



**Squash Nova Scotia**  
**Athlete and Team Selection and Support Policy**  
*Approved by the Squash Nova Scotia Board of Directors, March 16th, 2023*

## **Eligibility**

Athletes, Coaches and Officials must be current and active<sup>1</sup> competitive members of Squash Nova Scotia and meet Squash Canada residency requirements<sup>2</sup> if they wish to:

- Represent the province at a National or International event and be eligible for funding
- Be selected for a Provincial team
- Be nominated by the province to participate in a Squash Canada or International event as a coach, official, or Team Manager
- Be selected for a national team

## **Support**

Squash NS is committed to supporting athletes who wish to attend individual national or international events and meets this commitment by providing the following support. Squash NS reimburses players for their entry fee and up to \$250 of expenses related to travel and living expenses for the event, supported by receipts, provided they actually competed, and they submit an expense report <http://nssquash.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Blank-SNS-Expense-Claim.xlsx>.

This reimbursement is also extended to players who are selected to a team representing the province, where that team is not otherwise funded from another source.

Licensed<sup>3</sup> coaches who are supporting individual athletes or teams are also eligible to receive the \$250 travel and living support for attendance at events where they are coaching eligible Squash NS athletes as is the Team Manager if one approved by Squash NS.

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<sup>1</sup> Active is defined as:

- For Athletes: having participated in at least one Open Tournament in the Atlantic provinces, or a minimum of five (5) sanctioned matches within the last 12 months.
- For Coaches: be licensed in accordance with the Squash NS Coach Licensing Standard
- For Officials: have officiated in at least one sanctioned event in the last 12 months

<sup>2</sup> Be a resident in the province/territory that they are representing for not less than twelve months. They must have belonged to the Provincial or Territorial Squash Association (PTA) that they represent for not less than twelve months in their lifetime. If a player meets the residency requirements for more than one province and they have been invited to represent more than one province, the player at their sole discretion, shall choose which single P/T they represent. If a competitor is in full-time attendance at a university or college, or has temporarily relocated to a training centre outside their home province, the competitor may compete for either their home or resident PTA.

<sup>3</sup> Licensed per the Squash NS Coach licensing Standard <http://nssquash.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2020-02-11-Squash-Coach-Licensing-Standard.pdf>



## **Team Selection**

Where Squash NS is seeking to enter a team in a team event the selection process is as follows:

- For formally organized teams with an assigned coach and manager, such as Canada Games, the coach and manager are responsible for team selection.
- For informally organized teams, such as for the national team championships or international team events, an expression of interest call for the event will go out on Club Locker when the event registration is posted or we are notified of the event dates and location and that there is potential interest in attending. Athletes, who are available and interested in participating, will be invited to register. Registration will remain open until 30 days before the event registration deadline. Athletes will be selected from the registered parties who meet eligibility requirements based on descending order of National/Provincial rating. Athletes selected will be announced the first Monday following the expiry of the closure of the expression of interest. The athletes selected will choose a team captain from the selected athletes to look after the team administration. Squash NS reserves the right to select one or more spares depending on the event rules and its location.
- Disputes relating to team selection will be handled through the Squash NS Discipline and Complaints policy and the Appeals policy.