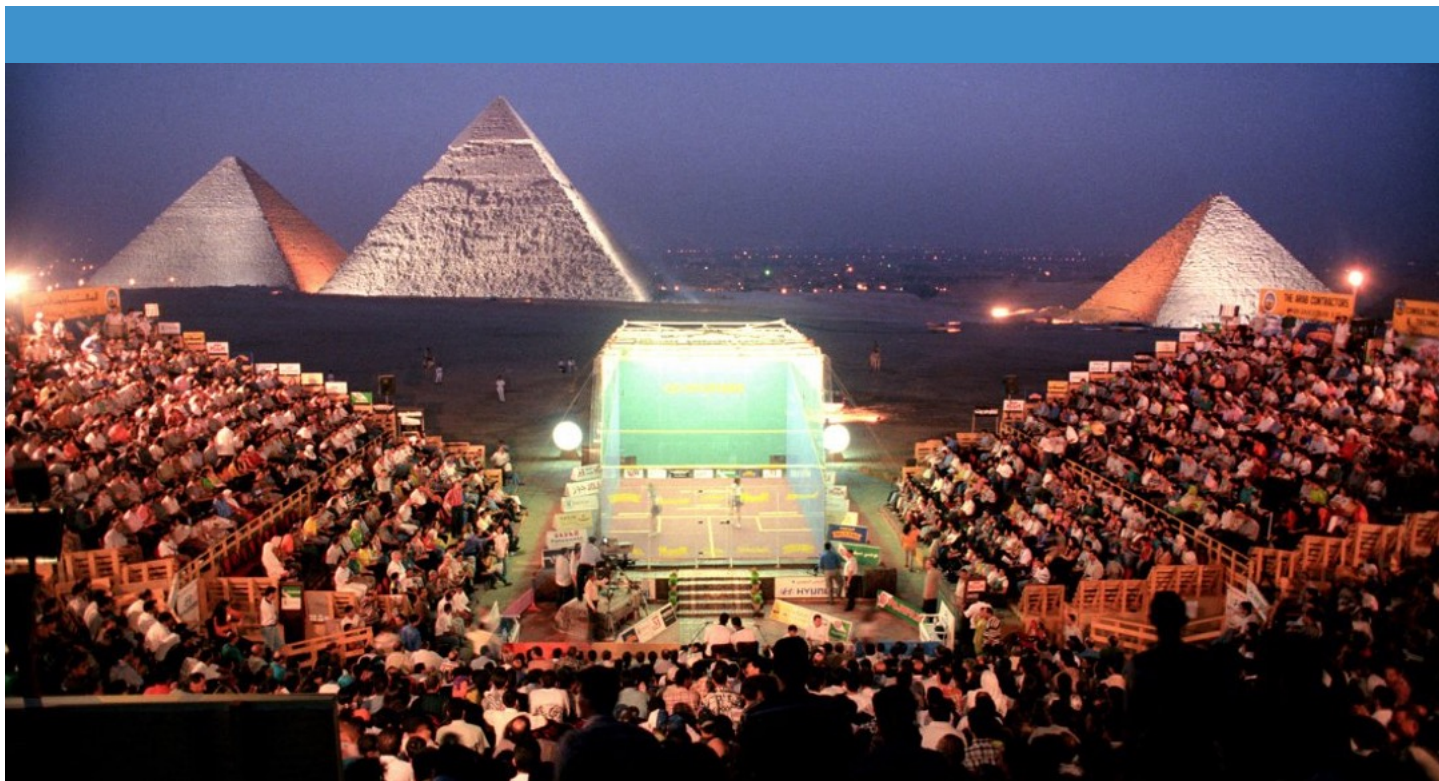


NZ Secondary Schools Squash Association

2023 NEWSLETTER #2



NZSS Squash Nationals

Auckland 2023 ENTRIES NOW OPEN!

- 4th – 6th August 2023
- Team of 5 (single gender, any grade)
- Entries due **June 26th**
- Tournament Organisers – North Shore Squash Club
- Download forms from SchoolSport NZ or North Shore Squash Club website

NZSS Squash Trans-Tasman

New South Wales (Sydney) 2023

August 19-26, 2023 (Thornleigh Squash Centre)

Nominations close **June 26th**

Nominations of NZSS players is open to all players and schools attending the National Tournament.

Management: Aaron Webb, Tyler Duberly, Nic Dann and Manu Yam



YEAR 7-10 OR 7-13 SCHOOL?

If you are a middle school (7-10), or a 7-13 secondary school, then year 7 and 8 students are eligible to play at the NZSS Squash Nationals. However, year 7/8 players will not be considered for the NZSSS Trans-Tasman team.

Never been to NZSSS Nationals?

NZSS Squash Nationals is an open event. That means that there are no qualifying events. Simply gather at least 5 boys or 5 girls that are keen on squash and join in on NZ's largest squash tournament. Schools can enter as many teams as they like however all players must be from the same school. Contact the organisers at nzsssquash@gmail.com if you need more information



2023 NZSSS Trans-Tasman Squad

NEW SOUTH WALES 19-26 AUGUST

This years event is hosted by New South Wales and will be played at the Thornleigh Squash Centre. Teams from NSW, QLD, NZD and maybe another state to compete in the series, then face off against Australia in a test match consists of four teams; Senior (year 11-13) Boys and Girls; and Junior (year 9/10) Boys and Girls.

To be considered, you must play at the NZSSS nationals this year. The team is selected and announced at the prizegiving at NZSSS Nationals.

