



Thordon Squash Box League

Explanations, Rules and Regulations

The Thorndon Squash League is a Box format league. Every month, a new draw is made giving a new list of players for each box. Each Box in the league has four or five players who will each play a match against each other within a draw period.

It is left up to the players to arrange the individual matches, decide what scoring system is used, e.g. British, Rally Per Point, 9 points, 15 points, 11 points, etc and to record the result. Typically, the British 9 point system is used, however, the new official international system is the PSA system of Point-per-Rally to 11 with two clear points.

A match is always 'Best of 5 games'.

Typically a draw period is one calendar month. The exception is the December draw which is for two calendar months owing to the Christmas madness.

The following is how the draw is made:

1. The match scores are used to calculate points for each player according to the Results table.
2. The players to be Promoted and Delegated are calculated based on the points and the Promotion Rules.
3. New League members are added into a box based on their indicated skill level (to make it as fair and fun as possible for everyone). This will cause the player list of all lower boxes to be adjusted.

Results Table

Results Calculation based on the following rules:			
Points Calculation for Games Won		Challenge Rules	
Points			
	Game Score		
6	0	3	No Show
6	1	3	0
5	2	3	1
4	3	3	2
0	0	No Match	No Match
		1 MUST challenge 2 & 3	
		2 MUST challenge 3 & 4	
		3 MUST challenge 4 & 5	
		4 MUST challenge 1 & 5	
		5 MUST challenge 1 & 2	

The term 'No Show' means that, if a match is arranged and a player doesn't turn up then they are a 'No Show'. This gets used a lot as per the Challenge Rules, i.e. if a Challenger doesn't challenge then they are a 'No Show' and if a Challenger can't contact a player then the player is a 'No Show'

A 'No Match' is where either no-one tried to arrange a match or no match was arranged despite all effort. The fairest result for everyone in the box in both cases is no points.

The paper Thorndon Squash League Score Sheets on the Club Notice Boards are the official record of the match game scores. These will be used at the end of each draw period to calculate the draw. If a match result is left blank, the match is declared a 'No Match' unless the League coordinator has been advised by email that an opponent could not be contacted, in which case it will be a 'No Show'.

So, to be sure of the result, even if a match doesn't happen, write the result on the Score Sheet. I would like to see every result on the Score Sheets full of either scores or 'NS' or 'NM'. 'NS' on the correct side of the result box is enough.

Promotion & Relegation Rules

1. With the exception of the Top (Premier) Box, the two players with the highest number of points will be Promoted to the next higher Box. In the event of players having an equal number of points their individual match score will decide the Promotion.
2. With the exception of the bottom Box, the two players with the lowest number of points will be Relegated to the next lower Box. In the event of players having an equal number of points their individual match score will decide the Relegation.

Every six months, the player with the highest total number of points earned will be awarded a Thorndon Squash League trophy for 'Best Performer'. The first Trophy will be awarded at the end of the June '08 draw.

Disputes and Clarifications

- Match Score disputes – The paper Score Sheets are the official record but the match score can be emailed to the League Coordinator who will note the score for use when calculating the new draw. It is expected that all Match scores are agreed by both players. In case of dispute, the players are expected to resolve amicably.
- Promotion/Relegation disputes and clarifications – The League Coordinator is the final arbiter of the Draw. Any concerns, including obvious errors, should be communicated and clarification or adjustment sought from the League Coordinator.

New Zealand Squash grading points

This competition does qualify for earning New Zealand Squash grading points. But, to earn points both players must have a New Zealand Squash Grading. If so, the points can be allocated by filling in the New Zealand Squash match results card and sending it to Wellington Squash or the Thorndon Squash Club Captain. If you want a grading then either contact the Thorndon Squash Club Grading supervisor (currently Mike Donald) or the Thorndon Squash Club Captain (currently Natalie Cook). The Box League results sheet shows the current league points standing, associated grading and League placement. These points are calculated in exactly the same way as NZ Squash results and indicate how many NZ Squash points you would have and national grading if all those matches were rated by NZ Squash, i.e. the result cards sent in.

Every month the League Results and new Draw are sent out via email to all active and non-active members as well as posted to the Thorndon Web Site, www.thorndonclub.co.nz/squash.

Notes:

This is an ever growing fun competition and should be viewed that way. Keep it loose and fun.

Use the League Coordinator (currently Jeff Rapp) as a central point of contact for anything about Thorndon Squash. If unsure about anything, contact the League Coordinator.

Have fun everyone!