

# Waikato Interclub Rules 2026

## Winter Interclub

12-week competition that starts on 28 April / 29 April  
6 team divisions (where possible)  
2 x round robins followed by a semi & final

Information to clubs & entries open	March 30
TEAM ENTRIES CLOSE	April 10 <sup>th</sup>
Men's Starts	April 28 <sup>th</sup>
Men's Finals	July 21 <sup>st</sup>
Women's Starts	April 29 <sup>th</sup>
Women's Finals	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>

## PLAY

Round robins are played against each club in your respective division.

Winter interclub = semi-final and final following the round robin.

The top four teams at the end of the round robins will contest the semi-finals. In the case of a tie, the team that won the tie(s) between the two teams progresses. If they shared those ties, a countback over those two ties will decide the finalist. The winners of the semi-finals will go onto play in the final the following week. Draws will be loaded in MySquash Competitions.

Men's Interclub – Tuesday night

Women's Interclub – Wednesday night

**Play starts at 7.00pm, unless otherwise arranged.**

## PLAYERS

All players MUST be on the MySquash grading list before they can play in the Interclub competition. Please see your club statistician if you are not on the grading list.

**All Divisions: 4 players per team (plus reserves)**

### **Junior Players**

Interclub is an adult competition for players 16 years or older, all Junior players 16 years or older regardless of grade are welcome to play interclub.

**Juniors between 14 and 16 years** regardless of grade may play in this senior competition but must apply in writing to Squash Waikato before the start of competition.

**Juniors under 14 years are prohibited from playing senior interclub**

**Finals / Semi-Finals** – All listed players must have played at least **3 rounds** for their listed team to be eligible for all finals. (2 rounds if you are in a division with a BYE)

**DISPENSATIONS** must be obtained prior to submitting the team list for the competition or at least 24hrs before they play. Junior players that have been granted dispensation and then found to be “playing and leaving” will have their dispensation revoked.

Juniors Players are required to participate with the team. They **must** mark or referee a match and are encouraged to stay and socialize at supper and contribute to the team environment.

**No more than 2 juniors playing in a Senior Interclub team on any given night, apart from Semi-Finals & Finals.**

### **Women Playing Men’s Interclub**

Women graded A2 and above may be included in a men’s team

Women graded B2 and below must apply to Squash Waikato to be included in a men’s team. This will be allowed if an acceptable solution to play in a women’s team is not viable.

**No more than 2 Women playing in a Mens Team on any given night.**

### **SCORING**

Every game won = 1 point. E.g. Game score = 3/1. Winner = 3 points, loser = 1 point

Teams receive 2 extra points for the team win

Matches: PAR 11 (Division 1 only), win by 2 clear points

PAR 15. Play to 15, win by 2 clear points (play continues until there is a clear 2-point win).

### **REFEREEING**

All interclub players are encouraged to complete the Club Referee exam on the Squash NZ website. This exam can be found at <http://www.squashnz.co.nz/survey/training.cfm>

### **DEFAULTS**

#### **ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

As a sign of good sportsmanship **ALL** rounds should be played, please be respectful of each club and aware of the travel situation some clubs are faced with, i.e. If your team has a couple of long-distance travels for interclub then there will be teams in your division that have many long travel nights for their away games.

If in some extreme circumstance a default is unavoidable, please contact the Squash Waikato manager.

Non-sportsmanship team defaults may result in a minimum fine of up to \$200 for the defaulting team – at the discretion of the Squash Waikato Board.

In the case of a default the opposition team receives full points for the defaulted match and **MUST** enter this result on MySquash Competitions so that the points table can be updated. The grading list is not affected. *In MySquash Competitions: **Please enter these results at 15/0 15/0 15/0 and select ‘A defaulted or B defaulted’.***

### **SUBSTITUTES**

- o Substitutions may be a club member from a lower or same division team. (i.e. where two teams from the same club are in in the same division, although if they play in a particular team three times or more, they are then deemed to be in that team permanently)
- o Substitutions can be a “graded” player from any club who has fewer levels than the registered and 3<sup>rd</sup> player.
- o Players may only play in a division above their registered division twice. Players who substitute in a higher division three times or more may not continue playing in a division below that.
- o Other substitutions are allowed but must be approved by Squash Waikato before the player can play.
- o Reasonable give and take is expected in this area. If there is a problem with a substitute player, attempt to solve the issue **PRIOR** to starting play rather than protesting afterwards. Usually, if substitute is a fair match to their opponent, then the tie should proceed.

- o Substitutes can be added to the team using the 'search for player' box in iSquash
- o **Finals / Semi-Finals** – All named team players must have played at least **3 rounds** for their team to be eligible for all finals. (Or 2 rounds if there is a BYE in your division)

PLEASE NOTE: Each team can only have up to 8 named players throughout the competition.

### **BALLS**

Double yellow dot for B Grade, single yellow dot for C Grade and below. If a B grader plays a C grader or below, the *higher graded* player chooses the ball. **New Balls to be supplied by Host Team.**

### **RESULTS**

The winning team is responsible for entering the results into MySquash Competitions. Squash Waikato are happy to help guide captains with this process.

### **PLAYING ORDER**

Order of play must be in accordance with the up-to-date SquashLevels on the date of play.

The order shall be such that a player cannot play above another player graded higher (e.g. B2 cannot play above B1)

**Men** – C2 players and above cannot play above someone within the same grade, if they are more than half the levels above them. E.g. a C2 on 625 levels cannot play above a C2 on 900 levels, as C2 levels are from 625-999 points. Maximum points they can play above within C2 is 187.

**Women** – C1 players and above cannot play above someone within the same grade, if they are more than half the levels above them. E.g. a C1 on 440 levels cannot play above a C1 on 649 levels, as C1 levels are from 440-649 levels. Maximum levels they can play above within C1 is 105.

It is up to team captains on the night of play to check MySquash and ensure the team playing order is correct.

### **PLAYING VENUES**

Please consider your draw carefully. If you have long travel distances, please plan ahead. You can make arrangements with the other club to meet halfway if you prefer. Or perhaps play during a weekend.

**If Squash Waikato notes that specific teams are defaulting to teams because of travel distances, they will be warned of the rules of fair and equal play. If defaults continue Squash Waikato will contact the club concerned and request it be dealt with by the club committee.**

### **PLAYING COURTS**

With the goal to encourage more people to play interclub and especially when there is a large travel distance between clubs, then at the request of the traveling team and if available two courts can be used.

Note: large travel is classed as over 1.5 hours

Whilst the vast majority of interclub teams will always play on one court, this does make the option of playing on two courts available if so, requested by the visiting team and it would be expected to be reciprocated if court availability allows.

### **DISPUTES**

First and foremost, all teams must try and find a solution to any dispute at the time the match occurs. If you need a rule clarified before a match commences please contact Squash Waikato. If a dispute arises following a match this should be forwarded to the Squash Waikato office for resolution.

### **SUPPER**

All home teams are to supply supper. Please be respectful of your team and opposition, it is an expectation that all players stay for supper. If teams are at a neutral venue, then **TEAM 1** is the host team.

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**TEAM CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES**

Weekly results MUST be up on MySquash Competitions before the start of the next weeks round. This is the responsibility of the winning team captain, results not put through before the next round will be automatically put through as a default win to the opposition team.

When a tie has been defaulted a result MUST be recorded so that the points table is updated

Make sure at least one team member is available to open up the host squash club and have meet all requirements for play to commence at 7pm

Check the team playing order via MySquash before the tie commences, as matches played in the incorrect order will automatically be a default win to the opposition.

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