

Women's Montreal Squash League

Rules & Regulations

Eligibility:

- . 1a. All Players (members of sanctioned clubs and non-member players) must take an “Individual Membership” with Squash Quebec.
- . 1b. For weekly or visiting players (who have not taken an “Individual Membership with Squash Quebec”), an extra \$7 fee will be charged each week, and the player will not receive points and will not be integrated to the official Squash Quebec ranking.
- 2. Individual interclub play (iiP) -- no teams.
 - . a. Open to all women players in Montreal and off-island, including juniors & students.
 - . b. Categories include levels A-B-C-D & Novice.
 - . c. Players can register for the full season or on a weekly basis.
 - . d. Players who register for the full season always have priority over weekly players.
- 3. Team Nights—Pre-organized teams will compete once a month
 - a. Open to all women players in Montreal and off-island, including juniors & students.
 - b. “Team Nights” are included in regular WMSL membership or one may register solely for the monthly “Team Nights”.
 - c. Players can register for the full season(4 weeks) or on a weekly basis.

- d. To be eligible for the prizes given to the winning team of the Team Nights finals one must have played in at least 2 team Nights (including the finals)
5. Players who register for weekly play, and then switch over to full-season will have to pay the full season rate at the time of the change, in addition to becoming an “Individual Member of Squash Quebec”. Credit will not be issued for previous weekly sessions.
6. There is NO cut-off date for entry of new players. Players can join at any time in the season.
7. New players are required to become “Members of Squash Quebec” and to pay the full season registration fee.
8. Players must bring irregular actions to the attention of the League Executive and then protest if necessary.
9. The League Executive monitors the level of play in all divisions and reserves the right to make changes deemed appropriate.

Rules:

1. Matches are to be played under the **World Squash Singles Rules 2014** adopted by the WSF (World Squash Federation).

http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/131023_Rules-of-Singles-Squash-2014.pdf

NOTE: Normally, Quebec does not use the method found in the main text of the WSF rules. Please refer to bullet #1 of Appendix #3 of the WSF rules – wherein the scoring in Quebec is to 15 rather than to 11.

2a. The official ball is the **Black Knight Tru-Bounce Double Yellow**.

- . 2b. A player may enforce the use of the official ball, but this must be done *prior* to the start of the match, and she may be asked to supply the ball if her opponent cannot produce one.
3. New balls (or balls in good condition) are furnished by league director.
4. International or converted racquetball courts may be used during regular season. International squash courts can be enforced during play-offs.
6. The WMSL concept incorporates all participating clubs to host ~ 2-3x in full season, on a rolling schedule.
7. Participating clubs will provide a minimum of (4) squash courts, unless otherwise agreed upon with the league director.
8. Matches should start after 7:00pm and before 8:00pm, unless otherwise agreed upon with the league director.

Start times: Club Atwater 7:15

Midtown Sanctuaire 6:45

Club MAA 7:10

McGill University 7:45

YMCA Downtown 7:00

9. Courts will be reserved until at least 9:30pm (or later depending on the start-time) to ensure completion of all matches.
10. The season will start the first week of November and run until April.

11. Players MUST adhere to local dress code, etc. (Ex. White only might be required at certain clubs).
12. The promotion of sportsmanship in league play is considered of paramount importance. Unacceptable behavior, such as constant arguing, verbal abuse, foul language or anything else deemed disrespectful to your opponent, the referee and / or host club will be dealt with in the following manner.
 - . (a) Once the complaint has been filed and verified by the league director, a warning will be issued to the respective player.
 - . (b) A second offense will bring about a suspension from league play (The seriousness of offense will determine length of time).
 - . (c) A third offense will bring about the immediate suspension from league play for the remainder of the year, including play-offs.

Weekly Matches:

1. The WMSL interclub format is such that once you register, *you can play every week or whenever you are available, and it won't affect your ranking.*
2. The weekly cut-off to register each week is Sunday midnight the week of the match.
3. Players must confirm their availability online prior to the Sunday midnight deadline.
4. Players are allowed to confirm their availability 4 weeks in advance. Any changes to a players weekly availability must be done prior to the Sunday midnight weekly cut-off.

5. There might be a maximum number of places available for a given match night. Players must register / confirm their availability prior to the Sunday midnight deadline in order to reserve themselves a place for that week.
6. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis, with priority being given to players who register for the full season.
7. If players do not confirm their availability prior to the Sunday midnight cut-off, there is no guarantee that they will be given a place in the draw for that week's event.
8. After the midnight cut-off, players are asked to send an email to the administrator requesting to be included in that week's draw. Point #4 applies here as well.
9. There are 2 types of matches: a. "R" matches = "Ranked" matches, results of which count toward provincial ranking. b. "NR" matches = "Non-Ranked" matches, basically fun matches, which do not count toward provincial ranking.
10. Matches will be arranged by player level and availability. Everyone is guaranteed at least one match per event.
11. Matches will be scheduled at ~ 30 minute intervals.
12. **Individual matches are the best of five, point-a-rally scoring to 11, win by 2.**
13. Players are asked to arrive a minimum of 30-minutes before their scheduled match time. Players must be on time as court-time is often scheduled for use afterwards.
14. Any player who is a "no show" (2x) without a valid reason will be

banned from league play.

15. Any player who is late (3x) showing up for her match without a valid reason, will be banned from league play.

Defaults:

1. Matches will not be rescheduled. If you are unavailable to play on the given week, then you don't play.
2. The two players must be prepared to play at the scheduled time and the *15 minute default rule* can be enforced unless exceptional circumstances can be evoked by the offending individual.
3. Any cancellations less than 24-hours before the match is scheduled (even for a valid reason) will result in a default.
5. **A defaulted individual match results in a score of 3-0 in games and 33-0 in points for the opponent.**
6. Players will be suspended from league play after 3 defaulted matches, and will only be reinstated after receipt of a justifiable written explanation for the defaults.

Results:

1. League results are considered in any ranking system compiled by Squash Quebec.

Finals:

1. Finals format will be determined by League Director and Executive:
2. To be eligible for the finals, a player must have paid the "Annual

Membership Fee” with Squash Quebec, and the league registration fee.

3. International courts can be enforced during finals.
4. Finals matches are to be played on the “official” night of the league.

Referees:

1. The league expects all players to be familiar with, and to have read the international rules of squash.
2. Every player is also expected to referee a match previous to or following his own if she is asked (and is qualified to do so).
3. It is important for referees to be consistent in their application of the rules.
4. As noted in the rules, sportsmanship is paramount and arguing with the referee or other disagreeable behavior on or off the court will not be tolerated. After one official warning, a player can be banned from further league play.
5. It is the referee’s duty to award lets and penalty-points. No appeal of the referee’s decision is permitted, although the referee at her option may choose to listen to a player’s version of what transpired. If a marker is also being used, it is his duty to call score, announce the referee’s decision, call outs or not-ups and all service faults.
6. It is highly recommended that players participate in a refereeing clinic. *Playing for years does not make you an expert referee!!*

Security and Good Behavior:

1. Please note that Squash Quebec membership automatically includes an accident insurance policy.
2. Mutual respect between opponents is the basis of security and good manners on the court.
3. Players who persist in dangerous play or continually argue with the referee or verbally/physically abuse their opponents can and will be banned from the league.

Hosting Guidelines:

The league strongly encourages players to stay and enjoy the “Après-Squash” ambiance, noting that the social aspects of the league are equally or more important to the competition.