



Tour Guide 2009

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Introduction to The Professional Squash Association

The Professional Squash Association (PSA) was formed on 1 January 1993 as a result of combining the International Squash Players Association (ISPA) and the World Professional Squash Association (WPSA), a North American organisation.

PSA World Tour

The PSA is responsible for the organisation and co-ordination of the official international men's squash circuit, called the PSA World Tour, and this provides the criteria for the Dunlop PSA World Rankings.

The PSA World Tour is played year-long and consists of singles knockout tournaments.

The PSA schedules and sanctions world ranking tournaments and assists clubs, independent promoters and national governing bodies in organising professional squash tournaments in the interests of promoting the sport of squash.

The PSA co-ordinates, to every extent possible, with the World Squash Federation (WSF) and the Women's International Squash Players Association (WISPA) to ensure the orderly and successful presentation of the worldwide squash calendar.

PSA Mission Statement

The PSA's vision is that men's professional squash achieves its rightful place; recognised as being the most athletic, demanding, dynamic and exciting racquet sport in the world.

The PSA's mission is to manage the men's professional game in all its various facets so as to:

- Develop the PSA World Tour as a showcase of the world's top talent
- Create a greater public awareness of the PSA and its players
- Create and develop the PSA Brand
- Increase member income opportunities
- Continue to build a strong financial and administrative base for the Association
- Continue to develop close relationships with the WSF, WISPA and National Federations
- Promote interest in the game among players and non-players
- Create a variety of benefits and services to assist members

The brand values of the PSA are that it cares about its members and puts its members first; acts with honour and integrity in all that it does; and is professional and relentless in its desire to elevate the game.

PSA Tour Guide

The PSA has produced this Tour Guide, which contains information on the Rules and Regulations of the PSA World Tour, so that players and tournament promoters adhere to the same conditions throughout the world.

PSA members and tournaments registered with PSA are bound by the rules, regulations and code of conduct contained in this Tour Guide.

1 PSA World Tour

1.1 Event Categories

The PSA World Tour incorporates the following tournament levels:

World Open
 Super Series (Platinum, Gold & Silver)
 Star Series
 Satellite Series
 Closed Satellite Series

1.1.1 World Open

The World Open is the ultimate tournament on the PSA World Tour and as such is regarded as affording the PSA players the opportunity to aspire to the highest pinnacle of competitive achievement.

The World Open is intended to take place annually and is a title owned by the WSF but licensed to the PSA, who maintain, under the terms of such License, full operational control of the tournament together with full ownership of all broadcast and new media rights and receipt of all rights fees.

1.1.2 PSA Super Series

The PSA Super Series (Platinum, Gold & Silver) are a select group of high profile squash tournaments. They offer the largest prize money purses, attract the majority of the world's best players and provide the most demanding competition. These tournaments require as a minimum 32 main draw with 32 draw qualification, hotel accommodation, one meal per day for main draw players, television, web-streaming and a suitable TV court.

- Super Series Platinum events require a minimum total compensation of \$142,500 to include on-site prize money of \$125,000.
- Super Series Gold events require a minimum total compensation of \$117,500 to include on-site prize money of \$100,000.
- Super Series Silver events require a minimum total compensation of \$92,500 and on-site prize money of \$75,000.

All of the Super Series events must conform with PSA Super Series TV requirements.

1.1.3 PSA Super Series Finals

The PSA Super Series tournaments provide players with an additional opportunity to compete in the PSA Super Series Finals. The top eight players in the Dunlop Super Series Ranking at the end of the calendar year are eligible to play the PSA Super Series Finals.

1.1.4 Star Tournaments

Tournaments with a total compensation starting at \$10,000;

5 Star	\$50,000+
4 Star	\$40,000 - \$49,999
3 Star	\$30,000 - \$39,999
2 1/2 Star	\$25,000 - \$29,999
2 Star	\$20,000 - \$24,999
1 1/2 Star	\$15,000 - \$19,999
1 Star	\$10,000 - \$14,999

1.1.5 Satellite Tournaments

These tournaments create the first opportunity for the aspiring player to compete on the PSA World Tour.

Super Satellite	\$6,000 - \$9,999
Satellite	\$3,000 - \$5,999

1.1.6 Closed Satellite Tournaments

Closed Satellite tournaments can be either a National Closed Championship or a tournament/series of tournaments whose entry is restricted to members of an Association that promotes the tournament and represents only residents of the country in which the tournament is held. Such Association must be a National Squash Association or other Association that has applied for and been recognised as in a good standing with the PSA. (See Section 8)

1.1.7 Circuit Events

Events organised in a particular geographic region that follow on from each other are considered to be Circuits. These events will have the same entry closing date.

1.2 PSA Tournament Service

PSA will provide all tournament promoters with support in the administration of all PSA sanctioned events.

- Advice in the administration and management of all events on the PSA World Tour calendar;
- Scheduling of dates for best possible player entry;
- Circulation to all PSA members of details of all sanctioned events;
- Registration and management of all player entries to events through the PSA Office;
- Making the draw;
- Supply biographies & photographs of players;
- Enforcement of the PSA's Code of Conduct to ensure high standards of professionalism.

1.3 PSA World Tour Calendar

The PSA works closely with WSF and WISPA to ensure the annual presentation of an effective calendar of tournaments.

The PSA holds certain calendar periods free from major PSA Tour events to ensure the successful presentation of squash competition, as follows:

1. The Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Pan American Games, Asian Games, All Africa Games and World Games. Protection for the period of the Squash event in the Games, plus one day before and after, from all PSA events in the same country.
2. World Men's Team Championships. Protection for the period of the Championships, plus one day before and after, from all PSA events in the same country and from PSA events over \$15,000 on-site prize money in the same continent and \$30,000 on-site prize money elsewhere.
3. Annual European Team Championships. Protection for a period of 6 days, following from the last Monday in April, from all PSA events in the same country and from PSA events over \$15,000 on-site prize money in Europe and \$30,000 on-site prize money elsewhere.

1.3.1 PSA World Tour Scheduling

The World Open is given date protection from the day before the qualification commences to the day after the main draw finishes (12 days maximum) from any event over 2½ star anywhere in the world.

Upon a Super Series event registering at least six months in advance, PSA will not then sanction, unless otherwise agreed by the Promoter of such Super Series event, another tournament with overlapping dates, defined to include the qualifying and main draw and one day on either side of thereof, (a) a 3 Star or higher, no matter where located, or (b) which offers on-site prize money of less than \$25,000, within 250 miles of, and within the same country as, such Super Series event.

If two or more Super Series events are being held in the same city, there should be a minimum of six weeks between the events unless otherwise agreed by the Promoters concerned and approved by the PSA.

Upon a Five Star event registering at least five months in advance, and upon acceptance by the PSA, PSA will not then sanction, unless otherwise agreed by the Promoter of such an event, another tournament with overlapping dates, defined to include the qualifying and main draw and one day on either side of thereof, (a) which offers on-site prize money of \$25,000 or more, on the same continent, or (b) which offers on-site prize money of less than \$25,000, within 250 miles of, and within the same country as, such five star event.

Four Star Series and less events are not guaranteed date protection; provided, however, if such an event registers at least six months in advance, reasonable efforts will be made to schedule it in order to eliminate as much date conflict as reasonably possible.

1.4 Tournament Bonuses

In order to increase the ranking value of an event, the Tournament Organiser can apply for Tournament Bonuses. One of the most popular ways of increasing the ranking value of an event is by offering hotel or private hospitality but some tournaments may be able to offer some of the other categories as well. (See Section 2.3.3)

1.5 Liaison with National Squash Federation

The PSA requires that the tournament issues a formal invitation for the President of its National Squash Federation to be present at, at least, the semi finals and finals of the event. PSA encourages the Tournament to apply the logo of its National Squash Federation on all printed material connected with the Tournament.

1.6 Wagers

No player or official shall wager, cause to wager or benefit from the wagering of anything of value in connection with any tour sanctioned event.

1.7 Appearance Fees/Guarantees

Appearance fees and guarantees are strictly forbidden. Tournaments shall not offer players any compensation, gratuity or other thing of value for the purpose of guaranteeing their appearance.

Any PSA employee, Board Member or Endorsed Personnel, specifically involved in a PSA sanctioned event, is prohibited from negotiating any financial or compensated arrangement between any PSA player and that specific tournament.

1.8 Prizes

The tournament should provide subsidiary prizes (e.g. Trophies) but any prizes offered of substantial monetary value must be approved by PSA.

2 Tournament Commitment

2.1 General

All sanctioned PSA tournaments agree to comply with all provisions outlined in this PSA Tour Guide. Each tournament agrees to accept the entries of PSA members on the basis of the Dunlop PSA World Rankings at the time of close of entries.

2.2 Sanctioning Process

A tournament applying to be sanctioned by the PSA must provide the following;

- Completed Tournament Contract
- Registration Fee
- Player Levy
- Local Taxation details
- Rights Fees (if applicable)
- Letter of Credit (if applicable)
- New Event Fee (if applicable)

2.2.1 Tournament Contract

The Tournament Contract must be fully completed, signed and returned with the registration fee and player's levy for all PSA Sanctioned tournaments. No event is confirmed on the PSA Tour Calendar without the submission of the signed Tournament Contract and the complete payment of all the appropriate tournament fees. Failure of the Tournament to honor any of the obligations prior to, or during the event, may result in the withdrawal of sanction and possible disqualification from future participation as a PSA World Tour event.

The Tournament Contract, with the appropriate fees, **must** be completed according to the following timetable:

- Satellite and Super Satellite events **at least two months prior** to the commencement of the qualifying round;
- Star events up to and including 4 Star events **at least four months prior** to the commencement of the qualifying round;
- 5 Star events **at least five months prior** to the commencement of the qualifying round;
- Super Series events **at least six months prior** to the commencement of the qualifying round;
- 16 man draw events with on-site prize money of \$100,000 USD or more **at least six months prior** to the commencement of the qualifying round.

The PSA will do its utmost to adhere to the above timetable but there may be occasions when this is not possible.

2.2.2 Registration Fees

- Registration fee for tour events with on-site prize money of less than \$10,000 USD will be **\$500 USD**.
- Registration fee for tour events with on-site prize money of \$10,000 USD and **above** will pay a registration fee based on **5%** of the on-site prize money.
- Registration fee for Closed Satellite events will be **£60.00 GBP**
- **Discount Offers;** If an event registers at least nine (9) months before the commencement of the start of the tournament, then the registration fee will be subject to a 10% discount. If a Promoter registers at the same time between 3 – 5 Satellite and/or Super Satellite events he will get a 20% discount on the registration fees; if he registers 6 or more then the discount will be 25%.

2.2.3 Player Levy

PSA members pay 5% of all GROSS PRIZE MONEY earned in ALL PSA sanctioned tournaments, with the exception of Closed Satellite Series. This is called the Player Levy.

This money is the player's contribution to the Association. This is to be paid to the PSA as part of the Sanctioning Process and is therefore due alongside the registration fees and tournament contract when the tournament is initially registered.

2.2.4 Letter of Credit

New events and occasionally some large events may be required to lodge with the PSA, 6 months prior to the commencement of the qualification event, **an approved irrevocable** Letter of Credit, in form and substance, satisfactory to the PSA, from a PSA approved Bank, to the value of 25% of the on-site prize money. Such letter of credit must have an expiration date no earlier than one (1) month after the last scheduled day of the PSA event.

2.2.5 New Event fee

New events with a minimum \$30,000 on-site prize money are required to pay at the time of registration, a \$2,000 USD deposit. The deposit will be returned on the completion of the tournament, subject to all financial obligations having been fulfilled. New events are considered to be those either in their first year on the PSA World Tour or those who have returned to the tour after an absence of a year or more.

If a Promoter who is already supporting the PSA Tour wishes to register a new \$30,000+ on-site prize money event, he will not be required to submit the \$2,000 deposit at the time of registration. In order for this to apply, the new event has to take place within 12 months of the conclusion of the promoters' previous held tournament.

2.2.6 Rights Fees

Certain events including the World Open, PSA Masters and the PSA Super Series Finals are liable to pay rights fees to the PSA.

2.2.7 Local Taxation

If local taxes are to be deducted from the player prize money then the following information **MUST** be given on the **Tournament Contract**;

- The local rate of taxation to be applied
- How much tax allowance applies (e.g. a travel, expenses and/or daily allowance)

The tournament **MUST** provide the PSA player with an **OFFICIAL TAX CERTIFICATE** when he pays him his prize money. The certificate should contain;

Name of Player; Gross Prize Money; Tax Free Allowances; Amount of Tax Percentage; Net Prize Money.

2.2.8 Refund of Registration Fees and Player Levies

In the event of postponement of a tournament the registration fees and player levies (and deposits from any new Super Series tournament) will hold good, as long as the event takes place within 6 months of the date of the postponement.

2.2.9 Event Cancellation

In the event that a tournament is cancelled **within six (6) months** of the start of the event the registration fees and player levy (and deposits from any new \$30,000+ event) will be non-refundable.

In the event that a tournament is cancelled **within two (2) months** of the start of the event the registration fees and player levy (and deposits from any new \$30,000+ event) will be non-refundable. The tournament will also be liable to reimburse evidenced player costs. PSA will reserve the right to withhold registration of any subsequent event/s until all costs have been paid.

2.2.10 PSA Bank Account Details

Account Name: PROFESSIONAL SQUASH ASSOCIATION

Address: BARCLAYS BANK PLC, P O BOX 69,121, QUEEN STREET, CARDIFF, CF1 1SG, WALES, UK.

