

Warwick Boat Club Squash League Rules 2019

The following describes the rules governing the squash leagues as of October 2019.

Format:

The leagues are run on a calendar month basis although slight alterations are occasionally made to accommodate busy periods in the squash calendar. Recording of results will be done on the MyCourts booking system.

Each league will consist of a minimum of 5 players. The bottom leagues will consist of 5 or 6 players to accommodate the total number.

All matches are best of 5 games.

Default scoring is PAR (Point A Rally) and should be played with a double yellow dot ball. Provided both players agree, alternative HIHO (Hand In Hand Out) and/or alternative dot squash ball can be used.

Points:

There is no facility on the MyCourts website to award 2 extra points to those who play all their games. These extra points will be added at the end of the league by the league organiser and taken into account in order to establish: position in the league; promotion/relegation; and league ranking.

Submit your result as points won by each player and as the result in games. Calculate and submit the points for both players as follows:

- Matches are first to win 3 games.
- Score a point for turning up.
- Score a point per game won.
- Score a point for winning the match.
- If your opponent lets you down by not turning up at the club on the night of your game, and with no prior warning, you can claim four points to nil.
- If you consistently try to arrange a game with an opponent and they fail to respond, or the opponent is injured and cannot play, you can claim two points to nil.

Injury:

If you are injured during any month and not able to play your remaining matches, please let the league organiser and all other members of your league know as soon as possible. Please also follow up by the end of the league period if you intend to play in the following month.

If you have only completed one match so far, you will be removed from the league and any scores entered by you or your opponent will become void. Your ranking for rejoining will be based on the previous month performance.

If you have completed more than 1 match your scores will remain and the opponents you have yet to play will be able to claim 2 points to nil. You will still be given a league place which will impact other players promotion/relegation chances even if you do not want to play in the following month.

League position:

At the end of the month, the league organiser will award 2 bonus points to each player who has played all their games. Note that the matches have to have been played i.e. a partial score of 2-2 (3-3 entered on MyCourts) will count as played but a 4-0 claim for a no show or 2-0 claim for an injured opponent does not count. Where a player has been removed from the league due to injury, the remaining players will get their 2 bonus points if they have played all their other games.

The league players are then positioned within their league by the following criteria.

1. Total points for
2. Total points against
3. Head to head result
4. Previous league position

Promotion/relegation:

After league positions are sorted, the top 2 players are promoted and the bottom 2 players are relegated. Where a league has been reduced to 3 players, only top and bottom will be promoted and relegated.

Leaving:

To be removed from the leagues, either permanently or temporarily, contact the league organiser before the end of the month. Players failing to play at least one match in a month will be assumed to have left and will be removed from the leagues unless they contact the league organiser to say otherwise.

After promotion/relegation, players due to leave will be taken out and the remaining players will be shuffled up to fill the places.

When a player leaves, their ranking will be recorded (including any relegation/promotion). This ranking will be used to work out their position when they rejoin.

As an example:

1. 8 leagues of 5 players (40 players in total)
2. Player A finishes 2nd in league 3 and gets promoted to position 5 in league 2
3. They choose to leave and are given a ranking of 10 out of 40 (0.25)
4. Player B does not play any games and finishes bottom of league 3
5. Player B is relegated to position 2 in league 4 but are also removed from the league with a ranking of 17 out of 40 (0.425)

Joining:

To be included in the next league, contact the league organiser prior to the end of the previous league. The choice of which league to place you in will be at the discretion of the league organiser and primarily based on your ranking when you left (see above). If you are new to the club, please provide as much information as possible in order to select an appropriate entry point.

The joiners will be added to the appropriate league, with other players being shuffled down the leagues to accommodate them.

Courtesy:

This last section is an appeal to your better nature.

If you are injured, please let me and your fellow league members know you will not be playing any more games that month. As previously described, if you have only completed one match, I will remove you from the league. This benefits you and your fellow league members.

- Your league ranking will be based on the previous month, meaning that when you rejoin, it will most likely be in a higher place
- Your fellow league members will still be able to complete all their games and get the 2 bonus points available

If you know you will not be able to play the following month, please let me know. Going a month without playing frustrates your fellow members. In addition to being dropped from the next league, it also results in your league ranking dropping – your subsequent rejoining will be at a significantly lower place.