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## **9.1.A. REGULATIONS**

9.1.A.1. The NSA Squash League is held at "Tasos Papadopoulos - Eleftheria" sports center at Engomi, on weekdays from 18:00 to 21:00 and on Saturdays from 09:00-13:00.

9.1.A.2. The format of the League is decided according to the number of participants and court availability. For NSA League 2020-21|R1, each division consists of 6 players. Players will compete against their opponents once in a best-of-5-games match. The PAR 11 scoring system will be applied. **Because of the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, each round will be announced separately.**

9.1.A.3. Matches are played on the day and time set by schedule. In case of player's inability to compete, the following procedure is followed:

9.1.A.3.1. Every player reserves the right not to accept the postponement of the match

9.1.A.3.2. In the case of acceptance, the opponent of the player with the request has the first say to the arrangement. If there is no arrangement, then there is a count of 3-J where 3 points will be accumulated to the player who was able to compete at the set time, and the player with the request gets zero (0) points and a J (Justified absence).

9.1.A.3.3. The League director must be notified of the details of the postponement by 12 noon of the originally scheduled match.

9.1.A.4. Results must be reported no later than the following Monday after the 5th game. Otherwise, both players will be awarded with a J if they had notified the league director beforehand. Otherwise a D will be awarded (paragraphs 9.1.A.5. and 9.1.B.).

9.1.A.5. Players must be on court in appropriate clothing, ready to play as assigned by the matches' schedule. Any player who is delayed more than 5 minutes will be given a D or a J appropriately. Arrangements for rescheduling may be allowed only with the approval of the League Director and opponent's acceptance.

9.1.A.6. Players must provide their own squash balls for their matches.

9.1.A.6.1. Dunlop Double yellow dot with the double yellow dot in the yellow packaging and the name "Revelation Pro" or equivalent from another company is defined as tournament's official ball.

9.1.A.6.2. For the period 1 December to 28 February, the official ball will be Dunlop single yellow dot with the name "Competition" or equivalent from another company.

9.1.A.6.3. If both players agree, matches may be played with any type of squash ball they prefer.

9.1.A.7. WSF's rules of the squash individual game will apply.

9.1.A.7.1. The matches are held without a referee. To this end, all present members are encouraged to assist on marking a game if this is requested by their co-players.

9.1.A.7.2. If there is no referee, then both players accept this settlement and are obliged to play their match. Retirement or withdrawal from the game is considered as defeat.



9.1.A.7.3. Each player reserves the right to apply for refereeing services for his match to NSA's Organizing Committee. The request should be made at least 1 week prior to the match and a fee of €25 to be submitted as a compensation fee for the service. In this case, the player's opponent is being informed and the match is held without any changes on the day, time and venue as officially set by matches' schedule. Both players need to agree within 2 days on a commonly accepted referee and inform the Organizing Committee. In different case the Organizing Committee assigns a referee.

9.1.A.8. Behaviors by athletes considered as unsportsmanlike will be treated either by an oral or a written reprimand. In cases of recurrence, the Association will apply its' provisions of the Articles for the deletion of a member. Depending on the case, the Association retains the right to deviate from the penalty level. Penalties are as follows:

9.1.A.8.1. Reprimand,

9.1.A.8.2. Zeroing match,

9.1.A.8.3. Disqualification of a round,

9.1.A.8.4. Disqualification for a season,

9.1.A.8.5. Disqualification for life.

9.1.A.9. The Organizing Committee consists of Theodoros Livadiotis, Constantinos Lyras and Nick Nikandrou. League Director is Michalis Lyras. Members with suggestions or complaints may address to them.

9.1.A.10. Any objections must be made in writing and submitted to the Nicosia Squash Association, no later than 2 days after the incident has occurred. In cases where the objections remain, the matter is referred to the Judicial Committee of the Cyprus Squash Association with the submission of € 20 by the claimant. This amount is refunded if the claimant wins the case or the court judges it. The decision of the Judicial Committee is final.

9.1.A.11. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend or introduce regulations for improving the Championship at any time. However, any changes will come into force in the next round of the championship round.