GBP Account Number: £ - 50419869

Sort Code: 20-18-15

IBAN: GB36BARC2018 1550 4198 69

SWIFTBIC: BARCGB22

USD Account Number: \$ - 55112933

Sort Code: 20-18-15

IBAN: GB57BARC2018 1555 1129 33

SWIFTBIC: BARCGB22

2.3 Prize Money and Total Compensation

All prize money is calculated in United States Dollars (USD). Tournaments may offer any amount of prize money as "on-site" prize money starting at \$3,000 USD. Prize money shall be paid to each player on his elimination from the tournament. Prize money may be paid by USD cheque or cash.

If a tournament wishes to pay prize money in local currency such a request should be made in writing and must accompany the registration form. PSA will confirm, if acceptable, in writing.

For purposes of calculation, where prize money is to be paid in local currency, the local currency rate to the USD is calculated as follows:

- For events being held in the period **January 1st - June 30th** in any year it will be the exchange rate as of **January 1st**.
- For events being held in the period **July 1st - December 31st** in any year it will be the exchange rate as of **July 1st**

A currency fluctuation greater than 10% during any 6 month period should lead to an automatic reassessment of the prize money value in the local currency.

2.3.1 Prize Money Breakdown

The breakdown of prize money will follow the schedule below. ALL ROUNDS SHOULD BE PAID ACCORDINGLY.

	64 Draw	32 Draw	16 Draw with Qualification	16 Draw without Qualification
1st	16%	17.5%	19%	20%
2nd	10%	11.5%	13%	14%
3rd/4th	6%	7%	8.5%	9%
5th/8th	3.5%	4.25%	5.25%	5.5%
9th/16th	2%	2.5%	3%	3.25%
17th/32nd	1%	1.25%		
33rd/64th	0.50%			
Last Rd. Qualifier			1.5%	

NOTES:

- All percentages should be applied after the player levy is deducted from the total on-site prize money.
- If a **Lucky Loser** (See Section 5.2.10 Lucky Losers) is promoted to a main draw then his prize money, won in the last round of qualification, shall be distributed by the Tournament Organiser, in equal shares, to the remaining Lucky Losers of that last round of qualification.

2.3.2 Total Compensation

Total compensation determines which “**Event Category**” the event is on the PSA World Tour. Total Compensation is the sum of “on-site” prize money plus any “Tournament Bonuses” value.

2.3.3 Tournament Bonuses

Below are the USD values of the Tournament Bonuses. These bonuses are calculated on the relevant “on-site” prize money. These need to be included when completing the total compensation page on the Tournament Contract.

No tournament can move up more than one full star level. Initially the on-site prize money will determine the level to which an event can go, e.g. if the on-site prize money is above \$30,000 but below \$40,000 (3 star level), the highest level an event can go to is a 4 star tournament.

All figures are in USD (\$).

		3,000-5,999	6,000-14,999	15,000-29,999	30,000+
National Open Title	16 Draw	750	750	750	2500
	32 Draw	2500	2500	2500	5000
Television	16/32 Draws	1250	1250	1250	2500
Web-streaming	16/32 Draws	1250	1250	1250	2500
Glass/Plastic court	16/32 Draws	1250	1250	1250	2500
Food	16 Draw	675	675	675	1250
	32 Draw	1250	1250	1250	2500
Flights	16 Draw	1250	1250	1250	2500
	32 Draw	2500	2500	2500	5000

	3,000-5,999	6,000-14,999	15,000-29,999	30,000+
Hotel				
5 nights 16 main draw	1000	2000	3000	5000
3 nights 16 qualification	250	500	750	1250
6 nights 32/64 main draw	2000	4000	6000	10000
3 nights 32/64 main draw	1000	2000	3000	5000
3 nights 32 qualification	500	1000	1500	2500
Private Hospitality				
5 nights 16 main draw	500	1000	1500	2500
3 nights 16 main draw	250	500	750	1250
3 nights 16 qualification	125	250	375	625
6 nights 32 main draw	1000	2000	3000	5000
3 nights 32 main draw	500	1000	1500	2500
3 nights 32 qualification	250	500	750	1250

To achieve any of these tournament bonuses the following criteria must be met;

Hotel

Double occupancy twin-bedded room with bathroom, toilet, TV, telephone, room service (3 star minimum), one meal per day, appropriate transportation to and from the venue if not within walking distance.

Accommodation must be for **ALL** main draw players from the night before the main draw commences to the morning after the tournament finishes.

If there is a split main draw round, tournament accommodation shall be extended by one day. Accommodation for qualifiers is from the night before the player competes through to the end of qualification.

In 32/64 draws the Promoter has the option of providing accommodation for **minimum 3 nights**. Accommodation is from night before the main draw starts to check out the day after the player loses. Semi-finalists have to be allocated single rooms until departure day after final.

Tournament organisers are not expected to provide complimentary accommodation for any player beyond the specified tournament period in either main or qualification draws.

Private Hospitality

Single occupancy, bathroom, toilet, one meal per day, reasonable transportation to and from venue if not within walking distance. The same rules as hotel apply (see above) in relation to duration of stay for both main draw and qualification players.

National Open Title

The event must be the sole and official National Open of the country.

Television

A minimum three camera "Outside Broadcast" standard TV production of, at least, the semis and finals.

Web-streaming

A web streaming broadcast carried out by the PSA's elected operatives.

Glass/Perspex Court

Main draw must be played on either a permanent or portable glass/plastic court which must be PSA approved.

Food

All main draw players to receive breakfast, lunch and dinner, free of charge.

Flights

Main draw direct entries receive free flights to and from the city where the event is held.

2.4 Indemnification & Insurance

The Tournament Organiser agrees to indemnify and hold harmless PSA, from and against any and all losses, costs, actions, proceedings, claims, damages, expenses or liabilities suffered or incurred directly or indirectly arising out of or in connection with the hosting of the event.

The Tournament Organiser shall provide public liability insurance of at least \$5 Million USD with the PSA being added as an insured. Evidence of such insurance coverage shall be provided to the PSA no later than 6 weeks before the commencement of the first round of the qualifying draw in such form that it cannot be cancelled without at least 30 days written notice to the PSA.

2.5 PSA Disclaimer

The PSA, its Board of Directors or staff, does not accept liability for the welfare or safety of players travelling to and participating in events. Whilst the Association will take all reasonable steps to advise players on this matter, it remains the responsibility of players to confirm their own appropriate insurance cover and for the promoter of the event to ensure full and adequate safety, security and insurance measures being in place for players.

2.6 Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game

The favourable reputation of the PSA, its sanctioned events and players is a valuable asset and creates tangible benefits for all PSA members. Accordingly, it is an obligation for PSA World Tour tournaments, owner(s), promoter(s), operator(s) or representative(s) thereof, to refrain from engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash. Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game shall include, but not be limited to, comments to the news media that unreasonably attack or disparage a tournament, sponsor, player, official or the PSA. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with PSA policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that one of the stated persons above knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interests of a tournament, player, sponsor, official or the PSA are expressly covered by this section. Violation of this section shall subject a tournament to loss of its PSA sanction in future years.

3 Player Commitment

3.1 Player Commitment

All PSA players commit to the following;

- **Player Entry Declaration** (applicable for all PSA World Tour events); By entering, I declare that I am medically fit to participate in the event and will abide by the PSA Tour Guide Rules. I understand that I enter at my own risk and will not hold PSA or the Tournament Organiser responsible for any injury, illness or accident to my person, or damage to or any loss of property, resulting from my participation in the event, provided however, unless caused by the gross negligence of the Tournament Organiser. Furthermore, I hereby indemnify PSA fully with respect to any such claims as are made against PSA, the Promoter and Sponsors in relation to matters arising under this sub-paragraph.
- **Conduct;** A PSA player shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others.
- **Best Efforts;** A PSA player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in a PSA World Tour sanctioned event.
- **Anti-Doping Policy;** To harmonise Anti-Doping policies at the World level of Squash, the World Squash Federation (WSF) has signed an agreement with the Professional Squash Association (PSA) and the Women's International Squash Players Association (WISPA). All are signed up to the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) Code. The PSA is unequivocally opposed, on ethical and medical grounds, to the practice of doping in sport and fully supports the position of the International Olympic Committee/World Anti-Doping Agency (IOC/WADA) against the use of banned substances and methods. The use, possession and/or trafficking of banned substances, methods, or the encouragement/counselling to use banned substances, or methods; and/or taking measures to mask the use of banned substances, or methods by any participant in competitions over which the WSF, PSA and WISPA has jurisdiction is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. The WSF Policy on Doping is to ensure fair and equal competition among athletes and by concern for the health of athletes participating in such competition. This Policy shall apply to all participants in competitions over which the WSF and/or PSA has jurisdiction and provides for sanctions against any player found guilty of doping offense. All PSA players are subject to doping controls (urine analyses, blood tests and other authorised techniques for detecting prohibited substances or methods). It is intended that all participants be subject to year round out-of-competition testing and that the Code not apply solely to in-competition testing. It is every PSA player's obligation to be familiar and compliant with the WADA Code. A copy of the WADA Code is available in the Member Section of the PSA Website, www.psa-squash.com.
- **Promotional Activities;** A PSA player is obliged to attend **ALL** off-court group promotional events arranged by the tournament. Players losing in a Main Draw who wish to continue to enjoy the hotel bonus shall commit to at least one (1) hour of activities per day on behalf of the Tournament Organiser, if requested. The PSA Board will take strong disciplinary action against those players who refuse or do not make themselves available to participate in promotional activities.
- **Interviews;** PSA players should set aside 15 minutes immediately following each match regardless of outcome to speak to the media, if required.
- **Playing another PSA Event;** A PSA player may not play in two PSA events whose **main draw dates overlap**. However, players may enter without penalty or zero scores consecutive tournaments in which progress to the semi's or finals of the first prevent qualifying in the second but only if the two events in question take place **on the same continent**. No player shall enter and/or play two concurrent tournaments, whether PSA or other, without the express written consent of the Chief Executive.
- **Exhibition events;** A PSA player will not play an exhibition or tournament of any sort in a 50 mile (80 km) radius of a sanctioned PSA tournament within seven (7) days on either side or during that tournament without written permission of the tournament promoter or PSA.
- play the PSA Super Series Final, if eligible.
- **Performer Waivers;** All PSA members on subscribing to the Association agree to waive, in full, all their individual claims on performer and intellectual property rights.

The PSA top 16 World Ranked players (at time of close of entries) will contract to the following commitment to play;

- The World Open in a calendar year
- ALL Super Series Platinum events in a calendar year
- ALL Super Series Gold events in a calendar year but will be allowed to drop one of these
- ALL Super Series Silver events in a calendar year but be allowed to drop two of these

NOTE: In the event of no Super Series Gold events in a calendar year then three Super Series Silver events may be dropped. There will be no carrying forward to the next calendar year for dropped events.

NOTE: When the "on-line" entry for a Super Series event is opened, the PSA office will automatically enter the current top 16 ranked players. If a top 16 player wishes to withdraw from the event they must advise the PSA office **in writing**. As with any other withdrawal, the player has 28 hours, from the entry close deadline, in which to notify the office of their withdrawal. Evidenced injury and compassionate grounds still apply.

NOTE: Violation of any of the above will result in consideration by the PSA Board of disciplinary action.

3.2 PSA Player Representative

All playing members i.e. World, Continental, Country or Junior are obliged to serve as a PSA PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE at least once in a calendar year, if asked. The PSA player representative will support and participate in activities e.g. development, promotion, coaching and public relations. He will be responsible for ONE SESSION (one to two hours maximum) per tournament. He will not be required to serve in this capacity either 4 hours before or 2 hours after he has competed in a tournament match. The PSA Office will appoint a Player Representative for each PSA tournament once the final main draw entry list of a tournament is confirmed. That player will be responsible for liaising with the Tournament Organiser, at the event, and completing and returning the Tournament/Player Evaluation Form to the PSA Office within seven (7) days of the completion of the event.

3.3 PSA Qualification Observer

The number one seed in the qualification is always appointed as the PSA Qualification Observer. His specific role is to oversee the qualification draw. This includes making sure that the qualification draw takes place at the stated time, that only those players that are listed and present are put into the draw and to check that the random draw method is used as per the PSA Tour Guide.

3.4 PSA Representative

If the Chief Executive OR Chief Operating Officer is present at an event he is the official PSA Representative, if not, then a Board member can act in that capacity, if so appointed. If none of the above are present then the Tournament appointed PSA Player Representative is to be considered the PSA Representative in the event to advise on a tournament decision. Should a Tournament Organiser make a decision contrary to that of the PSA or on-site PSA Player Representative, PSA may retroactively allow participating players not to take their points from the event.

4 Tournament Conditions

4.1 Venue and Playing Facilities

The Tournament Organiser must specify on the Tournament Contract if the event is to be held in an indoor or outdoor arena, e.g. Squash club, Arena, Shopping mall, etc. The tournament should normally be held in ONE CENTRE unless a glass/perspex court is being used at a more appropriate venue for later rounds. If more than one centre is being used approval must be obtained from the PSA and additional venues should be within the same city boundaries to avoid excessive disruption to the preparation of players.

4.1.1 Courts

The Tournament Organiser must specify on the Tournament Contract whether a portable court will be used and which type it is. All courts should be clean, well lit and with suitable air-conditioning.

The playboard (tin) should be at the appropriate height for the tournament;

- ALL PSA World Tour Events of 2 Star & above are to be played on a 43 cm (17 inches) tin.
- Other PSA World Tour events have the option of either 43 cm (17 Inches) or 48 cm (19 inches).

The height of the tin must be the same for all matches throughout the tournament.

4.1.2 Practice Courts

It is strongly recommended that the practice courts are of the same standard as the competition courts. The organisers should allocate practice courts according to the draw, i.e. first match on gets the earliest practice slot. This should apply for both main draw and qualification.

If using a GLASS COURT this should be made available for practice at least 24 hours before the start of the matches.

4.1.3 Floors

The court floor/s that are used for any PSA tournament MUST BE UNCOATED.

