

SSRA CODE OF CONDUCT

ARTICLE 1.

Introduction

SSRA is responsible for all disciplinary matters associated with or arising from the arrangement and playing of squash games, matches or related practices on squash courts at approved SSRA Championships and/or events conducted under SSRA auspices and all other incidents or issues that may bring the sport into disrepute or affect the integrity of the sport, its governing bodies or commercial partners.

This Code covers:

- (a) any individual attending a Championship and/or events/conferences conducted under SSRA auspices e.g. player, referee, official, trainer, coach or other person connected with a participating player or team, or other involved person;
 - (b) any Regional Federation, Member Nations of SEASF, ASF or WSF or any individual who is associated with the sport of squash as a player, administrator, referee, coach or otherwise.
- For the purpose of this Code, a player is any individual involved in a Championship or an event conducted under SSRA auspices; and an official is any individual in attendance at a Championship or an event as a referee, official, trainer, coach, health professional or anyone who is otherwise connected with a participating player or team or with the organisation of a Championship or an event including parents and entourages.

ARTICLE 2. GENERAL BEHAVIOUR

A. Public Relations

No individual including player, parents, referee, official, trainer, coach or other person shall at any time give, make, issue, authorise or endorse any public statement which will have, or is designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of SSRA, a Championship or the sport of squash.

B. Disrepute

No individual including player, parents, referee, official, trainer, coach or other person shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash or which brings the game, its governing bodies or commercial partners into disrepute. If an individual including player, parents, referee, official, trainer, coach or other person has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, he or she may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash and have brought the game into disrepute.

ARTICLE 3. SSRA EVENTS: HOTEL AND FUNCTIONS

A. Hotel Accommodation

The good name of squash and the competitive preparation of players should not be compromised by players or officials causing damage, inconvenience to other guests or boorish, rowdy behaviour in official hotels or other accommodation. Such behaviour may result in the SSRA disallowing a player or official from residing in official hotel accommodation and may result in further action under the Code.

A player or official must officially check out of the hotel when involved in a event and must pay his room bill (if applicable) and his own hotel extras (e.g. phone, drinks, food).

B. Functions

The failure by a player or official to attend a mandatory event function may result a penalty.

ARTICLE 4. SSRA EVENTS – ENTRY OFFENCES

A. Late Withdrawal

Withdrawal by a player or Team without notice or acceptable reason after the Entry Deadline for entries or before the end of their playing commitments in a Championship and/or events may lead to a penalty and may result in the player or team being found to have engaged in “Aggravated Behaviour” as defined in Article 7D). If a medical reason is given, this must be supported by an official medical certificate.

ARTICLE 5. SSRA EVENTS: ON-SITE OFFENCES

A. Non-appearance

If a player or Team enters a Championship and/or events that fails to withdraw or fails to inform the SSRA Office of his / their withdrawal, he / they will be awarded a Walkover; subsequent matches will be forfeited and subjected to a penalty unless a valid MC is produced and prior notice to organizer is given.

B. Punctuality

Register 40 minutes before scheduled match time. Match timing is an indication only. Matches will be played on a FOLLOW-ON-BASIS. Postponement of match will not be entertained.

C. Dress and Equipment

On-court:

Players shall dress and present themselves for play in a professional manner wearing clean and customarily acceptable squash clothing which conforms to the standards defined in World Championship Regulation L, and using equipment which conforms to the WSF specifications. Any player who is in breach of this rule may be ordered by the Tournament Referee or SSRA Technical Delegate to change his or her clothing immediately.

D. Leaving Court

A player shall not leave the court during a match without the permission of the referee. Breach of this rule may result in penalty.

E. Best Efforts

A player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in a Tournament event. Breach of this rule may result in penalty.

F. Failure to Complete Match

A player must complete a match in progress unless he is unable to do so for an acceptable reason. Breach of this rule may result in penalty.

G. Media Conference

Both players, if requested, must attend the post-match media conference organised immediately after or within **15 minutes** of the conclusion of their match unless such time is

extended by the Tournament Director or if injured and physically unable to appear. Breach of this rule may result in penalty.

H. Ceremonies

A player participating in a medal match of a Tournament event must attend and participate in the medal ceremonies after the match unless he is unable to do so for an acceptable reason. Breach of this rule may result in penalty.

I. Audible Obscenity

Players and others present shall not use audible obscenities within the Tournament event precinct. Breach of this rule may result in penalty. In circumstances that are egregious and particularly harmful to the success of the event, a single violation shall also constitute the major offence of "aggravated behaviour" as defined in Article 7D and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the referee, spectators or media audience.