9.1.A.12. The ranking /standing of players (Promotion - Demotion) is defined as follows:

9.1.A.12.1. The winner of each match will receive 3 points while the loser, irrespective of outcome, 1 point.

9.1.A.12.2. In the case of absences, then the score of 3-0 will be calculated and J and D will be entered in a separate table based on regulation 9.1.B.

9.1.A.12.3. In the event of a tie for a promotion or demotion between 2 or 3 players, the result of the matches between them will be counted. If there is still no clear result, then the games and the points per game will be taken into consideration. For this reason, it is mandatory to record the points of each match.



9.1.A.13. At the end of each round, the 2 highest ranked players are promoted to the top category, and the 2 lowest being relegated to the next as follows:

| <i><b>Division 2</b></i>           | <i><b>Division 3</b></i>           |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Demoted from 5th place of Div. 1   | Demoted from 5th place of Div. 2   |
| Demoted from 6th place of Div. 1   | Demoted from 6th place of Div. 2   |
| Stay in 3rd place in Div. 2        | Stay in 3rd place in Div. 3        |
| Stay in 4th place in Div. 2        | Stay in 4th place in Div. 3        |
| Promotion from 1st place of Div. 3 | Promotion from 1st place of Div. 4 |
| Promotion from 2nd place of Div. 3 | Promotion from 2nd place of Div. 4 |

9.1.A.14. In the occur of a withdrawal or disqualification of a player, the vacant position might be covered either by reserving a player in the same category or by an additional promoting from the below category. The retention / promotion process will be alternated in order of priority from the top category, ie A5, B3, etc.

9.1.A.15. According to the ranking of athletes in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd divisions after the promotion and demotions of each round, athletes will accumulate championship points where at the end the season will determine the champion. In cases that vacancies remain in the three categories, the points will be given after the additional promotions according to regulation 9.1.A.14. In the event of a tie of players, regulation 9.1.A.12.3. will apply.

Championship points will be awarded as follows:

| <i><b>A/A</b></i> | <i><b>Division 1</b></i> | <i><b>Division 2</b></i> | <i><b>Division 3</b></i> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1                 | 24                       | 16                       | 8                        |
| 2                 | 22                       | 14                       | 6                        |
| 3                 | 20                       | 12                       | 4                        |
| 4                 | 19                       | 11                       | 3                        |
| 5                 | 18                       | 10                       | 2                        |
| 6                 | 17                       | 9                        | 1                        |



## 9.1.B. ABSENCES

9.1.B.1. Player who does not compete receives zero (0) points. The player is charged **with J (Justified-Absence)** only in the case he notifies his inability to compete beforehand, both to his opponent and the League Director and until noon (12:00) of the day that their match is scheduled. Failing to do so, the player is charged with **D (Disqualified - unjustified absence)**.

9.1.B.2. During the championship each player should not exceed **2J** per round and/or **1D** in the total of the organized rounds.

9.1.B.2.1. Players should not exceed **1D** (Disqualified - unjustified absence) at any time in the whole of the tournament in a season. In this case, where a player gets a 2nd D then he is disqualified for the rest of the season based on rule 9.1.B.3.

9.1.B.2.2. If a player exceeds the limit of 2 J during a round then the athlete is zeroed and demoted to a lower division. This can only happen once. In the case of a repeat, the player is disqualified for the rest of the season.

9.1.B.2.3. Cases of athletes doing their military service will be dealt separately.

9.1.B.2.4. Cases of absences due to certified injuries will be dealt separately.

9.1.B.3. If an athlete exceeds the permissible number of absences per round (justified and unjustified), then the athlete is disqualified from the League for the remainder of the season.

9.1.B.4. In cases where a player is disqualified for any reasons then the affected matches of that round are cancelled whether they have already been played or not.

## 9.1.C. CHAMPIOSHIP PHASES

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9.1.C.1. 1st phase (League announcement)

Deadline for registrations for round 1 is set for 5 September 2020. Following that, a preliminary ranking is set for entrants based on previous year's results. For new entrants, tryouts are assigned for their placement in divisions. Upon conclusion of the tryouts, new divisions are formed and match schedules are prepared and sent to all participants a week prior to the beginning of the tournament.

