



SQUASH WALES

Athlete Retirement & Membership Cancellation Procedure

Purpose

This procedure sets out the process for athletes retiring from competition and/or cancelling their Squash Wales membership. It also explains how retirement and membership status affect an individual's obligations under the UK Anti-Doping Rules (UK ADR).

Scope

This procedure applies to all Squash Wales members, including recreational, competitive, elite and funded athletes.

Athlete Retirement

An athlete may choose to retire from competitive squash at any stage.

Elite and Performance Athletes

Athletes who are part of the Squash Wales Performance Programme, or who are otherwise recognised as elite athletes, should notify the Squash Wales Performance Lead in writing of their intention to retire from elite competition.

The Performance Lead will:

- Record the retirement on the internal athlete tracking system.
- Update any relevant performance programme records.
- Where applicable, ensure any necessary communication with UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) regarding athlete status is completed.

Membership Cancellation

Retiring from competition does **not** automatically end Squash Wales membership.

Members wishing to end their membership must cancel their membership by:

- notifying the Squash Wales office; or
- following the membership cancellation process within the JustGo membership system (where applicable).

Membership remains active until cancellation has been processed.

Anti-Doping Responsibilities

Athletes are bound by the UK Anti-Doping Rules through their Squash Wales membership and participation in the sport.

Athletes who retire from elite or professional competition but **remain members of Squash Wales** continue to be bound by the UK Anti-Doping Rules and may still be selected for anti-doping testing while their membership remains active.

Athletes wishing to cease being bound through Squash Wales membership should cancel their membership in accordance with the Membership Cancellation process.

Where an athlete is included within any UKAD testing pool or Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) programme, additional obligations may continue to apply following retirement from competition. Athletes are responsible for complying with any UKAD requirements until they have received confirmation that these obligations have ended.

Communication

Squash Wales will ensure that retiring performance athletes are informed of:

- the relationship between membership and the UK Anti-Doping Rules;
- any continuing anti-doping obligations following retirement from elite competition; and
- the requirement to cancel membership if they no longer wish to remain bound through membership.

Responsibilities

Athletes are responsible for:

- notifying Squash Wales of retirement from elite competition where applicable;
- cancelling their membership if they wish to end their membership;
- continuing to comply with any applicable UK Anti-Doping obligations until formally released from those obligations.

Squash Wales is responsible for:

- maintaining accurate records of athlete retirements;
- processing membership cancellations;
- communicating relevant anti-doping obligations to retiring athletes; and
- maintaining compliance with the UK Anti-Doping Rules and associated governance requirements.