Distinction must be made between floors that are COATED and those that are SEALED. A coated floor refers to a finish that lays on the surface of the floor and results in a barrier between the wood and the top surface. Sealed refers to a penetrating treatment wherein the sealer soaks INTO the wood but does not impact the surface.

Floors should NOT be COATED in such a manner as to close the pores in the wood. The need is for liquid (i.e. sweat, ambient humidity, and/or something spilled, like a drink) to penetrate below the surface so as not to create a slippery condition.

Most proprietary squash court floors are TREATED with a PENETRATING SEALER at the factory before being delivered to the squash court site. If you are unsure about your particular floors, contact the PSA Office and we will have the facilities checked for you. If the floors are COATED (meaning pores are closed), they will need to be SANDED at least six (6) weeks before the event. They should then be VACUUMED AND DAMP-MOPPED every day to ensure that all dust is removed. If the floor is COATED then moisture from the perspiration of the players is not absorbed and can be a cause of serious injury.

PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED TO REFUSE TO COMPETE ON COATED FLOORS, AND THIS COULD RESULT IN THE POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF THE TOURNAMENT.

4.1.4 Warm Up/Players Area

It is helpful to the players if they are provided with a designated players' only warm up/relaxation area where they can prepare/rest for matches, which keeps them separate from the rest of the tournament.

4.1.5 Equal Treatment of Players

Tournaments shall treat all players (including qualifiers) equally with respect to housing, meals, transportation and tournament related activities. The only exception being when a hotel bonus is applied.

4.1.6 Tournament Responsibility

The Tournament Organiser agrees to be responsible for the organisation, administration, security and safety of the event's venue and to ensure that the venue complies in all respects with applicable health and safety laws and regulations.

The Tournament Organiser agrees to abide by the PSA Tour Guide Rules in all respects and by the final decisions made by the PSA Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer or Tour Executive.

In the event that either the PSA Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer or PSA Player Representative are not available on-site to render judgement at an event, the Promoter-of-record, as determined by signature of the Tournament Contract Form, is authorised to make any and all necessary on-site judgements, changes and decisions regarding the effective presentation of a PSA World Tour tournament. However, he or she should make every effort to contact the PSA Office before making a decision regarding PSA Rules or Regulations.

4.2 Tournament Officials

4.2.1 Tournament Director

The appointed Tournament Director or Tournament Organiser must be familiar with the contents of the PSA Tour Guide as he or she will be the final arbiter of any policy disputes on site, in the absence of PSA Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer or Tour Executive.

The Tournament Director shall, during the course of an event, make a note of any incident that he or she believes constitutes a violation of the PSA Tour Guide. The Tournament Director shall also, at the conclusion of the event, furnish a written report to the PSA Office, regarding any such occurrence.

4.2.2 Tournament Referee

- All Tournament Organisers of PSA World Tour sanctioned events must serve as, or appoint, a Tournament Referee.
- The details (name, address etc.) of the Tournament Referee must be forwarded to the PSA Office prior to the Tournament.
- The Tournament Referee's duties are as laid down in the WSF Tournament Referee's Guidelines. It is essential to the smooth running of the Tournament that the Tournament Referee adheres to these guidelines.
- The Tournament Referee or Tournament Organiser must make "every effort" NOT to use, in a match, a referee of the same nationality as either competitor. Tournament Organisers must fulfill WSF and PSA guidelines for the provision of on-site referees and schedule such individuals so as to prevent a conflict of interest between referees and players. Should no other qualified referee be available, referees of the same nationality are permitted.

4.2.3 International/World Referees

Tournament Organisers are strongly advised to appoint a minimum number of International/World Referees as follows;

- Satellite Series, 1 International/World
- Star Series (up to and including \$20,000), 1 International/World
- Star Series (over \$20,000), 2 International/World
- Super Series, 3 International and 2 World
- World Open, 3 International and 3 World

International/World Referees invited to officiate should receive as a minimum;

- Return travel from home to the tournament venue.
- Hotel accommodation.
- Three meals a day
- All necessary travel between the hotel and tournament venue.
- All expenses to be paid in full prior to departure from tournament

The Tournament Referees Guidelines and list of available International and World Referees are available from: WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION (WSF), Unit 14, Innovation Centre, Highfield Drive, Churchfields, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN38 9UH, England. Tel: + 44 1424 858288 Fax: + 44 1424 858287.

4.2.4 Player Referees

If requested at the time of registration of the tournament, on-site PSA players may serve as referees. This policy will only be supported and enforced by PSA if the players are made aware of this condition at the time of entry.

For early rounds, the losing player of a match shall be required to referee the following match. Such player is responsible for finding a qualified replacement should he be unable to fulfill his refereeing obligation. Failure to do this will result in the player being reported to PSA. Disciplinary action may be taken.

4.2.5 3 Referee System

The use of the 3 Referee System is MANDATORY in PSA Super Series events. However, the PSA would encourage all PSA World Tour events, particularly those using portable courts, to use this system where possible. Please see **Appendix I** for details on this system.

4.3 Media

4.3.1 Television

It shall be the promoter's express responsibility to ensure that no filming (including video) whatsoever, except for terrestrial broadcasting, takes place at the event. Terrestrial coverage of the tournament, restricted to the country in which it is played, may be undertaken by the tournament. Permission for such filming may be granted upon written application to the PSA no later than one month before the commencement of the event.

All international television rights, including satellite and video news, are owned in their entirety and managed by the PSA.

4.3.2 Video

No live action video filming whatsoever, including by spectators, may take place at the event without the express written permission of the PSA. Such permission may be granted following agreed negotiation on rights and sales income. Permission is granted for these events only to shoot footage on DVD expressly for promotional purposes only. Copies of such DVDs will be supplied to PSA immediately following the event(s) at no cost to PSA.

4.3.3 Internet

All Internet and other media rights, both domestic and international, are owned in their entirety by the PSA, and no filming whatsoever for such purposes may take place at the tournament without the express written permission of the PSA. Tournaments may not authorise web-streaming via websites, television or any other medium.

4.4 Additional Information

4.4.1 Entry Lists

Tournament Organisers can access the tournament entry list daily through the PSA website www.psa-squash.com via the Promoters Area. Access codes will be given on tournament registration.

4.4.2 Player Photographs

All PSA registered events will have access to a library of player photographs, primarily of the top 50, via the Promoters Area. Once the event is registered the tournament promoter will be sent the access codes for the PSA Photographic Site. These photographs may be used for promotional purposes and tournament programmes.

4.4.3 Player Profile Forms & Biographies

PSA player profiles and biographies of the PSA top 20 ranked players are obtainable from the PSA website www.psa-squash.com in the Rankings section. Each event will also be sent the profiles of all those players confirmed in the main draw of the event, after the closing date for entries.

4.4.4 PSA Logo

The Tournament will be provided with the PSA logo for use on all event stationery, posters etc. Which must be used on all stationery, tournament posters, tournament websites, etc..

4.4.5 PSA Welcome Message

The Tournament can be provided with a PSA welcome message, on request, for the tournament programme.

4.4.6 PSA Advertisement

All PSA sanctioned tournaments shall accept, at no charge, a full page colour PSA advertisement into the Tournament Programme, if so produced, with such advertisement to be provided by the PSA to the Tournament Promoter.

4.4.7 Squash Balls

The DUNLOP PRO SQUASH BALL is the “exclusive ball of the PSA” and is mandatory for ALL PSA World Tour events. All PSA World Tour events will be sent complimentary balls. Balls will be shipped to events as follows; 3 dozen for a 16 draw; 5 dozen for a 32 draw. White balls will be provided for all glass/perspex portable court tournaments.

4.4.8 PSA Tin Stickers

The Tournament will be provided with PSA tin stickers for use during the event. At least One PSA tin sticker must be affixed in the left hand corner of the tin on each of the courts used for the event. The stickers will be dispatched at least one month before the event commences.

4.4.9 PSA Certificate

After the conclusion of the tournament, the PSA will provide the Promoter with a PSA Certificate certifying the successful conclusion of the tournament.

4.4.10 VIP Seating

The Tournament shall provide a maximum of four (4) complimentary rear-wall tickets and VIP passes, per day, to the PSA.

4.4.11 Ticket Conditions

Each Promoter is responsible, as occupier of the tournament venue, for the admission of the public to the venue. Each promoter shall therefore be responsible for ensuring that members of the public are admitted to the venue on ticket conditions which ensure, insofar as legally possible, safe and orderly admittance.

4.5 Tournament Reports

4.5.1 Tournament Results

As part of the Tournament Contract the Tournament Organiser is required to send the results on a DAILY basis, either by fax or email to the following;

1. Howard Harding, PSA Media Director
 Email: HowHard@aol.com and Howard@hhpr.co.uk
 (Both email addresses to be used)
 Fax: +44 1737 22787

2. PSA Office
 Email: Lynne@psa-squash.com
 Fax: +44 2920 228185

One of the reasons why we request this information to be sent this way is so that YOUR event can get some international press coverage. Howard Harding, our Media Director, has a very extensive contact list and in almost all cases journalists rely on him for international event news. Also your event results and any report will feature on the PSA website, www.psa-squash.com. This is good for your event, sponsor(s) and the game of squash.

When sending the results you must include FULL game scores, length of match and time of match. Should you have a very close match, say between the top seed and a qualifier or two top seeds, the inclusion of the score sheet would be helpful so that Howard can do a more informative report. Of course, if you can send over a few words as well on any outstanding matches that would be very much appreciated.

4.5.2 Disciplinary Report

Any on or off court violation of PSA Tour Guide rules and regulations by a player should be detailed by the match referee or tournament organiser in the Official PSA Code of Conduct Report Form and forwarded to PSA, within seven (7) working days of the completion of the tournament. The PSA will only act on the submission of the official PSA Code of Conduct Report form, no other forms will be accepted.

4.5.3 Tournament Report

To be returned to the PSA Office within 30 days of completion of the tournament.

5 The Competition

5.1 Tournament Entry and Withdrawal

Players are accepted into an entry list for a PSA World Tour event in order of their position on the Dunlop PSA World Rankings.

In the event of players having the identical ranking then priority will be given to the player who has played the most events in the ranking period published but disciplinary zeros will not count as an event. If still equal the allocation of places in a draw will be decided by lottery.

5.1.1 On-line Tournament Entry

All PSA players are given the access codes for the Members Area of the PSA website, www.psa-squash.com.

Each PSA Member is given his own password and client code (user ID) which will allow him to perform the following functions;

- Enter a tournament
- Withdraw from a tournament
- Send a secure email to the PSA Office
- Amend his password and client code (user ID)
- Amend his email address
- Review the current entry lists for tournaments

In order to enter a tournament on-line a player needs to follow these instructions.

1. Log into the Members area on the PSA website, www.psa-squash.com
2. Click "On-line entry", this will take you to the web entry login screen
3. Type in your Client Code and Password (previously advised)
4. Click the name of the event you want to enter
5. Click the Enter Box
6. Once 12 noon on the closing date has passed, the system will not accept any entries
7. You will receive an email confirming that your entry has been successfully made
8. You can check the entry list any time. It is a player's responsibility to check that his name is in an entry list

No verbal entries will be accepted under any circumstances.

The closing date for all events shall be no closer than four (4) weeks before the commencement date of the main draw of the tournament.

5.1.2 On-line Tournament Withdrawal

To withdraw on-line from an event follow the same procedure as entering on-line but click the Remove button to delete your name. You will receive an email confirming that your withdrawal has been actioned. It is a players responsibility to check that his withdrawal has been processed properly.

On-line withdrawals, **without penalty**, after the 12 Noon (UK Time) on the closing date are **allowed** as follows;

- Main Draw confirmation deadline – within 28 hours after the 12 noon deadline on closing day, i.e. 4 pm the following day. The main draw list is finalised after this deadline.

- Qualification and Reserve List deadline – within 52 hours after the 12 noon deadline on closing day, i.e. 4 pm 2 days after the closing day. The qualification list is finalised after this deadline.

After the above timelines, all withdrawals need to be advised to the PSA office in writing, no verbal withdrawals are accepted.

Players on the reserve list can withdraw at anytime if they are not in the final qualification list.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSWORD OR CLIENT CODE WITH ANOTHER PERSON.

5.1.3 Late Withdrawal

Any withdrawal after the entry confirmation deadlines, as outlined above, is considered a **Late Withdrawal**. (see 5.5 Withdrawals)

It is a player's responsibility, whether in the main draw, qualification or on the reserve list, to inform the PSA Office, in writing by either email or fax, of his withdrawal from an event **as early as possible**.

No withdrawal will be acted upon by the PSA Office or the PSA Representative, until it is received in writing.

Any late withdrawal from a tournament, after the final list has been confirmed will be penalised with a zero score. (See 5.6 Zero Scores)

If the withdrawal is **within 7 days** of the event, the withdrawal must also be copied to the following:

- The PSA Office psa@psa-squash.com
- The Tournament Organiser of the event
- PSA COO, Lee Beachill leebeachill@gmail.com
- PSA CEO, Alex Gough goughyalex@googlemail.com

This is most important if the withdrawal is over a **weekend** or when the **PSA Office is closed**. With time differences and many events starting on a Monday morning it is an added safety-net to copy both the Chief Executive, Alex Gough and Chief Operating Officer, Lee Beachill.

The Tournament Organiser has the authority to action the withdrawal, as long as it is received in writing, should the PSA Office be closed.

The onus is always on the player to check that his withdrawal has been received in time.

NOTE: It is unprofessional and a disservice to fellow PSA players, for an injured player to delay withdrawing from an event, hoping that he will recuperate from injury or illness. Such late withdrawal could be subject to disciplinary action.

5.2 Draws

5.2.1 Main Draw

The draw will be made at the PSA Office after the confirmed Qualification List deadline. This will then be sent to the Tournament Organiser for release on an agreed date to be provided by the tournament.

