

Rollout Plan - Stage 1 - 1st November 2009

Note to all NZ Squash Districts

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 and districts with systems that will help grow the game.

The system will have immense benefits to clubs and districts. It will provide up to date information from players and a mechanism where clubs will be able to communicate with members. It will eventually become the main point for online tournament entry and payment, interclub/tournament management linked to the grading list, and clubs will have the opportunity to use the online booking and access system.

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, players will need to be registered and a member of a club. The current Squash NZ system has limited current information to contact players. To assist with the initial rollout we are asking for assistance from clubs and districts to help the distribution of the user names and password for the new website. The process is as follows:

1. Club, Districts and SNZ will have a list of user names and passwords provided to them for their members. Players can access their user name and password initially by contacting their club. Otherwise this can be accessed through their district or Squash NZ by email or phone. A date of birth will be required as identification.
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 players 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.

Each district will have administration rights to their clubs information and this will provide districts with up to date information and the ability to communicate with members. To allow us to allocate administration rights to a committee member, who can then allocate further right to other committee members could each club advise by the 22nd of October details of this initial person.

An online court booking system has also been developed which will be free to all clubs. This will allow club members to make and manage court bookings from home. Information for clubs on how to access this system for its use if they choose will be made available to all clubs soon.

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.

Major tools for districts will be the Interclub and Teams event software. This will allow you to set up events, receive team entries, import a draw and have results completed online and points tables recorded. This will link directly with the Grading list with all functions saving an enormous amount of time and resource. Training on the competition management system will be done as each district comes on board with the system whilst initially training will be done remotely with manuals.

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

Squash New Zealand is asking for your assistance to populate the system. This is an exciting project for squash and will aid in future player growth and development of our sport as one. **Please advise, as above, details of the person to receive administration rights by 22nd October.**

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