premiership 3 teams received from Premiership 1 team promoted from Division Two into Division One 3 teams relegated from Division One to Division Two All lower teams work on "1 team up 3 teams down" system

Final decisions on promotions and relegations will be made by the League Committee with subsequent ratification by the Board.

Promotion and relegation for non-feeder divisions - Eryri, North-East Wales and Pembrokeshire – can be found in Appendix Three "Regional Differences"

APPENDIX 3 Regional Differences and Promotions/Relegations in non - feeder Divisions

Pembroke Division

At the end of each season the Winner of Pembroke One will be deemed Champions for that season. Bottom team of Pembroke One will be relegated to Pembroke Two and the top team of Pembroke Two will be promoted to Pembroke One.

If Winter Champion and Spring Champion of Pembroke One are different the two teams will play off to decide the Annual Champion. This play off will be in the first week after the Spring season has ended.

If the same team wins Winter and Spring seasons in Pembroke One that team is deemed overall Annual Pembroke Champion

North-East Wales Division (NEW)

1.1. Winner of North-East Wales One will be deemed champion for that season

1.2. Bottom of NEW one is relegated to NEW 2

Winner of NEW 2 is promoted to NEW 1

1.3. If the Winter Champion and the Spring Champion in North-East Wales One are different, the two teams will play a play off to decide Annual Champion.

This Annual Champion play off will be in the first week after the Spring season has ended

1.4. Teams in North -East Wales will have the option of playing players "out of ranking order" by a maximum of one ranking place e.g. A2 and A3 players could swop the playing order for a match if this would make the fixture more competitive.

Only one "swop" is allowed in any one fixture.

Any playing order changes for a fixture must be agreed by both Captains. If no agreement can be achieved then original playing order as per League Master rankings will need to be used for the fixture.

Eryri

1.1. The winner of Division Two in each Winter or Spring season will be promoted to Division One for the following season. The bottom team In Division One (or possibly bottom two teams, depending on the relative sizes of the two divisions) would be relegated to Division Two for the following season.

1.2. Eryri Teams will not be eligible for promotion to Premier Division.

1.3. The Eryri cup competition may be handicapped according to a handicapping system established by the local League Committee, based on the previous league season results

1.4. Eryri teams will be permitted to enter bespoke team selections agreed locally within the Eryri League to support player development and competitive matches to raise the standard of competitive matches.

1.5. To enable the completion of as many full matches as possible, for teams that are short of players there will be the facility to "draw down" up to two players from any higher team within the club in limited circumstances and with certain conditions: -

Up to two players ranked 3, 4 and 5 in a higher ranked team will be allowed to play for a lower ranked team within that club but only if the higher ranked team does not have a game and the lower ranked team would be unable to field a full side without doing so. This would be subject to the following conditions;

- a. If lower ranked players can play up, they must do so first before any "playing down" is permitted.
- b. Teams must still play in club merit order within an individual team.
- c. Unavailability must be confirmed to the satisfaction of the opposing captain before this relaxation of rule 5.4 is permitted. If the opposing captain disagrees, the team must fulfil the fixture without a full complement of players.