5.2.2 Qualification Draw

The draw shall be made on-site, at least one hour, before the start time of the qualification event. Only those qualifiers and previously named local players present will be placed in the draw.

1. Ten (10) minutes before the stated draw time, the Tournament Organiser or Tournament Director will announce the time and inform all present that he will call the total Roll Call at the stated draw time. He will also indicate which time piece he will use when announcing the total Roll Call.
2. At the stated draw time he will call the Roll Call of all qualifiers from the latest list supplied by the PSA Office (this list to include previously named locals chosen by the Tournament Organiser; THIS LIST IS NOT TO BE CHANGED). He will announce each players full name and that person will orally acknowledge his presence.
3. When the last name is called the organiser will announce that the draw list is now closed and that any empty slots will be filled from the Reserve List supplied by the PSA Office.
4. The Tournament Organiser will then call the Reserve List, which may include previously named locals, from the highest ranking player down. Those present will fill any empty slots.
5. If a PSA player, who was not on the original entry list, turns up at the event he can only be allowed to play if he is ranked on or below the last player in the qualification.
6. If after the above, there are still empty slots, then the top seed/s will be given bye/s.

Play will then commence, at least one hour, after the completion of the qualification draw.

5.2.3 Draw Size Options

The following demonstrates the draw sizes that are permitted at various prize money levels.

\$3,000- 99,999	-16 or 32 main draw; 16 or 32 man qualification
\$100,000+	-16, 32 or 64 main draw; 16, 32 or 64 man qualification

Events under \$10,000 may choose not to have a qualification event.

5.2.4 Making the Draw

All PSA tournaments will have a seeded draw using the latest PSA World Ranking issued prior to the closing date for entries.

Players are placed into draws in descending order of ranking. The draw is then made in accordance with the SCHEDULE below which is called the RANDOM DRAW METHOD. All PSA World Tour events must use this draw method for both qualification and main draw.

In the case of:

1. 16 draw, seed 8 players
2. 32 draw, seed 16 players
3. 64 draw, seed 32 players

DRAW OF 16

No. 1 seed.....slot 1

No. 2 seed.....slot 16

Draw 3rd - 4th seeds.....1st drawn/slot 5
2nd drawn/slot 12Draw 5th - 8th seeds.....1st drawn/slot 3
2nd drawn/slot 7
3rd drawn/slot 10
4th drawn/slot 14

Draw remaining unseeded players together for all sizes of draw. Place from top to bottom, filling vacant slots in continuous order.

DRAW OF 32

No.1 seedslot 1

No.2 seedslot 32

Draw 3rd - 4th seeds.....1st drawn/slot 9
2nd drawn/slot 24Draw 5th - 8th seeds.....1st drawn/slot 5
2nd drawn/slot 13
3rd drawn/slot 20
4th drawn/slot 28Draw 9th - 16th seeds.....1st drawn/slot 3
2nd drawn/slot 7
3rd drawn/slot 11
4th drawn/slot 15
5th drawn/slot 18
6th drawn/slot 22
7th drawn/slot 26
8th drawn/slot 30

Draw remaining unseeded players together for all sizes of draw. Place from top to bottom, filling vacant slots in continuous order.

DRAW OF 64

No.1 seed.....slot 1

No. 2 seed.....slot 64

Draw 3rd - 4th seeds.....1st drawn/slot 17
2nd drawn/slot 48Draw 5th - 8th seeds.....1st drawn/slot 9
2nd drawn/slot 25
3rd drawn/slot 40
4th drawn/slot 56Draw 9th - 16th seeds.....1st drawn/slot 5
2nd drawn/slot 13
3rd drawn/slot 21

4th drawn/slot 29
 5th drawn/slot 36
 6th drawn/slot 44
 7th drawn/slot 52
 8th drawn/slot 60

Draw 17th - 32nd seeds....1st drawn/slot 3
 2nd drawn/slot 7
 3rd drawn/slot 11
 4th drawn/slot 15
 5th drawn/slot 19
 6th drawn/slot 23
 7th drawn/slot 27
 8th drawn/slot 31
 9th drawn/slot 34
 10th drawn/slot 38
 11th drawn/slot 42
 12th drawn/slot 46
 13th drawn/slot 50
 14th drawn/slot 54
 15th drawn/slot 58
 16th drawn/slot 62

Draw remaining unseeded players together for all sizes of draw. Place from top to bottom, filling vacant slots in continuous order.

5.2.5 Byes

Where it is necessary to have BYES in the draw, seeded players are put through in ranking order.

5.2.6 Wildcards

Wildcards are players included in the main draw at the sole discretion of the tournament. The PSA will sanction the inclusion of a wildcard in any PSA World Tour event if the event so wishes. A tournament organiser has to confirm the name of the wildcard to the PSA Office before the closing date for entries. A wildcard has to be a World, Continental, Country or Junior Member of the PSA. A PSA player can only have one wildcard per calendar year.

Any withdrawal from an event by a wildcard must be made in writing to the PSA Office. It is the player's sole responsibility to confirm this is done.

The PSA Board expects that a Tournament Organiser utilises the use of a wildcard place in a reasonable and responsible manner.

5.2.7 Local Players

A Tournament Organiser can reserve up to 25% (up to 50% in Satellite events) of places in a qualification draw for local players, they do not have to be PSA members. A Tournament Organiser can apply, in exceptional circumstances, for an increase to these numbers.

A Tournament Organiser must submit a full list of local players' names, this includes any reserves, to the PSA Office in writing, by the stated closing date of entries. That list becomes final after the two (2) day period for qualifiers to withdraw. Once the local player's list is designated final, a Tournament Organiser cannot add to it or amend it.

If a Tournament Organiser chooses to have a pre-qualification event in order to get his local players they must submit the names of all the participants in the pre-qualification event, within the above time schedule. A Tournament Organiser is not allowed to replace a local player with another local player unless they are on the "final" local player list. This may mean that a qualification draw has byes should there be withdrawals.

No local player can be placed in the entry list if he has a ranking higher than the last PSA entry in the qualification list.

If a local player, who is a PSA member, does not turn up for an event or withdraws late he will get a zero score (99). (See 5.6 Zero Scores)

The guiding definition of a Local Player is that he should meet one of the following criteria;

- should be a national or multi-national of the country, where the tournament is held
- if a non-national he should reside within 25 miles of the venue of the tournament
- he should have legitimate attachment to the club

Notwithstanding the above the PSA Board may grant local player status in special circumstances. Any such requests must be made in writing stating reasons and circumstances for the request.

5.2.8 Non-Scoring Players

New Tournaments may request a "non-scoring" player option. A new tournament is any tournament which has not appeared on the previous year's PSA World Tour.

The PSA Board may consider granting non-scoring status to a tournament in its SECOND year, should it be seen that there are signs of potential growth in that country in the number of other PSA sanctioned events under \$15,000 USD.

Conditions for "non-scoring" players;

1. No more than two (2) non-scoring players may play an event.
 - Player one can be the choice of the Promoter.
 - Player two will be the highest ranked player to apply.
2. The player must indicate before the closing date for entries if he is applying for non-scoring status.
3. Only players who have competed in 10 events in the preceding 12 months may apply for non scoring option.
4. Any non scoring player who withdraws from the event after the closing date will be subject to all the PSA Code of Conduct penalties.
5. In the event of more than two players applying for non-scoring status, the player not granted non scoring status shall be notified of the fact and may withdraw from the event up to 24 hours after the closing date for entries with no penalty.
6. A player will only be allowed to play two non-scoring events in a calendar year.

Any player who **loses to a non-scoring player** in the event, has the option of not taking ranking points for that event. He must confirm this within 24 hours of the completion of the event.

5.2.9 Reserve Players

PSA will produce for the Tournament Organiser a list of Reserve players, based on ranking, to replace any qualifier, who withdraws late. In the event of a late withdrawal, the PSA will email, fax or telephone the designated reserve. If the player does not respond within 24 hours, he will forfeit his place and the next reserve will be contacted. Reserves who hold the same ranking will be drawn by lot.

If qualification reserves (after 2 day withdrawal period) have committed themselves to playing the event and they do not turn up or withdraw at a later date they will receive a zero score (99).

5.2.10 Lucky Losers

A “lucky loser” is a replacement for a withdrawn player in the main draw after the commencement of a qualification and can be included in the main draw up to one (1) hour before the start of the main draw.

Players who lose in the final round of qualifying are eligible to be lucky losers. At the conclusion of the qualification event, in the presence of all eligible players, the person conducting the draw for qualification positions will draw the order for the lucky losers. The first name drawn out will be Lucky Loser No.1 and so on. They will go into the main draw as follows;

1. The first vacant place is filled by Lucky Loser No.1.
2. Should any other withdrawals occur these are filled by the next in line.
3. If simultaneous withdrawals occur then these are filled in the draw from top to bottom.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the designated lucky losers to keep the organiser informed of their whereabouts so that they can be contacted immediately should there be a withdrawal after the finish of the qualification and before the start of the first main draw match.

5.2.11 Successful Qualifiers

At the conclusion of the qualifying competition, the successful qualifiers will be drawn by lot for their places in the main draw. The first name drawn will go into the first vacant qualification place or the qualification spot can be given a number and this is then drawn at the same time as the name.

5.2.12 Split rounds

A split round is defined as a single round of play played over 2 days. Super Series events may include split days of main draw play up to and including the quarter-finals. Non Super Series events must apply to the PSA for split rounds. Qualification rounds may not have split rounds unless complimentary accommodation is offered to the qualifying players, in which event the preceding two sentences apply.

5.2.13 Unfilled draws

Where any main draw remains unfilled, the PSA Office may, with the support of the Tournament Organiser, extend the event closing date by a further seven (7) days and canvass entries for the tournament. All main draws which remain unfilled after an extended deadline may be filled at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser by local players.

Unfilled qualification draws may be filled with local players whose names shall be provided to the PSA Office at the closing date of entries. No local player can be put in a qualification unless his name is with the PSA Office by the stated final deadline date (see 5.2.7 Local Players).

5.3 The Rules of Play

All PSA World Tour sanctioned tournaments must abide by the Rules of Squash as described by the World Squash Federation. Rules to be found at www.worldsquash.org.uk. In addition to these rules PSA have two amendments.

1. There will be a 2 minute rest between all games.
2. When using a white ball, either player may request a new ball at the start of the third game.

5.4 Playing Schedule

Events with less than \$10,000 USD total compensation may play up to two (2) rounds on each day of the event.

Events of \$10,000 USD or more total compensation will play only one (1) round a day in both qualification and main draws.

5.4.1 Start times

- In all PSA World Tour events up to Super Series level no match in either qualification or main draw should commence before 10.00am.
- In PSA Super Series events, main draw play should not commence before twelve (12) noon, unless approved by PSA.
- An **order of play** must be produced for both qualification and main draw matches with match timings allowing not less than forty-five (45) minutes for each match.
- Players cannot be made to play before their scheduled time but must be available to play as soon as their scheduled court is available at or after their scheduled time, subject to an allowable ten (10) minute delay on a scheduled match time.
- Play can start earlier or on another court only by mutual agreement of both players.

This information to be issued to players in advance of commencement of tournament.

5.4.2 Rest between matches

If playing more than one match per day, matches should be scheduled so that players are given a minimum of FOUR HOURS REST between the end of their previous match and the beginning of their following match.

In all other events, the minimum amount of rest between the start of matches is 18 hours. For instance, if a player plays his first round match at 22.00 hours, his next match should not be scheduled before 16.00 hours the next day.

5.4.3 Defaults/No Shows

Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his match is called will be defaulted. Also known as a "No Show", a default means a bye is given to his opponent. Players in a qualification, including local players who are PSA members, will be penalised for being a default/no show. Any player who has entered a number of events on a "Circuit" and is a "no show" at any of the circuit events shall then be automatically withdrawn from the remaining events on that circuit. A definition of circuit events is in Section 1.1.7.

5.4.4 Third/Fourth place Play-offs

Tournaments shall not have third/fourth place play-offs.

5.4.5 Match Re-scheduling

A Tournament Organiser may re-schedule a match to accommodate travel difficulties, but should only do so if the delayed player has requested a re-scheduling at least two hours prior to his match time and if, in the Tournament Organiser's judgement, the reason for the delay is legitimate. Only in exceptional circumstances should a match be re-scheduled to start more than 6 hours past the original starting time. Any players affected by a match re-scheduling should be informed as soon as possible.

5.5 Withdrawals

It is a player's responsibility, whether in the main draw, qualification or on the reserve list, to inform the PSA Office, in writing by either email or fax, of his withdrawal from an event **as early as possible**.

No withdrawal will be acted upon by the PSA Office or the PSA Representative, until it is received in writing.

Any late withdrawal from a tournament, after the final list has been confirmed will be penalised with a **zero score**. (see 5.6 Zero Scores)

Players must also refer to Section 5.1.3 Late Withdrawals when withdrawing to make sure they inform all of the relevant parties.

Should replacements into either the Qualification List or the Main Draw be required on a weekend or when the PSA Office is closed, the Tournament Organiser is responsible for this task. **However**, the PSA Player Representative and/or PSA Representative **must** be present when this process is undertaken.

Replacements for withdrawals will be put into the event as described in the four tables below. Please refer to the one with the appropriate draw size and the corresponding timing of the withdrawal.

