

# **BY-LAWS OF Q SQUASH NORTHERN REGION INC.**

## **1. DANGEROUS PLAY**

The powers of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the committee are as follows:

- (a) Members may warn players for what is considered dangerous and unfair play.
- (b) The Region may suspend players who fail to heed such warnings.
- (c) Members may intervene when it is considered that referee and or markers are not correctly enforcing the rules, except where the referees and/or marker is a qualified member for the Queensland Referees Association.

## **2. INTERPRETATION OF THE BY-LAWS**

The Northern Region Executive Committee shall decide any question arising as to the interpretation or construction of these by laws.

## **3. PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF THE BY-LAWS**

The Committee shall have the power to impose penalties for the breach of all or any of these by-laws, under the Termination of Membership as per the Model Rules.

## **4. APPEALS**

Appeals against any Committee decision within the ambit of the By-Laws must be made in writing and be in the hands of the Secretary of Northern Region Inc within one month of the notification of the decision. .

## **5. NORTHERN REGION CLOSED TITLES ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA.**

Juniors and Seniors who are affiliated with the Region are eligible to play in the Northern Region Closed Championships.

Seniors and juniors wishing to represent the Region must play in this Championship. Seniors wishing to play in the UTP and Juniors in the Under 11, 13, 15, 17 must play this tournament.

**THE SELECTION SERIES FOR NORTHERN REGION STARTS 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE THE CURRENT YEAR.** To be eligible for an age group juniors have to be under the age as at 1<sup>st</sup> January in the upcoming year. Juniors must also play in three of the four nominated qualifying tournaments. In extreme circumstances such as sickness or injury a Doctors Certificate is required to qualify for an exemption.

The under 19 age group due to work commitments, or University attendance in other areas may possibly not be able to compete in the required tournaments so they should apply in writing of their availability and supply details of their current results in tournaments. However, it is preferable for them to play in the Northern Region Closed tournament as well. Another exemption would be a prior commitment to compete at a State, National or International Level on the same date. If a situation occurs in an area where a talented junior has to move South due to lack of competition and training facilities in his/her Region to enhance their potential, they should still be able to represent their Region of Birth in compliance with the Q Squash By-Laws.

#### **5A. UNLOCK THE PYRAMID.**

Two players must reside within Northern Region . To be eligible for selection players wishing to represent the Region all players must compete in at least One (1) of the qualifying tournaments which are –  
Northern Region Closed – May. Townsville  
Mackay Leisure Centre Open November, Mackay

#### **6. CONDITIONS OF PLAY.**

All matches will be played in accordance with the rules as adopted by the International Squash Rackets Federation or when modified from time to time by these by laws

#### **7. VENUE FOR JUNIOR QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS AND NORTHERN REGION CLOSED**

First qualifier	Ingham	FNQ Division	OCTOBER
Second qualifier	Mackay	Southern Region	FEBRUARY
Third qualifier	Townsville	Central Division	MARCH
NR Closed	Mackay	Southern Division	MAY COMPULSORY.

The Secretary should forward an expression of interest letter to affiliated Centres in each Division to host these tournaments.

#### **8. RESPONSIBILITY OF HOST CENTRE**

Centre hosting the qualifying tournaments are responsible for supply of trophies, Balls, Entry Forms and members to help with the running of the tournament.

Centre hosting the Northern Region Closed Championships receives payment of court hire and balls. They are responsible to obtain sponsorship to cover the open prize money, purchase of trophies, plus distribution of Entry Form.

The host centre is to allow Northern Region to run a raffle at each of the qualifying tournaments to help with the cost of sending officials with the team.

## **9. ENTRY FEE**

Each year the QS Northern Region Committee will decide on the cost of entries for the current year. These must remain the same for all tournaments. A levy of \$5.00 will be included in the cost of fees per player as part of the cost for the travelling officials. A levy of \$40.00 for one person, \$60.00 for family of 2, and \$80.00 for a family of three or more will also be charged when the team is selected to also help with the cost of the travelling officials.

