
PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

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1 GENERAL

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this code is to ensure:

- a) The orderly, fair administration and conduct of any event administered under, or sponsorships of Uitsig Squash Club, or under the sponsorships of any of the Associations (i.e. Northern Squash Federation) which are members of, or affiliated to, Squash South Africa.
- b) The orderly and fair administration of the game of squash by all Uitsig Squash Club members, its associations or bodies affiliated to Squash South Africa.
- c) The orderly and fair administration of the game of squash as promoted by an independent promoter.
- d) Observance of a Code of Ethics by all players participating in squash.

1.2 Applicability

- a) The code shall apply to any and all squash players who participate in any Uitsig Squash Club tournament, championship or league which is held under the sponsorships of Northern Squash Federation or Squash South Africa or any of the associations which are members of, or affiliated to, Squash South Africa.
- b) The code shall apply to any administrator involved in the administration of squash at any level within South Africa and who thereby falls under the auspices of Squash South Africa.
- c) The code shall apply to any promoter involved in the promotion of any event at Uitsig Squash Club, or in South Africa which falls under the auspices of Squash South Africa.

1.3 Action

Action under the Code may be initiated by a Match Referee, Tournament Referee, Tournament Director or any official of Uitsig Squash Club, Northern Squash Association or Squash South Africa Representative.

CODE OF ETHICS:

2.1 A Player's Integrity and Responsibility

A player's integrity and responsibility encompass all aspects of squash including relations with manufacturers, spectators, administrators, sponsors and fellow players.

- * Players shall use their best efforts to play squash of the caliber and with the skill with which he/she is capable.
- * Players shall show respect for the game of squash.
- * Players shall play the game in a sportsmanlike manner.

- * Players shall dress and present themselves for play in clean and customarily acceptable squash attire.
- * For functions players shall wear appropriate dress for the occasion and the environment.
- * Players shall observe all the rules.
- * Match play shall not only be continuous, but players should take care not to permit the time between rallies to appear slow.
- * Stalling is unsportsmanlike, unfair to opponents and disrespectful to spectators.
- * Players shall show common courtesy towards their opponents e.g. passing the ball, opening the door, thanking for the match.
- * Players shall own up to returns which are not good e.g. second bounce, double hit and the ball touching the tin.
- * Players shall show common courtesy and respect towards the technical officials. There shall be no undue disputing of any decision of a Marker or referee. The player shall not be rude, offensive or belligerent towards the Marker or Referee. The player shall thank the Marker and the Referee.
- * Players shall show common courtesy towards administrators, officials, sponsors and spectators.
- * Players shall show due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others.

3 UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT SUBJECT TO PENALTY

- 3.1 By “unacceptable conduct” is meant any conduct which brings the game of squash into disrepute or which is likely to bring the game of squash and/or the administration thereof, into disrepute. Any player in any tournament, championship or league or any administrator or promoter who is guilty of unacceptable conduct shall be liable to have a penalty imposed upon him/her.

4 KINDS OF UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT

4.1 Behaviour

(a) 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.

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.

Violation of this section shall also constitute the major offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” in Section 5.

5 Aggravated Behaviour

No player at any Uitsig Squash Club, Northern Squash Association or South Africa Squash sanctioned event shall engage in “Aggravated Behaviour” which is described as follows:

- 5.1 One incident of behaviour that is blatant/aggressive and particularly injurious to the success of the match, event or is singularly shocking/unacceptable.
- 5.2 A series of two or more violations in this Code within a twelve-month period which singularly do not constitute "Aggravated Behaviour" but when viewed together, establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively unacceptable and is detrimental or injurious to Uitsig Squash Club, Northern Squash Association, or Squash South Africa sanctioned events or the administration of squash.

Violation of this section shall subject a player or an administrator to a suspension from Uitsig Squash Club, Northern Squash Association or Squash South African sanctioned events or administration for a minimum period of thirty days and a maximum period of one 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

6 Player on-site offences

A Punctuality

Any player not ready to play within fifteen minutes after his/her match is called, shall be penalized. Should the Referee allow a discretionary relaxation of this time limit the penalty may be waived.

B Non-appearance

If a player enters an event and fails to withdraw or fails to inform the Team Captain, Club administrator or the Organizers of the event of his/her withdrawal he/she will be penalized.

C Squash Attire

On court

a) Dress

- Every player shall dress and present him/herself for play in clean and customarily acceptable squash attire. (Unacceptable attire shall include sweatshirts, gym shorts, running shorts, t-shirts). Any player who violates this, may be ordered by the Referee to change his/her attire or equipment immediately.
- All clothing shall conform to the accepted standard of decency and cultural/religious tradition
- Players may wear clothing of any colour or combination of colours.

b) Incorrect Shoes

- Only official, non-marking or gum soled squash shoes are allowed. No black soles or any other form of shoe is permissible. Members found with the incorrect shoes will be asked to vacate the club immediately and may be subject to a R1,000 fine and a 1-month suspension from any participation at the club.

c) Old equipment

- It is the responsibility of all players to ensure that any equipment used will not harm or damage any other member or club facilities e.g. old flaky grips. Any member found with old equipment that may cause damage will be asked to

vacate the court immediately and may be subject to a R1,000 fine and a 1-month suspension from any participation at the club.

Off-court

For functions all players should wear appropriate dress for the occasion and environment.

D Leaving Court

A player shall not leave the court during a match without the permission of the Referee.

E Best Efforts

A player shall use his/her best efforts to win a match.

F Failure to complete a match

A player must complete a match in progress unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so.