5.5.1 Withdrawal from 16 Main Draw with Qualification

16 Main Draw with Qualification	Withdrawals after Entry List Confirmed	Withdrawals after Qualifying Starts and up to 24 hours before Main Draw Start Time	Withdrawals within 24 hours of Main Draw Start time	Withdrawals within 1 hour of Main Draw Start Time
Seeds 1/2	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed, 9th player replaces 5th seed and qualifier 1 replaces 9th seed.	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed, 9th player replaces 5th seed and 'lucky loser' replaces 9th seed.	'Lucky loser' replaces withdrawn player	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent
Seeds 3/4	5th seed replaces withdrawn player, 9th seed replaces 5th seed player and qualifier 1 replaces 9th seed	5th seed replaces withdrawn player, 9th seed replaces 5th seed player and 'lucky loser' replaces 9th seed		
Seeds 5/8	9th seed replaces withdrawn player and qualifier 1 replaces 9th seed	9th seed replaces withdrawn player and a 'lucky loser' replaces 9th seed		
Seeds 9/16	Qualifier 1 replaces withdrawn player	'Lucky loser' replaces withdrawn player		
Qualifiers	Reserve 1 moves into qualifying draw	-	-	-

5.5.2 Withdrawal from 32 Main Draw with Qualification

32 Main Draw with Qualification	Withdrawals after Entry List Confirmed	Withdrawals after Qualifying Starts and up to 24 hours before Main Draw Start Time	Withdrawals within 24 hours of Main Draw Start time	Withdrawals within 1 hour of Main Draw Start Time
Seeds 1/2	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed, 9th player replaces 5th seed and 17th seed replaces 9th seed and qualifier 1 replaces 17th seed	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed, 9th player replaces 5th seed and 17th seed replaces 9th seed and 'lucky loser' replaces 17th seed.	'Lucky loser' replaces withdrawn player	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent
Seeds 3/4	5th seed replaces withdrawn player, 9th seed replaces 5th seed player 17th seed replaces 9th seed and qualifier 1 replaces 17th seed	5th seed replaces withdrawn player, 9th seed replaces 5th seed player, 17th seed replaces 9th seed and 'lucky loser' replaces 17th seed		
Seeds 5/8	9th seed replaces withdrawn player and 17th seed replaces 9th seed and qualifier 1 replaces 17th seed	9th seed replaces withdrawn player, 17th seed replaces 9th seed and 'lucky loser' replaces 17th seed		
Seeds 9/16	17th seed replaces withdrawn player and qualifier 1 replaces 17th seed	17th seed replaces withdrawn player and 'lucky loser' replaces withdrawn player		
Seeds 17/32	Qualifier 1 replaces withdrawn player	Lucky loser' replaces withdrawn player		
Qualifiers	Reserve 1 moves into qualifying draw	-	-	-

5.5.3 Withdrawal from 64 Main Draw with Qualification

64 Main Draw with Qualification	Withdrawals after Entry List Confirmed	Withdrawals after Qualifying Starts and up to 24 hours before Main Draw Start Time	Withdrawals within 24 hours of Main Draw Start time	Withdrawals within 1 hour of Main Draw Start Time
Seeds 1/2	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed, 9th seed replaces 5th seed, 17th seed replaces 9th seed, 33rd seed replaces 17th seed and qualifier 1 replaces 33rd seed	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed, 9th seed replaces 5th seed, 17th player replaces 9th seed, 33rd seed replaces 17th seed and 'lucky loser' replaces 33rd seed	'Lucky loser' replaces withdrawn player	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent
Seeds 3/4	5th seed replaces withdrawn player, 9th seed replaces 5th seed, 17th seed replaces 9th seed, 33rd seed replaces 17th seed and qualifier 1 replaces 33rd seed	5th seed replaces withdrawn player, 9th seed replaces 5th seed, 17th player replaces 9th seed, 33rd seed replaces 17th seed and 'lucky loser' replaces 33rd seed		
Seeds 5/8	9th seed replaces withdrawn player, 17th seed replaces 9th seed, 33rd seed replaces 17th seed and qualifier 1 replaces 33rd seed	9th seed replaces withdrawn player, 17th seed replaces 9th seed player, 33rd seed replaces 17th seed and 'lucky loser' replaces 33rd seed		
Seeds 9/16	17th seed replaces withdrawn player, 33rd seed replaces 17th seed and qualifier 1 replaces 33rd seed	17th seed replaces withdrawn player, 33rd seed replaces 17th seed and 'lucky loser' replaces 33rd seed		
Seeds 17/32	33rd seed replaces withdrawn player and qualifier 1 replaces 33rd seed	33rd seed replaces withdrawn player and 'lucky loser' replaces 33rd seed		
Seeds 33/64	Qualifier 1 replaces withdrawn player	Lucky loser' replaces withdrawn player		
Qualifiers	Reserve 1 moves into qualifying draw	-		

5.5.4 Withdrawal from 16 Main Draw without Qualification

16 Main Draw without Qualification	Withdrawals after Entry List Confirmed	Withdrawals within 24 hour of Main Draw Start Time
Seeds 1/2	3rd seed replaces withdrawn player, 5th seed replaces 3rd seed, 9th player replaces 5th seed and reserve 1 replaces 9th seed.	No replacement of withdrawn player, walkover awarded to opponent
Seeds 3/4	5th seed replaces withdrawn player, 9th seed replaces 5th seed player and reserve 1 replaces 9th seed	
Seeds 5/8	9th seed replaces withdrawn player and reserve 1 replaces 9th seed	
Seeds 9/16	Reserve 1 replaces withdrawn player	
Reserves	Reserves move up entry list	-

5.5.5 Withdrawal due to Injury/Illness

Medical Certificates;

If a player fails to play a tournament because of sickness or injury he must supply a medical certificate. The medical certificate must be submitted in the month that the final of the event takes place and before the calculation of the next due rankings. The onus is on the player to make sure that the certificate is received by the due date. Once that medical certificate is received by the PSA Office a (99) may be recorded as a (98) (See 5.6 Zero Scores for explanation on 99's and 98's). Should a player withdraw from an event which is played in the last week of a month, the onus is on him to make sure PSA Office has the medical certificate prior to the calculation of the due rankings.

Match in Progress;

Any player withdrawing from a match in progress must acquire, within 48 hours, a medical certificate or tournament letter attesting to the cause. Evidence must be submitted to the PSA Office before the conclusion of the tournament, except in the case of the final where an additional day shall be allowed.

More than two Late Withdrawals due to Injury/illness;

Should a player withdraw, due to injury or illness, from a tournament after the main draw has been made, twice in a fifty-two (52) week period then any subsequent main draw injury withdrawal within the 52 week period, commenced by the date of the first such withdrawal, will result in the awarding of a disciplinary zero (99) for the **third** event main draw withdrawal.

Involuntary Initiated Withdrawal;

Where it is obvious to the Tournament Referee or a PSA Representative that a player has an injury or illness which would jeopardize the quality of a match and it would not be in the best interests of professional squash to allow it to proceed, he/they may rule the player ineligible to compete and withdraw the player. This should be done under strict consultation with the PSA. The resulting gap will cause a walkover unless it is a first round match. If the qualification has begun and there is more than

an hour until the main draw starts, a lucky loser will replace the withdrawal. If it is any other round the Injured/Sick Player who is withdrawn shall receive World Rankings points and the appropriate prize money.

NOTE: As English is the working language of the PSA, all medical certificates should be submitted in English. Any medical certificates that are submitted in another language must be accompanied by an officially certified translation into English.

5.5.6 Multiple event withdrawal

- Where a player withdraws from more than one event at the same time, and for the same reason, only the first event will count as played and have zero points awarded accordingly for one event.
- If a player enters one or more tournaments and withdraws from the first tournament because of injury, then withdraws from the second tournament at a later date with the same injury, he will receive a zero score for each tournament.
- The player must provide a medical certificate, in accordance with the stated provisions.

Players not withdrawing from the events on the same date for the same injury or illness must provide a medical certificate each time they withdraw and they will receive a zero score (98) for each event, or a zero (99) for each event if no medical certificate is received.

5.5.7 Bereavement

A player who withdraws because of a bereavement WILL NOT receive a zero score and have the event count as played where the relationship to the bereaved is a spouse or long term partner, parent, parent-in-law, step-parent, grandparent, sibling, step-sibling and children. Any other requests would be at the discretion of the Board.

5.6 Zero Scores

A zero score is automatically given for the following:

1. Late Withdrawal;
2. Defaults and No Shows;
3. Disciplinary Matters

For recording purposes a disciplinary Zero Score is recorded as a 99. This 99 will stay on player's record as an event played for the following fifty-two (52) weeks. An appeal against a 99 will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and this should be done so in writing to the PSA Office.

If a player fails to play a tournament through sickness or injury he must supply a medical certificate. Once that medical certificate is received by the PSA office a 99 will be recorded as a 98. A 98 is included as one of a player's lowest scores, for the calculation of the ranking, until a player exceeds by at least one the minimum divisor.

The medical certificate must be provided before the end of each month to coincide with the monthly rankings.

If a player receives written advice from his governmental security department that it is advisable not to travel to a certain country then the player can withdraw from the tournament, without penalty. The player must supply official documentation to support such late withdrawal from an event.

DISCIPLINARY ZEROS (99) WILL ALWAYS COUNT AS A "BEST RESULT" TOURNAMENT PLAYED AND WILL NOT BE USED IN REDUCING THE DIVISOR.

6 Player Conditions

6.1 Player Eligibility

To compete in a PSA World Tour sanctioned event a player must be a member of the Professional Squash Association. (see section 9 PSA Membership Categories).

All players entering PSA World Tour sanctioned events must be in good standing with the PSA. In particular, all outstanding fees and fines must be fully paid prior to entering an event. PSA reserves the right to bar a player from participating in a sanctioned event for non-compliance with any disciplinary action.

6.2 Payment of Membership Fees & Fines

Every PSA member shall pay to the Professional Squash Association, in each calendar year of his membership, an annual subscription which is from time to time redetermined by the Board. A member shall not be entitled to exercise any of the rights or privileges of membership until he shall have paid all monies payable by him to the Association upon becoming a member. If any member shall fail to pay to the Association any amount owing from such member in respect of:

(a) membership fees and subscription for a period of one month following the due date thereof

or

(b) fines or penalties imposed under the Code of Conduct for a period of one month following the date upon which written notice of the same was duly given to such member.

Then all rights and privileges exercisable by him as a member of The Association shall be immediately suspended. In the event of a member being suspended or resigning or his membership of The Association otherwise terminating his subscription shall be payable in full for the year during which such suspension, resignation or termination of membership occurs. If he has already paid such subscription he shall not be entitled to recover such payment or any part thereof from The Association.

Any fully paid up member for the previous two consecutive years who is **unable** to compete on the PSA World Tour for a period of six (6) months or more, and who provides a medical certificate that evidences that, will be granted a credit of 50% of the then current annual membership fee against future fees.

6.3 Conduct

A PSA player shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others.

6.4 Clothing Regulations

6.4.1 On Court

Every player shall dress and present himself for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable squash attire shall be worn. Unacceptable attire shall include sweatshirts, gym shorts, running shorts, dress shirts, T-shirts (i.e. shirts without collar, this excludes matching branded non-collared shirt & shorts outfit).

The following clothing rule which has the full support of the World Squash Federation shall apply without exception to all PSA World Tour Events.

1. In all matters of judgement or opinion arising from the interpretation of this clothing rule, the decision of the Tournament Referee shall be final, except that he may not rule illegal or unacceptable an item of clothing or a design which has been approved by the PSA.
2. Playing clothing shall consist of a short-sleeved shirt with an attached collar or matching branded non collared shirt and shorts outfit, matching branded sleeveless shirt and shorts outfit, shorts, socks and playing shoes. Other garments such as part or all of a tracksuit, may be worn during play with the permission of the referee.
3. All clothing shall conform to the accepted standards of decency and cultural/religious tradition of the country in which the competition is taking place, as adjudged by the Tournament Referee.
4. For any match covered by television, players' clothing shall conform to the advertising regulations published and generally applied by the appropriate television authority of the country in which the match is being played.

BOTH PLAYERS SHALL BE OBLIGED TO WEAR DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT COLOURED CLOTHING. THE HIGHER RANKED PLAYER, AS OF THE EVENT'S ENTRY LIST, WILL HAVE FIRST CHOICE. If a player has to change his top during a match he must make sure that he wears the same colour as he started the match. It is the responsibility of the players to comply with this rule. As the PSA is very serious about its media obligations, non compliance of this rule will result in application of the PSA Code of Conduct.

Further, players shall wear shirts or tops advertising the PSA World Tour Sponsor's name/identity/logo, on the back/front, in such area and size as specified by PSA.

5. Players may wear clothing of any colour or combination of colours.
6. Shirts or tops may carry;
 - a) The manufacturer's normal trademark, symbol or name on one breast. The display to be contained within an area not exceeding twenty (20) square cm in total and ten (10) cm in any one dimension.
 - b) Identification in areas clearly separated from each other on the opposite breast to the manufacturer's symbol and/or on each arm as follows;
 - i) Three sponsors displays. Each to be contained within an area not exceeding forty (40) square cm in total and ten (10) cm in any one dimension.
 - or**
 - ii) Two sponsor displays and one national identification badge. Each to be contained within an area not exceeding forty (40) square cm in total and ten (10) cm in any one dimension.
 - c) A national or club identification title, plus a sponsor's identification if required, on the back of the shirt; the whole to be contained within an area not exceeding three hundred (300) square cm. The player's name may also be displayed within an area not exceeding one hundred and fifty (150) square cm.
7. Shorts shall be of design normally approved and used for Squash and may carry;
 - a) The manufacturer's normal trademark, symbol or name on one side or leg, contained within an area not exceeding ten (10) square cm in total.
 - b) One sponsor display on the opposite side or leg from that in 8a, contained within an area not exceeding twenty (20) square cm in total and ten (10) cm in any one dimension.
8. Socks must be matching in colour and style, may be of any colour or combination of colours and each may carry one manufacturer's normal trademark, symbol or name contained within an area not exceeding ten (10) square cm in total.

9. Shoes shall be of any colour or combination of colours and have a non-marking sole. Each shoe may carry one manufacturer's normal trademark, symbol or name in not more than two areas, not exceeding in total ten (10) square cm.