Most of the bookings have been made for the trip, so the indicative pricing per players is \$2000 ex Auckland. The final amount will be confirmed in letters to shortlisted players in July.



2023 Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT CLUBS ARE HOSTING THIS YEAR?

The 2023 NZSS Squash Teams Championships are being hosted by the North Shore Squash Club, Devonport Squash Club and Browns Bay Squash Club. All clubs are located on the North Shore in Auckland. Should entries exceed expectations and more courts be required, the organisers may approach other North Shore clubs for court assistance.

WHAT ARE THE ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS?

There are numerous options available on the North Shore, from hotels, motels and holiday parks. Further, there are a number of Air BNB and Holiday Homes that can also be found on the various holiday homes websites. I suggest a search in Google as a starting point.

WILL THERE BE TRANSPORT AVAILABLE BETWEEN VENUES?

No. Road transport regulations requiring drivers to be licensed passenger drivers all but make this impractical from a cost perspective. You will need to organise transport (van hire etc) in order to get between the venues, and to and from your accommodation.

WHAT DETAILS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE TOURNAMENT?

At this stage this is all "To Be Determined". More details will be forthcoming, however, if you are booking flights to and from Auckland the recommendation is to arrive Thursday evening and fly out Sunday afternoon after 5pm. We have permission from SchoolSportNZ to commence some games on Thursday evening (3rd of August) to assist with number of people in a venue due to COVID requirements.

DO STUDENTS/COACHES/MANAGERS/SPECTATORS REQUIRE TO BE VACCINATED?

At the current point in time, while we recommend players, coaches and supporters to be vaccinated, there is no requirement for this and vaccine status is not required to be declared. However if government regulations change, we will revisit this.

WHAT LEVEL DO PLAYERS NEED TO BE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE NZSS SQUASH TEAM?

Technically, nominations are open for all levels of graded players, as long as they play at the NZSS Squash Teams Championships. In reality, over the past 5 years, the grade levels that have been shortlisted are as follows; Senior Boys and Girls, B2 or Higher; Junior Boys and Girls, C2 and higher.

CAN PLAYERS FROM DIFFERENT SCHOOLS BE COMBINED INTO A SINGLE TEAM?

No. All players in a team must be attending the same school. Rules about eligibility can be found at this link: <https://bit.ly/3JkwP52>.

CAN BOYS AND GIRLS BE COMBINED INTO A SINGLE TEAM?

No. The championship competitions are gender based (Boys and Girls) therefore all teams are single gendered teams. If you have any players that identify otherwise, please contact Aaron Webb - President of the NZSSSA - to discuss. Email NZSSSquash@gmail.com.

DO ALL PLAYERS NEED TO BE GRADED?

Yes. When you enter your team, there is a section on the entry form to fill out details that will allow the organisers to assign a grade to students without a grade.

IS THERE A MINIMUM GRADE FOR A PLAYER TO COMPETE?

No. Players of any grade can enter. You don't need to have highly graded players to enter. Click <https://bit.ly/3qe2FZM> to see a list of teams and players grades from 2021 to give you an idea.



Service to School Sport Award 2022 - Nic Dann

Last year, The NZSSSA submitted a successful nomination to SchoolSport New Zealand to award Nic Dann of Marlborough, the Service to School Sport Award. Nic is the first recipient to have been awarded this solely for their contribution to Secondary Schools Squash. Nic's contribution to secondary schools squash began 2007 when she moved to teach at Marlborough Boys College. In the 15 years since, she has contributed to schools squash at the local, regional, national and international stages, a feat very rare in any secondary schools sport.

At the national level, Nic has not only organised 1 or 2 teams a year from MBC (and MGC) to compete at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Teams Championships, but she also was the President of the NZSSSA from 2013 to 2017, overseeing four very successful national events.

At the international level, Nic was part the management and coaching team of the first NZ Secondary Schools team to compete in Australia as part of the Trans-Tasman Challenge in 2009. She continued with the role every year up to and including 2018, overseeing a successful unbeaten NZ team every year. Her success with that team, as well as her experience in coaching students led Squash NZ to appoint Nic to the role of coach of the New Zealand Junior Squash team to the World Squash Junior event in 2019 and again in 2022.

Nic's contribution to secondary schools squash is unparalleled. Her commitment, despite no longer teaching, to secondary schools squash still continues, and I know that she will continue as she very much loves working with students.

SchoolSport NZ Service to School Sport Award: The criteria for the award states: *To be presented to people who, as volunteers, have made contributions to secondary school sport that are deemed to be exceptional,*"

If you are aware of a squash coach/manager/teacher that has volunteered in the Secondary Schools Squash area for a number of years and has been exceptional in their service, and you would like to nominate them, please contact Aaron Webb - President NZSSSA (a.webb@mahurangi.school.nz) with a short blurb about that person and if they meet the SchoolSportNZ criteria, we will gladly endorse a nomination. Volunteers are the heart in any sport, especially squash, and without volunteers, secondary schools sporting events would probably not happen.

2023 NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

SQUASH NATIONALS

4TH - 6TH AUGUST 2023

TEAMS OF 5

SEPARATE BOYS AND GIRLS DIVISIONS | ANY GRADE | EVEN A J-GRADE TEAM CAN PLAY

ENTRIES CLOSE 26TH JUNE

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON WWW.NORTHSHORESQUASH.CO.NZ

Enquiries: nzsssquash@gmail.com

Co-hosted by Browns Bay Racquets Club and Devonport Squash Club

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