J. Visible Obscenity

Players and others present shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the Tournament event precincts. Breach of this rule may result in penalty. In circumstances that are egregious and particularly harmful to the success of the Championship, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "aggravated behaviour" as defined in Article 7D) and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his hands and/or racket or ball that commonly have an obscene meaning or import.

K. Abuse of Ball

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger, hit, kick or throw a squash ball within the Tournament event precincts except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match. Breach of this rule may result in penalty.

For the purpose of this rule, abuse of a ball is defined as intentionally hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting/throwing a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

L. Abuse of Racket or Equipment

Players and others present shall not violently, dangerously or with anger, hit, kick or throw a racket or other equipment within the Tournament event precincts. Breach of this rule may result in penalty.

For the purpose of this rule, abuse of rackets or equipment is defined as intentionally, dangerously and violently destroying or damaging a racket or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the walls or floor of the court during a match out of anger or frustration.

M. Verbal Abuse

Players and officials shall not at any time verbally abuse any official, referee, opponent, spectator or other person within the Tournament event precincts. Breach of this rule may result in penalty. In circumstances that are egregious and particularly harmful to the success of a

Tournament event, a single violation shall also constitute the major offence of "aggravated behaviour" as defined in Article 7D and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty, is derogatory, is insulting or is otherwise abusive.

N. Physical Abuse

Players and officials shall not at any time physically abuse any official, referee, opponent, spectator or other person within the Tournament event precincts. Breach of this rule may result in penalty. In circumstances that are egregious and particularly harmful to the success of a Tournament event, a single violation shall also constitute the major offence of "aggravated behaviour" as defined in Article 7D and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, physical abuse is defined as the unauthorised touching, by hand or by use of an object, of an official, opponent, spectator or other person.

O. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Players and officials shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. They must also act in a way that cannot be construed to be in a manner that could bring the sport of squash into disrepute by virtue of any actions, comments, writing or other means. Breach of this rule may result in penalty.

In circumstances that are egregious and particularly harmful to the success of a Championship, a single violation shall also constitute the major offence of "aggravated behaviour" as defined in Article 7D and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player or official that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport but which is not covered by any on-site offence contained herein.

In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but shall not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement having or designed to have an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the sport, the Championship and/or the officiating thereof.

P. Defaults

A player may be defaulted from a Tournament event by the SSRA Technical Delegate or Championship Director for any violation of this Code. If a player appeals against such default then the decision may be overruled only by the SSRA appointed Adjudication Panel provided they can be consulted within **2 hours** of the default. Breach of this rule may result in penalty.

ARTICLE 6. ANTI-DOPING OFFENCES

This Code of Conduct also embraces the WSF Anti-Doping Code which may be found on the WSF website. Any breach of the Anti-Doping Code is considered to be contrary to the integrity of the sport and shall be treated as an offence under Article 2(b) of this Code.

ARTICLE 7. SSRA EVENTS: MAJOR OFFENCES

A. Applicability

This Article shall apply to all players who commit to enter or who participate in any of our Tournament event, along with accompanying officials.

B. Wagers

No player or involved official shall wager, cause to wager or benefit from the wagering of anything of value in connection with any squash event. Breach of this rule will result in penalty.

C. Bribes or Other Payments

No player or involved official shall offer, give, solicit or accept or agree to offer, give, solicit or accept anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any player's efforts in any squash event. Breach of this rule may result in penalty.

D. Aggravated Behaviour

No player or official at any Tournament event shall engage in "aggravated behaviour" which is defined as follows:

1. One incident of behaviour that, in the opinion of the Disciplinary Board (DB), is egregious and particularly harmful to the success of a Tournament event.
2. A series of two or more breaches of this Code within a **12 month** period which singularly do not constitute "aggravated behaviour" but, when viewed together, establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or harmful to the Tournament event or the integrity of the sport of squash.

Aggravated behaviour will result in penalty.

ARTICLE 8. INTERPRETATIONS

A. Any person or entity subject to this Code may file with the SSRA office a request for an interpretation or clarification of the Code and/or its applicability and effect on a particular Championship or event. Upon receipt of such request, the Management Committee shall place the same on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Management Committee. If a decision is necessary for the interim, the General Manager may render a decision upon which the requesting party may rely pending final disposition by the Management Committee.

ARTICLE 9. NOTICE

A. Any written communication required or sent to the SSRA should be addressed as follows, unless notice of change is subsequently published:

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