10. Tracksuits may be of any design and colour and are subject to no advertising restrictions, unless worn during play when the restrictions under 6 above shall apply to the jacket and under 8 above shall apply to the trousers.

11. Headwear, other than that normally worn for religious, cultural or medical reasons, is not permitted, with the exception of headbands, bandannas and straps for approved eye-guards, both of which may carry one manufacturer's mark or advertisement totally contained within an area not exceeding ten (10) square cm.

12. Wristbands may carry one manufacturer's mark or advertisement totally contained within an area not exceeding ten (10) square cm.

13. Any jewellery or watches worn by a player shall not be so conspicuous or brightly reflecting as to distract or unsight an opponent and shall not be potentially dangerous. The Tournament Referee may require the removal of any piece of jewellery deemed to violate the above.

14. The sponsor(s) of any tournament shall have no automatic right of exposure on player clothing unless such exposure is stipulated on the entry form.

NOTE: Where the manufacturer of clothing is also the sponsor of the player wearing the clothing, he shall additionally be allowed to utilise some or all of the advertising space granted to sponsors.

6.4.2 Off Court

The following dress code will apply to all PSA sanctioned events;

- **Court Venue;** neat trousers, polo or dress shirt, tie street shoes or loafers or professional athletic gear, including warm-ups and track suits. No jeans of any type will be allowed at the court venue.
- **Tournament Hotel;** neat trousers, smart jeans, polo or dress shirt, tie street shoes or loafers or professional athletic gear, including warm-ups and track suits.
- **Tournament Functions;** neat long trousers, polo or dress shirt, tie shoes or loafers with sport jacket or neat sweater. (You must check the Player Information Sheet to confirm what dress is required). All dress should be appropriate to the environment.

6.5 Player Grievances

Tournament Organisers are required by the PSA to follow the PSA Tour Guide. Any player feeling that an injustice has been done should report his grievance to the PSA Office.

7 PSA World Rankings

PSA players competing in PSA World Tour events earn points for performance according to the schedule on page 44. The PSA World Ranking is used for selection of entries and the determining of seeds in each PSA World Tour event. The total number of points a player accumulates in any fifty-two (52) week period is divided by the number of tournaments played to give an **average score** (the minimum is currently ten (10) events). The average score is the factor that dictates where a player is placed in the PSA World Rankings. Until a player plays ten (10) events his total points accumulation will be divided by this minimum divisor (ten) and after that it will be determined by the formula below.

This minimum number of events a player needs to play, as a minimum divisor, may be altered at any time by the PSA Board, if deemed necessary.

Events Played	Best Results/Divisor
10	10
11	10
12	10
13	10
14	11
15	11
16	12
17	12

Events Played	Best Results/Divisor
18	13
19	13
20	14
21	14
22	15
23	15
24	16
25	16

e.g. a player who has competed in 13 events will have selected his best 10 scores which will be accumulated and divided by 10 to give the players average.

7.1 PSA World Ranking Points

PSA World Ranking points are earned based on the size of an event. Event categories are determined by Total Compensation (see 2.3.2 Total Compensation). Players automatically receive ranking points appropriate to their final placing in an event.

7.2 PSA Super Series Rankings

PSA Super Series events also have a separate Super Series ranking. Points for this are calculated on a cumulative basis after each Super Series event. The top eight (8) players at the end of the calendar year are then eligible to play in the PSA Super Series Finals.

7.3 Qualification Points

Where a tournament has minimum on-site prize money of \$3,000 USD, qualification ranking points will be awarded on the following basis;

- Main Draw - 64 with 16 qualifiers; Qualification Draw Size - 32 or 64

32 draw qualification - Qualification Last Round Losers no points awarded

64 draw qualification - Qualification 1st Round Losers no points awarded

Qualification Last Round losers awarded 3/5ths of the points awarded to Main draw first round losers.

- Main Draw Size - 32 with 8 qualifiers; Qualification Draw Size - 32

Qualification 1st Round Losers no points awarded

Qualification Last Round Losers awarded 3/5ths of the points awarded to Main Draw 1st Round losers.

- Main Draw Size 32 with 8 qualifiers; Qualification Draw Size -16

Qualification Last Round losers awarded No Points.

- Main Draw 16 with 4 qualifiers; Qualification Draw Size -16

Qualification 1st Round Losers awarded 1/5ths of the points awarded to Main Draw 1st Round losers.

Qualification Last Round Losers awarded 3/5ths of the points awarded to Main Draw 1st Round losers.

- Main Draw Size - 16 with 4 qualifiers; Qualification Draw Size - 32

Qualification 1st Round Losers no points awarded.

Qualification 2nd Round Losers awarded 2/5ths of the points awarded to Main Draw 1st Round losers.

Qualification Last Round Losers awarded 3/5ths of the points awarded to Main Draw 1st Round losers.

Ranking points from qualification events are **only** awarded if a player confirms **in writing** to the PSA Office that he wishes to receive them. This needs to be done before the completion of the event.

7.4 PSA World Ranking Points Table

%	17.5	11.5	7	4.25	2.5	1.25	3/5ths of 1.25%	3/5ths of 2.5%	2/5ths of 1.25%	1/5th of 2.5%
	1st	2nd	3rd/4th	5th/ 8th	9th/ 16th	17th/ 32nd	33rd/ 64th			
WORLD OPEN	2625	1725	1050	637.5	375	187.5	112.5		75	
SUPER SERIES PLATINUM	2187.5	1437.5	875	531.25	312.5	156.25	93.75		62.5	
SUPER SERIES GOLD	1750	1150	700	425	250	125	75		50	
SUPER SERIES SILVER	1312.5	862.5	525	318.75	187.5	93.75	56.25		37.5	
5 STAR	875	575	350	212.5	125	62.5	37.5	75	25	25
4 STAR	700	460	280	170	100	50	30	60	20	20
3 STAR	525	345	210	127.5	75	37.5	22.5	45	15	15
2 1/2 STAR	437.5	287.5	175	106.75	62.25	31.125	18.675	37.35	12.25	12.25
2 STAR	350	230	140	85	50	25	15	30	10	10
1 1/2 STAR	262.5	172.5	105	63.75	37.5	18.75	12.25	22.5	7.5	7.5
1 STAR	175	115	70	42.5	25	12.5	7.5	15	5	5
SUPER SATELLITE	105	69	42	25.5	15	7.5	4.5	9	3	3
SATELLITE	52.5	34.5	21	12.75	7.5	3.75	2.25	4.5	1.5	1.5
NATIONAL CLOSED SATELLITE	43.75	28.75	17.5	10.625	6.25	3.125	1.875	3.75	1.25	1.25
CLOSED SATELLITE	21.875	14.355	8.75	5.3125	3.125	1.5625	0.9375	1.875	0.625	0.625

8 PSA Closed Satellite Tournaments

The PSA Closed Satellite category of tournaments is only applicable to;

1. **National Closed Championships;** whose entry is open to any citizen or resident of the country, as allowed by the National Association rules. A country can only register ONE such Championship in any one calendar year. There is no limit to the on-site prize money that can be paid in this category.
2. **Closed Satellite Tournaments;** a tournament or series of tournaments whose entry is restricted to members of an Association that promotes the tournament and represents only residents of the country in which the tournament is held, with "residents" defined as being solely resident in such country for at least three months before the first day of the tournament. Such Association must either be a National Squash Association/Federation or other Association that has applied for and been recognised as in good standing with the PSA. Every Closed Satellite event registration must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate Association.

Eligibility to play;

- A PSA player can play in a Closed Satellite event provided he is a member of the Association that promotes the event (see above for clarification) and also that they have been solely resident in that country for at least three months before the first day of the tournament. (Temporary addresses must be advised to the PSA Office immediately.)
- A citizen of a country can play these events, even if he is not a resident, but he will not be allowed to take ranking points earned in the tournament.
- A member of the PSA can play as many Closed Satellite events a year for which he is eligible but only his best five (5) results in a fifty two (52) week rolling period will count towards the rankings. This does not include a National Closed Championship.
- Points can only be claimed for competition in one (1) country only in any fifty two (52) week rolling period, under the residential qualification above.
- **Players must confirm if they wish to receive the points within 24 hours of the completion of the tournament.**

Registration Procedure;

Registration fee is £60 GBP. The Tournament has to be registered by the organiser at least one (1) month before the start date of the event. No tournament will be accepted without the necessary registration fee and the Letter of Support from the National Squash Federation.

Prize money;

Prize Money must be paid as per PSA guidelines. No PSA player levy is required to be deducted from on-site prize money.

Closed Satellite tournaments must have minimum prize money of \$500 USD and are not permitted in any way to offer player guarantees or incentives other than prize money.

Ranking Points;

	National Closed Satellite points	Closed Satellite points
1st	43.75	21.875
2nd	28.75	14.355
3rd - 4th	17.5	8.75
5th - 8th	10.625	5.3125
9th - 16th	6.25	3.125
17th - 32nd	3.125	1.5625

The Draw;

- Draw size can be either a 16 or 32 main draw. The random draw method must be used when making the draw. Events are required to use the current PSA World Ranking, for seeding the participants, when making the draw. In special circumstances, a dispensation on this rule may be granted, on request, to allow National Rankings to be used for the lower sections of the draw.
- The tournament must be a knock-out format.

Tournament Entry Details;

- The Tournament Organiser of the event must supply each player, on application, with details and rules/regulations of the tournament. These details should state clearly if there is an entry fee, amount of prize money, dates, closing date for entries and any other relevant information.
- The Tournament Organiser should produce an entry form for players to return by a stated closing date. A copy of this to be sent to PSA when registering the event.

Tournament Results;

The results must be forwarded to PSA Office, by either fax or email, within 24 hours of the completion of the tournament.

Tournament Conditions;

All other tournament conditions are as per the PSA Tour Guide.

9 PSA Membership Categories

Membership of the PSA binds an individual to the policies, rules and regulations set forth by the PSA Board in the PSA Tour Guide.

Members may only apply for one category of membership of the Association. A member cannot join two or more categories of membership.

The PSA has the following classes of membership;

1. World Member
2. Continental Member
3. Country Member
4. Ratings Member
5. Junior Member
6. Associate Member
7. Honorary Member

World, Continental, Country and Junior members of the Association are liable for payment of the player levy to the Association on prize money earned in PSA World Tour events.

A half yearly membership applies for those joining the Association after the 30th June in any year, with the exception of Junior and Ratings membership.

9.1 World Member

A World Member is entitled to;

- Enter PSA sanctioned tournaments and be awarded world ranking points.
- A PSA world ranking position.
- Receive regular calendars & updates, and event entry details for PSA tournaments.
- Two votes at any meeting of members of the Association.
- Nominate members for election in accordance with Article 44 (b) of the Constitution.
- Exercise votes on a voting list in accordance with Article 44 (e) of the Constitution.

A World Member may downgrade to a Continental member should his ranking fall below 150.

9.2 Continental Member

The regions of membership for a Continental Member are Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Pan America.

A Continental Member is entitled to;

- Enter PSA sanctioned tournaments in his nominated region only and be awarded world ranking points.
- A PSA world ranking position.
- Receive regular calendars & updates, and event entry forms for PSA tournaments.
- One vote at any meeting of members of the Association.
- Nominate members for election in accordance with Article 44 (b) of the Constitution.
- Exercise votes on a voting list in accordance with Article 44 (e) of the Constitution.

A Continental Member **must** upgrade to a World member on reaching the top 100 in the Dunlop PSA World Rankings for two (2) consecutive ranking lists. The member must pay the difference in membership fees on reaching such a ranking.

9.3 Country Member

A Country Member is entitled to;

- Enter PSA sanctioned tournaments in his nominated country only and be awarded world ranking points.
- A PSA world ranking position.
- Receive regular calendars & updates, and event entry forms for PSA tournaments.
- One vote at any meeting of members of the Association.
- Nominate members for election in accordance with Article 44 (b) of the Constitution.
- Exercise votes on a voting list in accordance with Article 44 (e) of the Constitution.

A Country Member **must** upgrade to a World member on reaching the top 100 in the Dunlop PSA World Rankings on two (2) consecutive ranking lists. The member must pay the difference in membership fees on reaching such a ranking.

9.4 Ratings Member

A Ratings Member is entitled to;

- Enter PSA Closed Satellite events as per eligibility criteria (see 8 PSA Closed Satellite Tournaments).
- A PSA World ranking position.
- Receive regular calendars & updates, and event entry forms for PSA tournaments.
- A Ratings Member is not entitled to vote at any meeting of members of The Association, nor nominate members for election nor exercise votes on a voting list.

A Ratings Member may upgrade his membership at any time during the year. If he does upgrade he carries forward his ranking points for any or all events played in the previous twelve (12) months.

9.5 Junior Membership

A Junior Member is entitled to;

- Enter PSA sanctioned tournaments and be awarded world ranking points.
- A PSA World ranking position.
- Receive regular calendars & updates, and event entry forms for PSA tournaments and Tour Guide.
- A Junior Member is not entitled to vote at any meeting of members of The Association, nor nominate members for election nor exercise votes on a voting list.

To qualify as a Junior member, he must be under the age of 19 years on the January 1 of the membership calendar year. A Junior member must upgrade to a full member on reaching 100 in the Dunlop World Ranking List on two (2) consecutive ranking lists. The member must pay the difference in membership fees on reaching such a ranking.

9.6 Associate Member

An Associate Member shall be a person or business approved by the Chief Executive to be a member of The Association and shall be entitled to those rights and privileges which the Board may from time to time determine; provided, however, an Associate Member is not entitled to vote at any meeting of members of The Association, nominate members for election or exercise votes on a voting list as set out in the Articles.

