



# JOBURG MASTERS SQUASH

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## 2026 SA Masters Doubles IPT | Tournament Rules

1. CURRENT WORLD DOUBLES rules apply with exceptions as stated below.
2. SCORING. 3 games to be played. 1 point per game won and 1 bonus point to the pair winning the match.  
  
Men's Sections 1-3 and Mixed Section 1-3 PAR to 11, no setting, sudden death at 10 all.  
All other Sections PAR to 15, no setting, sudden death at 14 all.  
At least one member of the pairings, on completion of their match, must mark/referee the following match or as per appointment at the commencement of section play as per the programme. Failure of pairings to mark/referee when required to do so will result in the deduction of a penalty point from their final score.
3. PLAYER HIT BY THE BALL: A stroke shall be awarded to any player who gets hit by a ball that is struck directly towards the front wall. A let shall be played if a player is hit by a ball not struck directly to the front wall i.e., a boast.
4. ORDER OF PLAY: The order of play as per the fixture list shall be adhered to. Any team not ready to play within 10 minutes of the previous match will forfeit that match.
5. PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR: Protective eyewear must be worn at ALL games. Markers and Referees must not officiate if ANY player is not wearing suitable eye protection. The offending pairing will forfeit their matches until such time as they comply.
6. THE SERVICE (Rule 4): Before the match begins each team must announce the order in which the partners will serve which must remain the same throughout the match. Also, at the start of the match, the teams must announce from which side each partner will receive service for that game. The teams can change the receiving side of the partners at the start of each subsequent game and must announce any change to the opposing team (and officials) prior to the start of the subsequent game. Play commences with a service. The team to serve first is decided by the spin of a racket. The nominated first server from the team winning the spin of the racket serves first, serving until a rally is lost. Then the serving team becomes the receiving team ("hand out"). The nominated first server from the other team now serves and retains service until that team loses a rally. The process is then repeated for the second servers from each team. The team who wins the preceding game serves first in the next game. At the beginning of each game and when the service changes from one side to the other, the serving team

can serve from either service box. After winning a rally the server must then continue serving from the alternate box.

7. **SCORE CARDS:** Master score cards will be placed at each court at each venue prior to the start of play. Each pairing will be responsible for ensuring that it is fully completed at the end of each match. In addition to completing the score cards, all results must be captured on SportyHQ at the completion of the match. If 2 pairings tie with the same number of points in a Section, the pairing that won the match between those two pairings is the winner.
8. **INJURY TO A PLAYER:** If there is a change of partner due to injury, these scores will not count for that section's match results
9. **LET CALLS:** Where one player of a pairing calls for a let, then that call takes priority over play continuing, first call takes precedence.
10. **PROVINCIAL ELIGIBILITY:** This tournament is an official SA Masters interprovincial hence points from invitation pairings (injuries etc.) will not count. All participating players must represent the masters province to whom they are registered. Masters squash has an entry age of 35 which is the prescribed World Squash ruling. No underage players may participate in SA Masters events. SA Masters Squash reserves the right to make exceptions arising from circumstances, particularly if this is in the interests of the tournament, therefore women over the age of 30 will be eligible to play. Squash SA rules state that a player may only represent one province in a calendar year unless a formal transfer form is completed and signed by the chairmen of both provinces involved. A minimum of 4 pairings is necessary to qualify for the Kat Leisure Trophy awarded to the SA Masters doubles IPT winning province.