9.1.C.2. 2nd phase

Several rounds are normally organized each season, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a specific number of rounds cannot be ensured for this period. The situation will be monitored and the continuity of the event will be decided accordingly. Each round will be announced separately.

New entrants might be able to join at each round, only if this does not affect the organization of the event. Relevant announcements are issued.

Upon conclusion of the League at the end of the season, the Champion is announced along with the runner-up, Most Improved Player (MIP) and Most Improved Junior (MIJ) of the season.



The final ranking of all participants is defined from their last round position, after the promotions and demotions, and is not affected by the championship rankings.

### 9.1.C.3. 3rd phase (NSA Super Cup)

With the conclusion of the League at the end of the season, the top 8 players with the higher championship ranking will be participating in a three (3) day tournament, the NSA Super Cup. In the case of inability of any of these players to participate, those following in the championship ranking may fill the vacant positions.

### 9.1.D. NEW ENTRIES

#### 9.1.D.1. At the beginning of the season.

New entrants wishing to take part in the championship, and do not have rankings for previous season, may be included after the new members' ranking process (rule 9.1.E.).

#### 9.1.D.2. During the championship.

If it does not affect the organization of the event, new entrants might be able to join at each round. This is permitted only if the number of new entrants is such that allows the formation of whole divisions, taking in to consideration court availability. Special rules apply and are issued accordingly.



## 9.1.E. NEW ENTRANTS CLASSIFICATION MATCHES

### 9.1.E.1. Registration for participation to the NSA Squash League.

9.1.E.1.1. Registration period is specified where players may submit their entry forms (**9.1.C.1.**)

9.1.E.1.2. Registration period is for members wishing to participate in the Championship.

9.1.E.1.3. Members who do not wish to participate in the Championship are not required to pay the annual subscription based on the expiration date of the entries. However, until they settle their subscription they will be considered as non-members with the appropriate rights and charges.

### 9.1.E.2. Criteria for participation in the Championship.

9.1.E.2.1. Settlement of the annual membership fee,

9.1.E.2.2. Settlement of any other financial liabilities to the Association,

9.1.E.2.3. Submission of a valid Health Certificate ASYA/CSA or a Disclaimer.

### 9.1.E.3. Preliminary ranking of members based on their ranking in the previous season.

9.1.E.3.1. Those members who meet the criteria for participating in the Championship are included in the preliminary ranking process.

9.1.E.3.2. Divisions are defined as completed in the previous season, after the promotions and demotions of the members.

9.1.E.3.3. In cases where members do not participate in the new period, their seats are vacated and transferred to the last position of each category.

9.1.E.3.4. Members who have completed their matches of the previous season and are in the Association's ranking do not participate in a process for improving their position. Only in the case of being considered as necessary according to rule **9.1.A.14.**

### 9.1.E.4. Conduct friendly matches for indicative ranking.

9.1.E.4.1. In the case of new entrants, they are "tested" for an indicative rating for their participation in the process of claiming position to a division.

### 9.1.E.5. Determination of matches to new members to claim category based on their indicative ranking.

9.1.E.5.1. Each new member claims an entry to a division, in the last position 6 or accordingly depending to the number of number of contenders.

9.1.E.5.2 Under no circumstances, can claim a position other than that.

9.1.E.5.3. If there is a vacancy, then this position is filled in according to regulation **9.1.A.14.**

9.1.E.5.4. Depending on the number of contenders, the format of the classification matches is determined along with the timetable.

9.1.E.5.5. Classification matches should start from Division 1 (if there is a contender) and depending on the results continue to the next.



9.1.E.5.6. If a new entrant fails in claiming a position in a division, then matches should be assigned for the next division.

9.1.E.5.7. The organizing committee reserves the right, where appropriate, to circumvent or modify procedures only in cases of long duration of this process.

9.1.E.5.8. In cases where there is feedback about the new entrant's level, he / she may proceed to his / her non-competitive placement. This is only the case when the new member fills in an empty position and does not cause demotion of a member.