## **10. NORTHERN REGION SELECTION COMMITTEE.**

Three (3) Selectors are appointed by QS Northern Region Committee. One Selector to be in each Division. The Selection Committee will decide the Representative Teams on results obtained in the current year. The criteria to apply for position of selector being – Current Blue Card, knowledge of the sport, have an intimate knowledge of the current standard of each player, be prepared to attend the qualifying tournaments, be aware of any inconsistent results, and if a parent be totally unbiased.

The Chairperson has the casting vote for any unresolved issues and is also responsible to be the Q Squash Northern Region representative to ratify Q Squash State Rankings.

A valid Team Member is generally a player who resides in Northern Region permanently is affiliated with Q Squash and has competed in the necessary qualifying tournaments. Players who change residency within 3 months prior to the QJC will have the option to play for the Region of their choosing.

## **11 NORTHERN REGION TEAM SELECTION.**

The top four players selected in boys and girls, providing they have satisfied the selection criteria will be chosen to represent Northern Region. from their overall results

Players must compete in their own age group as first option.

Players may compete in an additional age group. It is recommended that they compete in the next highest age group OR IF THEY WISH TO REPRESENT THE REGION, they should strive to compete in the two age groups in which they are eligible for selection.

For example a player already competing in the 15 year age group may compete in the 17 year age group to enhance their chance of selection.

When selecting the Northern Region Team the Selectors will focus mainly on the results achieved within the player's own age group. However, a player may be selected to represent Northern Region in a higher age group if necessary..

## **12 RESULTS**

Full tournament results to be sent to the head selector within seven (7) days of completion of the tournament for ranking purposes.

### **13 RANKINGS**

A ranking List will be compiled at the beginning of each year and adjusted accordingly after each qualifying tournament.

Players who do not compete in the current year Selection Tournaments will lose their rankings.

A player shall be deemed eligible for an age group in any year of competition, if that player turns that age on January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year or at a later date.

A player who has turned 19 is eligible to represent the Region in any Senior Representative Team.

### **14 TEAM UNIFORMS**

The QS Northern Region Representative Teams will be known as NORTHERN REDBACKS.

Specified uniform must be worn during any teams event. Only members of a team representing the Region is entitled to order the Team Uniform. The Travel Shirt may be purchased by anyone wishing to do so, in order to support the Region.

### **15 AFFILIATION**

Affiliation must be forwarded to Q Squash by the club who is affiliating their members. This affiliation must be paid either Half-yearly or yearly as required by Q Squash.

**ONLY AFFILIATED CLUBS ARE ELIGIBLE TO HOST NORTHERN REGION QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS, NORTHERN REGION CLOSED, QJC OR Q OPEN.**

### **16 PLAYERS RISK**

It is compulsory for Juniors under 19 to wear protective Eyewear and also for Seniors playing Doubles.

### **17 ACCOMODATION FOR REPRESENTATIVE TEAM.**

When travelling to the QJC and the event is in Central Region, Southern Region or Brisbane, it is compulsory for team members to stay at the chosen venue by Northern Region for the duration of the individual tournament and teams event.

Team members when Northern Region is the host will stay at the accommodation for both the individual and teams event except in the case of local players who will only stay with the Team for the Teams Event.

Absolutely NO ONE outside Northern Region will be allowed to stay overnight and any visitors to the accommodation must be approved by the Team Manager.

### **18 COACHES FOR QJC.**

Position for coaches to travel with the Northern Redbacks team will be advertised and appointment made by the Northern Region committee on receipt of resumes.

Minimum requirements will be – holding a current blue card, be an accredited Level 1 coach or higher, been working with juniors 9 – 19 age group in the current year, be available for the duration of the individual and teams event plus any other criteria deemed necessary by the executive of Q Squash Northern Region Inc.

Travel expenses and accommodation costs for selected coaches to be paid by Q Squash Northern Region Inc.

**19.** A member of the Q Squash Northern Region executive is to be appointed as a representative to attend the Q Squash Ltd. Annual General Meeting as spokesperson for the Region and be available for election to the Board of Q Squash Ltd. This representative is appointed at the Annual General Meeting of Q Squash Northern Region each year.