9.7 Honorary Member

An Honorary Member shall be a person elected by the Board to be a member of The Association for a specific period or for life. The Board has an absolute discretion in determining whether a person shall be elected as an Honorary Member, but it shall consider the extent of that person's contribution to the objects of The Association. An Honorary Member shall be entitled to those rights and privileges which the Board may from time to time determine PROVIDED THAT no Honorary Member shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of members of The Association, nominate members for election or exercise votes on a voting list as set out in these Articles.

10 PSA CODE OF CONDUCT

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL

A. Purpose

The purpose of this Code is to ensure the orderly and fair administration and conduct of PSA World Tour sanctioned events.

The Code of Conduct will constitute the exclusive basis for disciplinary action against any PSA player competing in a PSA sanctioned event.

All fines to be paid in Pounds Sterling (GBP).

B. Applicability

This code is applicable as stated herein to all PSA World Tour sanctioned squash events should the players participating therein and to any competitive squash event deemed by the PSA Board to be of international importance whether prior to and after its conclusion.

Action under this Code may be initiated by a Match Referee, Tournament Referee or Tournament Director, Promoter and any PSA Representative.

ARTICLE 2. PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOUR

PSA members must conform to the highest standards of professional conduct at all times.

(a) Public relations

No player or official of the PSA shall at any time give, make, issue, authorise or endorse any public statement which will have, or design to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the PSA or the sport of squash. Any breach of this could lead to a maximum fine of up to £1,000 and a possible suspension of up to one year at the discretion of the PSA Board.

(b) Hotel/Billet Accommodation

The good name of squash and the competitive preparation of players should not be compromised by boorish, rowdy behaviour in hotels and abuse of hospitality in billets. Hotel or billet accommodation that is provided to a player is discretionary. Should the player breach any code of conduct in respect of the accommodation provided to him the PSA have the discretion to disallow a player from residing in hotel and billet accommodation either for a fixed term or permanently.

A player must officially check out of the hotel when involved in a tournament and he must pay his room bill (if applicable) and his own hotel extras (i.e. phone, drinks, food etc).

The player will be liable for a fine up to £500 for the failure to settle a room account. He will be liable for a fine up to £250 if he should leave the hotel without paying all other outstanding expenses incurred (i.e. phone, drinks etc). Should the player leave without checking out, the PSA authorise the Promoter to withdraw from any prize money owed for the cost of the room plus any/all outstanding expenses. Should a player commit a second offence in any 12 months in respect of this section of the code of conduct the player may be suspended for up to six months and will have to show cause why his host accommodation and/or billets shall not be permanently withdrawn.

(c) Functions

The players are provided with tournament planner and regular information concerning functions at Tournaments. The player acknowledges his duty to attend official functions. The failure to attend tournament functions as specifically designated on the Player Information Sheet will incur fines of up to £1,000 and possible suspension of up to one year.

ARTICLE 3. PLAYER COMMITMENT AND ENTRY OFFENCES

A. Late Withdrawal

EITHER:

Withdrawal by the player from the Main Draw twenty-eight (28) hours after the closing date for entries.

OR:

Withdrawal by the player from the Qualification two (2) days after the closing date for entries.

In either case the player scores a zero (0) score towards computer ranking and the tournament counts as played. In addition, where this withdrawal is particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, a fine up to £1000 and the possible suspension for up to one year may be imposed and the player may be found in violation of "Aggravated Behaviour" (Article 6.E).

The PSA must be notified in writing of any withdrawal after entry deadlines have passed.

If a medical reason is given, this notification must be accompanied by a medical certificate. Failure to notify satisfactorily may result in a further fine.

B. Playing Another Event

No player who has entered and been accepted into either the Main or Qualification draws of tour events shall play in any other squash event during the period of such tournament, without the express written consent of the Chief Executive and/or the Chief Operating Officer. Violation of this section shall result in a fine up to £1,000 and the possibility of suspension of up to one year in addition to any other fines provided in the code.

ARTICLE 4. PLAYER ON-SITE OFFENCES

For definition of on-site please see Section 5 (c)(c)

A. Non-appearance

If a player enters an event and fails to withdraw or fails to inform the PSA or the tournament of his withdrawal he will be fined up to a maximum of £1,000 and a possible suspension of up to one (1) year and receive a zero score (99) and the event counted as played towards his ranking.

A second offence in any 12 month period will be regarded as an aggravated offence within the meaning of Article 6 E.

B. Punctuality

Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his match is called shall be fined up to a maximum £250. Where the tournament referee allows a discretionary relaxation of this time limit, the penalty may be waived.

Where the tournament referee defaults the player from a set match time, that player scores zero (99) points towards computer rankings and the tournament counted as played. For a second offence in any 12 month period, the player shall be fined up to a maximum £500.

C. Dress & Equipment

On-court

Every player shall dress and present himself for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable squash attire shall be worn. Unacceptable attire shall include sweat-shirts, gym shorts, running shorts, dress shirts, T-shirts (i.e. shirts without collar, this excludes matching branded non-collared shirt & shorts outfit).

Any player who violates this section may be ordered by the tournament referee to change his attire or equipment immediately. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in immediate default. In this event, the player scores zero (99) points towards computer ranking and the tournament counts as played. Refusal to change will result in a fine up to a maximum £250. For a second offence in any 12 month period, the player shall be fined up to a maximum £500.

Off-court

All players must adhere to the following dress code:

Court Venue:	neat long trousers, polo or dress shirt, tie shoes or loafers or professional athletic gear, including warm-ups and tracksuits. No jeans of any type will be allowed at the court venue.
Tournament Hotel:	neat trousers, smart jeans, polo or dress shirt, tie street shoes or loafers or professional athletic gear, including warm-ups and track suits.
Functions:	neat long trousers, polo or dress shirt, tie shoes or loafers with sport jacket or neat sweater. (You must check the Player Information Sheet to confirm what dress is required). All dress should be appropriate to the environment.

Violation of this section will incur a fine up to a maximum £250.

D. Leaving Court

A player shall not leave the court during a match without the permission of the referee. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine of up to a maximum £250. In addition, the player may be defaulted thus leading to zero (0) points towards computer ranking.

For a second offence in any 12 month period, the player shall be fined up to a maximum £500.

E. Best Efforts

A player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in a tour sanctioned event. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine of up to a maximum £500 and/or zero (99) points towards computer ranking.

For a second offence in any 12 month period, the player shall be fined up to a maximum £1,000.

F. Failure to Complete Match

A player must complete a match in progress unless he is reasonably unable to do so. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £500 and/or zero (0) points towards computer ranking.

The PSA reserves the right should the particular facts of the offence justify regarding breach of this section under the "Aggravated Behaviour" (Article 6E). In any event should a player commit a second offence within any 12 month period under this section such an offence will be regarded as an aggravating behaviour in accordance with Article 6E.

G. Media Conference

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player must attend the post-match media conference organised immediately or within fifteen (15) minutes after conclusion of each match whether the player was the winner or loser, unless such time is extended by the tournament director for a good cause.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £500.

For a second offence in any 12 month period the fine shall be up to a maximum of £1,000.

H. Ceremonies

A player participating in the finals of a tournament must attend and participate in the finals ceremonies after the match unless he is reasonably unable to do so.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to a maximum of £500.

For a second offence in any 12 month period, the fine shall be up to a maximum of £1,000.

I. Audible Obscenity

Players shall not use an audible obscenity within the precinct of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £1,000 for each violation. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the major offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" (Article 6E) and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the Referee or spectators.

J. Visible Obscenity

Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £1,000 for each violation. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" (Article 6E) and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his hands and/or racket or ball that commonly have an obscene meaning or import to reasonable people.

K. Abuse of Ball

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger, hit, kick or throw a squash ball within the precincts of the tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to a maximum of £250 for each violation.

For the purpose of this rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting/throwing a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

For a second offence in any 12 month period the fine shall be up to a maximum of £500.

L. Abuse of Racket or Equipment

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger, hit, kick or throw a racket or other equipment within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject the player to a fine up to a maximum of £250 for each violation.

For the purpose of this rule, abuse of rackets or equipment is defined as intentionally, dangerously and violently destroying or damaging a racket or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the court during a match out of anger or frustration.

M. Verbal Abuse

Players shall not at any time, verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to a maximum of £1000 with the possibility of suspension of the player for up to 12 months. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the major offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" (Article 6E) and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty, is derogatory, is insulting or is otherwise abusive.

N. Physical Abuse

Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to a maximum of £1000 and the possibility of suspension of up to 12 months. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also

constitute the major offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" (Article 6E) and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, physical abuse is the unauthorized touching of an official, opponent, and spectator or other person.

O. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £1,000 and the possible suspension of the player for up to 12 months. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the major offence of "Aggravated Behaviour" (Article 6E) and shall be subject to the additional penalties set forth therein.

For the purpose of this rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport but that does not fall within the prohibition of any specific on-site offence contained herein.

In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorizing or endorsing any public statement having or designed to have an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament and/or the officiating thereof and shall include failure to complete all promotional activities associated with the player commitments (see Section 3 B).

P. Defaults

A player may be defaulted by any PSA Tour Tournament Director, PSA Chief Executive, PSA Chief Operating Officer or PSA Tour Executive for any violation of this code. If a player appeals such default then either the PSA Chief Executive, PSA Chief Operating Officer or PSA Tour Executive may over-rule such decision if either is available within 15 minutes of the default. **THE FINAL DECISION WITH REGARD TO THE DEFAULT SHALL BE UNAPPEALABLE.**

Any player who is defaulted as herein provided may be fined up to £1,000 in addition to any or all other fines levied with respect to the offending incident.

The Player involved, however, may still appeal to the PSA Board after the event.

Q. Cumulative on-site Offences

1. If any player has received fines for two or more offences within a 3 year period totalling more than £1,000 the Association have the power to levy a further fine of up to £500 for the further offence such fine to be in addition to the fine that is appropriate for the breach of that further offence.

2. If any player has received fines for two or more offences within a 3 year period totalling more than £1,500 the Association have the power to levy a further fine of up to a maximum of £1,000 for the further offence such fine to be in addition to the fine that is appropriate for the breach of that further offence.

3. If any player has received fines for two or more offences within a 3 year period totalling more than £2,000 the Association have the power to levy a further fine of up to a maximum of £1,500 for the further offence such fine to be in addition to the fine that is appropriate for the breach of that further offence.

ARTICLE 5. DRUG OFFENCES

All references to this Article are to be made to the World Squash Federation's Anti-Doping Code, a common anti-doping policy for squash, signed April 2004 between WSF, PSA and WISPA. Due to the length of the Code, it is impractical to repeat the language in the PSA Code of Conduct and Members may, upon reasonable request, obtain a copy of the Code from the WSF or PSA Office.

ARTICLE 6. PLAYER MAJOR OFFENCES

A. Applicability

The provision of this article shall apply to all players who commit to enter or who enter PSA Tour Events.

B. Wagers

No player shall wager, cause to wager or benefit from the wagering of anything of value in connection with any tour sanctioned event. Violation of this section shall subject the player to a fine up to £10,000 and/or suspension from play in the tour for a period up to three (3) years.

C. Bribes or Other Payments

No player shall offer, give, solicit or accept or agree to offer, give, solicit or accept, anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any players' efforts in any tour-sanctioned event. Violation of this section shall subject the player to a fine up to £10,000 and/or suspension from play in the tour for a period of up to three (3) years.

D. Guarantees

No player shall accept money or anything of value that is given from any source, directly or indirectly, to influence or guarantee his appearance in any tour sanctioned event. Violation of this section shall subject the player to a fine up to £10,000 plus the amount or value of any such payment and/or to suspension from play in tour sanctioned events for a period of up to three (3) years.

E. Aggravated Behaviour

No player at any tour sanctioned event shall engage in "Aggravated Behaviour" which is defined as follows:

1. One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament or is singularly egregious.
2. A series of two (2) or more violations in this Code within a twelve (12) month period which singularly do not constitute "Aggravated Behaviour" but when viewed together, establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to tour sanctioned events.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £10,000 and suspension from play in tour sanctioned events for a minimum period of thirty (30) days and a maximum period of one (1) year commencing on the day after the expiration of the time within which an appeal may be filed or, in the case of appeal, commencing the day after a final decision on appeal.

F. Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game

No player shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash. If a player is convicted of the violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment for which includes possible imprisonment for more than one year, he may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash. In addition, if a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, he may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash and be in violation of this section. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £10,000 and/or to suspension from play in tour sanctioned tournaments or squash events for a period up to three (3) years.

ARTICLE 7. DISCIPLINE

a) The Board shall be entitled to request that a member gives an explanation of any matters or circumstances which the Board considers may constitute a breach of the Code on the part of a member. Such request will specify the matters or circumstances which the Board considers may constitute such a breach.

b) A member shall deposit a written explanation to the Board at the Association's office or, by mutual agreement between the member and the Board, shall give an oral explanation to the Board within ten days of receipt of such a request.

c) If, after consideration of any such explanation or if no explanation is received within the period of ten days referred to in Article 7(b), the Board is of the opinion that the matters or circumstances concerned constitute a breach of the Code on the part of such member the Board may, subject to (e) below, resolve:

- i) That such member be disciplined in accordance with the Code or
- ii) That the membership of such member shall be suspended or terminated.

