

Squash Tasmania Junior Rankings Regulation

Squash Australia is in the process of developing an Australian junior ranking system. Once this system is implemented the junior rankings for Tasmania will be sourced from the Australian rankings. In the interim until this system comes into effect Tasmanian rankings are to be maintained based on the following methodology:

Within two weeks of the conclusion of each Squash Tasmania approved junior tournament the Tasmanian junior squash rankings should be updated to take account of the results of that tournament.

The rankings should be updating using the most recent junior graded rankings as a starting point. The rankings should then be updated by:

- Looking at each division of the tournament and considering final results and individual match result determine if there is evidence to move a player up or down from their current ranking position.
- Evidence for an increase in position in order of importance:
 - Beating a person currently higher in the rankings – suggests that the player should move closer or above this player in the rankings
 - Losing in five or four to a person currently higher in the rankings – suggests that the player should move closer to this player in the rankings
- Evidence for a decrease in position in order of importance:
 - Losing to a person currently lower in the rankings – suggests that the player should move closer or below this player in the rankings
 - Losing in five or four to a person currently lower in the rankings – suggests that the player should move closer to this player in the rankings
- Where a player wins in five against a lower ranked opponent this should be considered in conjunction with other results as it may indicate evidence for a decrease in position or holding their current position.
- Where a player loses to someone below them and beats someone above them the other two players should be considered in line with the above as it may be apparent what should first happen to those player's rankings and then come back to compare with this player.
- Results in the most recent tournament will not necessarily dictate a change in ranking as not all players will play in all tournaments. However, the most recent results should be considered as a definite measure of the current player's ability compared to other players.
- Should a player not play in tournaments they will be considered with a lower priority of keeping their ranking compared to players who compete regularly in tournaments. It will be assumed that the player who is not competing is not improving and this may result in other players moving above them over time.

Any injuries or illness should be taken into consideration when adjusting rankings.

Novice players who have attended only one junior tournament should be graded 'Novice 1', players who have played in two junior tournaments 'Novice 2', and those who have played in three 'Novice 3'. After a player has competed in three events they will be ranked. This is to overcome the difficulty of ranking novice players who do not compete often.

It is noted that this methodology is a subjective method. However, this is in line with the current Squash Australia methodology. Other ranking systems have been researched and it has been determined that no ranking system is perfect and rankings should be taken as a good guide and not necessarily as fact.

The Performance Pathway Committee reserve the right to use a points based rankings system internally to assist with averaging past player performance. This will be used to support and provide a general reasonableness check of the rankings decided upon using the methodology outlined above.

This regulation will require review if timed tournaments are excluded from Australian Rankings.