**NSPPI SNS Report 2018/2019**

***The overarching goal of Squash Nova Scotia’s Performance Pathway Initiative (NSPPI) is to develop junior male and junior female squash players who can achieve a top 10 national ranking in their age group (U13, U15, U17 and U19).***

**PROGRAM 1: DEVELOPMENT OF JUNIOR PROVINCIAL SQUASH TEAM**

The Junior Provincial Squash Team is comprised of Year 1, 2, 3 and 4+ athletes along a continuum that would feed into the Provincial Training Squad (PTS). The PTS are committed Year 3 and 4+ athletes in a training and competitive program who receive some financial support. As this was a “Canada Winter Games” year (February 2019), much of the focus was on building towards this tournament and the PTS junior athletes that would make up this team. Year 1 and 2 athletes do not receive financial support.

* PTS - 9 athletes identified (5 male and 4 female)
* Jesters Camp - August 2018 - Open to 24 juniors from Atlantic Region - 7 PTS and one Year 2 athlete participated
* Atlantic Junior Open event, November 2018 - a two day event - Juniors from NB, PEI and NS competed in LIttle Racquets, Bronze, Silver and Gold events
* PTS committed to training - on and off court, tournaments and Canada Winter Games (CWG) tryouts. The CWG team of 8 was determined in November 2018.
* PTS training was held weekly - either at SMUfit or KCSC
* PTS training camp and team building was held December 2018
* PTS competed in pre CWG Event, Moncton NB, February 2019
* PTS members were financially supported in their off court (sport science) training
* PTS members were financially supported for at least one tournament out of the region, 2 members went to Canadian Junior Nationals 2019
* Performance - 1 PTS BU19 boy achieved national ranking of 9 and was also the Bronze medalist of the Boys Individual event at the Canada Games. 1 PTS GU19 achieved a national ranking of 22; 2 PTS GU17 were in the top 25. The Boys CWG Team achieved 7th place (out of 12) and the Girls CWG Team placed 6th (out of 11)- both Teams were the top Atlantic team - at the 2019 Canada Games in Red Deer, Alberta

**PROGRAM 2: COACH DEVELOPMENT AND RE-ENGAGEMENT**

* 3 Active Certified Coaches - 2 in Halifax, 1 in Kentville - Programming for Juniors happened at SMUFit and KCSC
* 1 Learning Facilitator - has been Certified both to ***facilitate*** and also ***evaluate*** Introduction to Squash Coaching Foundations Course
* One new coach was trained (not certified yet) as a Beginner Coach

**PROGRAM 3: COMPETITION RESTRUCTURE AND ALIGNMENT**

Atlantic Junior Open, November 2018 - two day event - offered to all juniors in Atlantic Region - Juniors from three Maritime Provinces participated/competed at all levels - Little Racquets, Bronze and Silver and Gold

Pre CWG Junior Event, February 2019 - in collaboration with Squash NB and Squash PEI

**PROGRAM 4: IMPLEMENTATION**

**TO DO:**

* Offer Intro to Squash Coaching Foundations course in Nova Scotia - certify 2-4 more coaches
* Engage the Year 1 and 2 Juniors in the Provincial Team through coaching, camps and Jr events in squash facilities throughout the province (Cape Breton, Dartmouth, Cole Harbour, Halifax, Kentville, Greenwood)
* Engage the Year 3 and 4+ Juniors in Training (on and off court), Camps (Jesters, Moncton, August 2019) and tournaments, local and out of region
* Documentation of athlete training, camps, budgets, roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders etc leading up to and including Canada Winter Games 2019
* Documentation of PTS

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**



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