(d) Without prejudice to the generality of Article 47 of the PSA Articles of Association, the Board may delegate its powers under (a) and (b) above to a Committee which will consider any explanation under (b) above, will consider whether there has been a breach of the Code by the member and will decide what action, if any, to take against the member, all in the form of a recommendation to the Board.

e) The Board shall be entitled, subject to the procedure described in Article 7, but otherwise in its absolute discretion and in such manner as it thinks fit, to notify the members of The Association of the decision under (c) above; and in addition the Board shall be entitled, in its absolute discretion and in such manner as it thinks fit, to notify or cause to be notified the public or any person, authority, body, commission or enquiry before which The Association has power to represent the interests of its members of any such decision.

f) The Board shall use its best efforts to make its decision under (c) above within 30 days of the expiration of such ten day period set forth in (b) above. Within seven days after making such decision, the Board shall notify the member concerned of such decision and of the grounds upon which it has been made by written notice sent by hand or by first class recorded delivery post. Such decision shall be brought into effect at the expiration of fifteen days from the date on which, in all the circumstances prevailing at the time, such notice would reasonably be expected to have been delivered to the member unless an appeal has been lodged by the member within such fifteen day period in accordance with paragraph (g) below.

g) Any member who is to be disciplined in accordance with the Code or whose membership of the Association is to be suspended or terminated at the expiration of the fifteen day period referred to in (f) above may appeal against such decision to a Tribunal to be appointed in accordance with Article 8 (b) provided that such appeal is made within such fifteen day period.

h) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the Board may make by-laws, rules or regulations in relation to the Code and Circuit Rules.

ARTICLE 8. APPEALS

a) Any person who wishes to exercise a right of appeal given by these Articles shall notify the Board of his desire within the fifteen-day period for appeal. The notice of appeal shall be in writing signed by or on behalf of the appellant and indicate the grounds on which the appeal is made and must be delivered to The Association's office.

b) On receipt of the notice of appeal, the Board shall appoint an Appeal Tribunal (the "Tribunal") to hear the appeal. The Tribunal shall consist of up to three persons appointed by the Board, whether or not they are members of The Association.

c) The members shall appear and be entitled to be heard at the hearing and the Board shall appoint a representative to appear at the hearing. Both the member and the representative of the Board may be legally represented.

d) An appeal involves a new hearing at which fresh evidence may be submitted and the Tribunal may confirm, vary or reverse the resolution of the Board appealed against and may take any action which the Board could have taken at the time it passed that resolution and may give such directions as it thinks just for the payment of costs or expenses by any party to the appeal.

e) The Tribunal shall state the grounds for its decision and shall give written notice thereof to the parties to the appeal within seven days of the conclusion of the hearing.

f) Subject as aforesaid, the Tribunal shall determine its own procedure.

g) In the case of an appeal against a decision to discipline a member in accordance with the Code or terminate or suspend his membership, such disciplinary measures or termination or suspension shall not take effect nor be publicized unless the Tribunal has upheld the decision.

h) In the case of any resolution to fine a member, such fine shall be paid within fifteen days after receiving notice thereof under Article 7 (f); where a member has appealed against such fine, such member shall pay any fine levied by the Tribunal within fifteen days after receiving notice therefore under Article 8 (e).

ARTICLE 9. INTERPRETATIONS

Any person or entity subject to this code may file with the tour a request for an interpretation or clarification of the code and/or its applicability and effect on a particular event or transaction. Upon receipt of such request, the tour shall place the same on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Board. If a decision is necessary for the interim, the Chief Executive may render a decision upon which the requesting party may rely pending final disposition by the Board.

Interpretation of Guarantee Provision

With respect to all PSA World Tour tournaments where guarantees are prohibited the following illustrations provide the official interpretation by the tour with respect to "Guarantees" as apply to the players and tournaments.

1. Direct Payment of Money

May a tournament or any other person or entity offer or pay a specified sum of money to a player solely in exchange for said players' agreement to enter and compete in a tournament?

Answer: No. Such an arrangement would be a "Guarantee" and subject the player and the tournament to the sanctions set forth in the Code.

2. Guarantee Against Prize Money

May a tournament or any other person or entity offer or agree to guarantee to a player as a condition of entry, a sum of money in the event the player fails to win such sum in prize money?

Answer: No. Such an arrangement would be a "Guarantee" and subject the player and the tournament to the sanctions set forth in the Code.

3. Public Appearances

May a player make television appearances, store appearances, appearances at cocktail parties or similar appearances in a city during a tournament for money?

Answer: Yes. However, if such arrangements were part of an agreement between the player and a tournament or any other entity designed to induce his entry or participation in the tournament, then such arrangement would be a "Guarantee" and subject the player and the tournament to the sanctions set forth in the Code.

4. Exhibitions or Special Events

May a tournament or any other person or entity enter into an agreement with a player whereby the player agrees to play in an exhibition or special event and enter and compete in a future tournament?

Answer: No. Such an arrangement would be a "Guarantee" and subject the player and the tournament to the sanctions set forth in the Code.

May a tournament or any other person or entity enter into an agreement with a player whereby the player agrees to enter and compete in a tournament and to play in an exhibition or special event scheduled some time subsequent to the tournament?

Answer: No. Such an arrangement would be a "Guarantee" and subject the player and the tournament to the sanctions set forth in the Code.

May a promoter of a tournament or anyone else enter into an agreement with a player whereby the player agrees to compete in an exhibition or special event and there is no agreement, expressed or implied with respect to the player and his participation in any tournament?

Answer: Yes. Provided the player complies with the provisions of the PSA Tour Rules with respect to special events.

5. Endorsement Contracts

May a player enter into a commercial endorsement contract that requires the player to enter and compete in one or more specific tournaments?

Answer: Yes. Provided the main purpose of the contract is an endorsement of a product for a substantial period of time (e.g. one (1) year) and the entry and participation in such tournament(s) is only an incidental part of the contract.

If the endorsement contract is with a sponsor of a tournament, then there is a rebuttable presumption that the main purpose of the endorsement contract was to guarantee or influence the players' appearance at the tournament and unless such presumption is rebutted by clear and convincing evidence, then such arrangement would be a "Guarantee" and subject the player and the tournament to the sanction set forth in the Code.

6. Travelling Expenses

May a tournament pay or provide for travelling expenses for professional players or members of their families, agents or coaches to or from the city of the tournament?

Answer: No, unless the PSA has granted special permission to the tournament and it is specified who will receive such expenses. Otherwise such will constitute a "Guarantee" and subject the player and the tournament to the sanctions set forth in the Code.

ARTICLE 10. NOTICE

Any written communication required or intended to be sent to the PSA World Tour should be addressed as follows, unless notice of change is subsequently published;

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APPENDIX II 3 Referee System

- 1 The 3 Referee System uses a Central Referee (CR) and two Side Referees (SR).
- 2 The CR, who is also the Marker, controls the match.
- 3 Where possible the two SRs should be seated behind the back wall in line with the inside line of the service box on each side, preferably one or two rows below the CR. One of the SRs will keep score as a backup.
- 4 The Side Referees (SRs) make decisions at the end of rallies, not during them, on the following matters only:
 - (a) When a player requests a Let;
 - (b) When a player appeals against a call (or no call) of Down, Not up, Out, or Fault by the CR. Every appeal must be decided by all three referees, simultaneously and independently. All three must signal and must not look at each other before doing so.
- 5 The decision of the three referees is announced by the CR without revealing the individual decisions or whether it was a unanimous or a majority decision.

NOTE: In the unlikely event of three different decisions (Let, No Let, Stroke), the final decision will be Yes Let.
- 6 The CR alone decides all other matters e.g. time-periods, player conduct, injury, court conditions etc., none of which may be appealed by the player.
- 7 Players may not address the SRs, only the CR. Dialogue must be kept to a minimum, and decisions may not be debated.
- 8 If an electronic device is available, the referees give their decision through their console and the CR announces the result.

Where an electronic refereeing system is not available, the use of cards is encouraged so that players cannot see the individual decisions of the three referees.

If hand-signals are required, the following are to be used:

- Let = Thumb and forefinger in the shape of an 'L'
- Stroke = Clenched fist
- No Let = Hand held out flat, palm downwards
- Ball Down/ Not Up / Out = Thumb down
- Up/ In = Thumb up

APPENDIX III World Open Champions 1975 - 2008

- 1975 Geoff Hunt (Australia) bt Mohibullah Khan (Pakistan)
7-9, 9-4, 8-10, 9-2, 9-2 .
Host Nation - England
- 1976 Geoff Hunt (Australia) bt Qamar Zaman (Pakistan)
9-5, 9-4, 8-10, 2- 9, 9-2.
Host Nation -Australia
- 1979 Geoff Hunt (Australia) bt Qamar Zaman (Pakistan)
9-2, 9-3, 9-2.
Host Nation - Canada
- 1980 Geoff Hunt (Australia) bt Qamar Zaman (Pakistan)
9-0, 9-3, 9-3.
Host Nation - Australia
- 1981 Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Geoff Hunt (Australia)
7-9, 9-1, 9-2, 9-2.
Host Nation - Canada
- 1982 Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Dean Williams (Australia)
9-2, 6-9, 9-1, 9-1.
Host Nation - England
- 1983 Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia)
9-3, 9-6, 9-0.
Host Nation - Germany
- 1984 Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Qamar Zaman (Pakistan)
9-0, 9-3, 9-4.
Host Nation - Pakistan
- 1985 Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Ross Norman (New Zealand)
9-4, 4-9, 9-5, 9-1.
Host Nation - Egypt
- 1986 Ross Norman (New Zealand) bt Jahangir Khan (Pakistan)
9-5, 4-9, 9-5, 9-1.
Host Nation - France
- 1987 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia)
9-5, 9-4, 4-9, 9-6.
Host Nation - England
- 1988 Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt Jansher Khan (Pakistan)
9-6, 9-2, 9-2.
Host Nation - Holland
- 1989 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia)
7-15, 6-15, 15-4, 15-11, 15-10.
Host Nation - Malaysia
- 1990 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia)
15-8, 17-15, 13-15, 15-5.
Host Nation - France
- 1991 Rodney Martin (Australia) bt Jahangir Khan (Pakistan)
14-17, 15-9. 15-4, 15-13.
Host Nation - Australia
- 1992 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia)
15-11, 15-9, 10-15, 15-6.
Host Nation - South Africa
- 1993 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Jahangir Khan (Pakistan)
14-15, 15-9, 15-5, 15-5.
Host Nation - Pakistan
- 1994 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Peter Marshall (England)
10-15, 15-11, 15-8, 15-4.
Host Nation - Spain

- 1995 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Del Harris (England)
15-10, 17-14, 16-17, 15-8.
Host Nation - Cyprus
- 1996 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Rodney Eyles (Australia)
15-13, 17-15, 11-15, 15-3.
Host Nation - Pakistan
- 1997 Rodney Eyles (Australia) bt Peter Nicol (Scotland)
15-11, 15-12, 15-12
Host Nation - Malaysia
- 1998 Jonathon Power (Canada) bt Peter Nicol (Scotland)
15-17, 15-7, 15-9, 15-10
Host Nation - Qatar
- 1999 Peter Nicol (Scotland) bt Ahmed Barada (Egypt)
15/9 15/13 15/11
Host Nation - Egypt
- 2000 No World Open held
- 2001 No World Open held
- 2002 David Palmer (Australia) bt John White (Scotland)
13/15 12/15 15/6 15/14 15/11
Host Nation – Belgium
- 2003 Amr Shabana (Egypt) bt Thierry Lincou (France)
15/14 9/15 15/11 15/7
Host Nation – Pakistan
- 2004 Thierry Lincou (France) bt Lee Beachill (England)
11/5 2/11 11/2 10/11(0-2) 11/8
Host Nation - Qatar
- 2005 Amr Shabana (Egypt) bt David Palmer (Australia)
11/6 11/7 11/8
Host Nation – Hong Kong
- 2006 David Palmer (Australia) bt Gregory Gaultier (France)
9/11 9/11 11/9 11/10 (6-4) 11/2
Host Nation – Egypt
- 2007 Amr Shabana (Egypt) bt Gregory Gaultier (France)
11-7 11-4 11 -6
Host Nation – Bermuda
- 2008 Ramy Ashour (Egypt) bt Karim Darwish (Egypt)
5-11 11-8 11-4 11-5
Host Nation - England

APPENDIX IV PSA Super Series Finals Champions 1992 - 2008

- 1992 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Chris Dittmar (Australia)
15-10, 10-15, 15-13, 15-8.
Host Nation - Switzerland
- 1993 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Peter Marshall (England)
8-15, 15-8, 15-7, 15-9.
Host Nation -Switzerland
- 1994 No event
- 1995 Del Harris (England) bt Brett Martin (Australia)
10-8, 7-9, 9-4, 6-9, 9-2.
Host Nation - England
- 1996 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Brett Martin (Austria)
9/7 9/5 9/2
Host Nation - England
- 1997 Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Simon Parke (England)
15/12 13/15 15/11 15/10
Host Nation - England
- 1998 Peter Nicol (Scotland) bt Ahmed Barada (Egypt)
15/8 9/15 15/9 15/11
Host Nation - England
- 1999 Peter Nicol (Scotland) bt Simon Parke (England)
13/15 15/9 15/12 12/15 15/12
Host Nation – England
- 2000 Peter Nicol (Scotland) bt David Palmer (Australia)
15/7 15/11 13/15 17/14
Host Nation - England
- 2001 David Palmer (Australia) bt Thierry Lincou (France)
15/9 10/15 15/7 10/15 15/4
Host Nation - England
- 2002 Jonathon Power (Canada) bt Peter Nicol (England)
15/11 10/15 13/15 15/4 15/14
Host Nation - England
- 2003 Thierry Lincou (France) bt Joseph Kneipp (Australia)
10/11 (0-2) 11/9 11/2 11/1
Host Nation – England
- 2004 Jonathon Power (Canada) bt Thierry Lincou (France)
11/7 11/6 11/2
Host Nation - England
- 2005 Anthony Ricketts (Australia) bt Lee Beachill (England)
11/7 6/11 11/4 11/10 (2-0)
Host Nation – England
- 2006 Ramy Ashour (Egypt) bt Gregory Gaultier (France)
11-10 11-8 4-11 11-4
Host Nation – England
- 2007 Gregory Gaultier (France) bt Amr Shabana (Egypt)
11-9 11-8 11-8
Host Nation – England
- 2008 Gregory Gaultier (France) bt Thierry Lincou (France)
11-6 8-11 11-5 11-5
Host Nation – England