

Rollout Plan - Stage 1 - 1st November 2009

On November 1st Squash New Zealand will launch stage 1 of their new IT Platform. The solution has been developed with assistance from the Active Community fund of SPARC with the focus on providing a solution that will encourage participation and assist club in providing a service to their members. This is 1 of 3 stages which will provide clubs with systems that will help grow the game.

Stage 1 includes a revamped grading list, membership database, and an online court booking web interface for clubs to use. The Squash NZ board wanted to see a live grading system in place which had the ability for some results to be entered in by the clubs and end users. These features would provide the grading list with more current and up-to-date information.

The grading list will see some new features as follows:

1. Users will need to be logged onto to view the information.
2. Results will be shown as of the date they were played. If they are submitted late then all results after this date will be adjusted.
3. Results are shown from latest to oldest
4. You have the ability to show head to head results with your opponents/friends.

To access this information, you will need to be registered and a member of a club. To assist with the initial rollout we will be doing the following:

1. Club, Districts and SNZ will have a list of user names and passwords for their members. You can access your user name and password initially by contacting your club. Otherwise this can be accessed through your district and Squash NZ by email or phone.
2. Players not on the grading list that want to register will do so via the website and their club must verify them as a member before they get access.

By being registered you will also in the future have access to entering and paying for tournaments/interclub/events online, using the challenge system (Coming soon), and other services as they come on board, e.g. tournament and interclub organisers will use the details you register with to contact you about game times, etc. While the system will be intuitive to use, a detailed manual will be available on the site and will provide you with all the information you require to use the system.

An online court booking system has also been developed which will be free to all clubs. This will allow you to make and manage your court bookings from home. Your club will have information on the requirements on how to access this system for its use if they choose to use it.

Part of the driver for the Squash IT Project is to create processes which speed up the results getting to the grading list. Stage 2 of the rollout, December 1st, will see Tournament management and Teams event software available for clubs and districts use. By using these systems, tournament draws can be easily populated via online entries, with results entered online into the draw appearing straight away on the grading list.

Squash New Zealand will undergo a branding exercise in 2010 and once this is complete, the site will be updated to fit the new corporate colours.

This is an exciting project for squash and will aid in future player growth.

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