G Final Functions/ Prizegivings

A player participating in the finals of a tournament must attend and participate in the final ceremonies after the match unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so. Should there be no valid reason he/she will forfeit his/her prize/prizemoney.

H Audible Obscenity

Players shall not use an audible obscenity within the precinct of a tournament/league site. In circumstances that are blatant/aggressive and particularly injurious to the success of the event or are singularly unacceptable, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the major offence of "Aggravated Behaviour".

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 or other members of the public.

I Visible Obscenity

Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament/ league site. Violation of this section shall also constitute the major offence of "Aggravated Behaviour".

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

J Abuse of Ball

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger, hit, kick or throw a squash ball within the precincts of a tournament/league site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match.

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.

K 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/league site.

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.

L Verbal Abuse

Players shall not at any time, verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precinct of a tournament/league site.

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, insulting or otherwise abusive.

A single violation of this rule shall constitute the major offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

M Physical Abuse

Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precinct of a tournament/league site.

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

A single violation of this section shall constitute the major offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

N Conduct contrary to the Integrity of the Game

No player, administrator or promoter shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash. If a player, administrator or promoter is convicted of the violation of a criminal law of the country, the punishment for which, includes possible imprisonment for more than one year, he/she 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 or an administrator or a promoter has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, he/she may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash and are in violation of this section.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to suspension from play in Squash South Africa sanctioned events for a period of up to three years: an administrator from administration for the same period: a promoter from promoting an event in South Africa for the same period.

7 Drug Offences

The use of any substances or manipulative prohibited under the World Squash Federation policy including, without limitation, all prohibited substances and manipulations specified by the IOC Medical Commission is strictly forbidden.

Violation shall result in the following:

- a. If the analysis reveals the presence of ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine etc administered orally as a cough suppressant or painkiller in association with

decongestants and/or anti-histamines and recreational drugs (such as marijuana):

- Maximum 3 months ban for the first offence.
 - Two years ban for the second offence.
 - Life ban for the third offence
- b. If the analysis reveals the presence of anabolic steroid, amphetamine-related and other stimulants, caffeine, beta blockers, narcotic analgesics, and designer drugs:
- Two years ban for the first offence
 - Life ban for the second offence

8 DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

- 8.1 The incident must be reported within 5 working days.
- 8.2 The province must convene a Disciplinary Meeting within 7 working days.
- 8.3 Penalties must be imposed within 2 working days of completion of the meeting and the appropriate parties be notified in writing.
- 8.4 Any appeal is to be submitted in writing to Uitsig Squash Club within 2 working days of receipt of the Provincial Disciplinary Committee's decision.
- 8.5 The Uitsig Squash Club Disciplinary Committee must be convened within 7 working days of receipt of the appeal.
- 8.6 The appropriate parties must be notified of the Uitsig Squash Club Committee's decision within 2 working days of the meeting.
- 8.7 The decision of the Uitsig Squash Club Committee is final.

9 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE ENQUIRIES

- 9.1 The Uitsig Squash Club Disciplinary Committee shall:
- i. Enquire into and hear any appeal from any decision of any Disciplinary Committee.
 - ii. Enquire into any conduct which might be regarded as unacceptable which is reported to it or to the Charman of Uitsig Squash Club or which otherwise comes to its attention.
- 9.2 The Uitsig Squash Club Disciplinary Committee shall conduct any fresh enquiry or any appeal as soon as practically possible after being required to by the Chairman to do so or after Notice of Appeal is furnished to it.
- 9.3 No player/administrator may appeal to Squash South Africa before having first appealed to his/her provincial association.
- 9.4 When the Uitsig Squash Club Disciplinary Committee sits as an appeal body, there shall be no further right of appeal.
- 9.5 When there is an enquiry of first instance by the Uitsig Squash Club Disciplinary Committee into any allegation against or complaint about unacceptable conduct by any participant, an appeal shall lie from it to the Executive Committee of whom at least three, including the Chairman of NSA, shall be present to hear the Appeal.

9.6 All participants who receive a penalty under the Code of Conduct will be recorded at the Offices of Squash South Africa and the accumulation of such penalties may result in a further penalty being imposed.

10 PENALTIES

11.1 If the Disciplinary Committee finds any participant guilty of unacceptable conduct it shall have the power to:

- (a) impose a fine not exceeding R1000.00, or
- (b) suspend that player from participating in future events up to the discretion of the committee.

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CONDUCT ON COURT VIOLATION

Uitsig Squash Club is an affiliated member of the Northern Squash Association (NSA) and Squash SA, whereby the club, its members and any tournament players shall obey by the **Squash Code of Conduct** wherever Uitsig Squash Club or its players are represented. Uitsig Squash Club prides itself to ensure its members and league players abide by and demonstrate high levels of integrity, good sportsmanship, camaraderie, respect and hospitality whenever we engage in matches or tournaments.

It is unfortunate that the Committee has received complaints with regards to a scheduled match during which unacceptable conduct was observed. By "unacceptable conduct" is meant any conduct by its members which brings the game of squash and/or the Uitsig Squash Club and its Administration into disrepute.

Description of Incident:

League:

Venue:

Fixture:

Date:

Referee:

Marker:

Player's name:

Penalty imposed:

Code violation:

Code reference:

A: Time wasting

D: Abuse of ball

G: Physical abuse

J: Referee failure

B: Audible obscenity

E: Abuse of racket/equipment

H: Un-sportmanslike conduct

C: Visible obscenity

F: Verbal abuse

I: Dissent

Narrative details of the offense....

Kind Regards,

Uitsig Squash Committee

Date: