

BLOEMFONTEIN JUNIOR OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2019

U11/13/14/16/19 BOYS AND GIRLS

SA Schools Squash qualifying event for Under 14, 16 & 19 Age Groups
FS Schools Squash qualifying event for all Age Groups (U11 – U19)

1 – 3 March 2019 – Bloemfontein Squash Clubs and Schools

PLEASE READ CONDITIONS OF ENTRY (p2) BEFORE YOU ENTER THIS TOURNAMENT

You must enter online – no emailed or faxed entries will be accepted.

Website address : www.squashevents.co.za

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CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS STRICTLY
Thurs day 31 January 2017 AT 24H00.

Entry Fee is R390 per entry. You may only enter in one age group.

Please note that entry fees are non-refundable in the case of withdrawals.

Account Details are as follows:

Account Name: Squash Events

Bank : First National Bank, Brandwag Branch

Branch Code: 230 534 Acc.

Type: Current Account

Account Number: 621 769 40172

You need to agree to abide by the Championship Regulations and the SA Schools and SQUASH SA Squash Code of Conducts. Please ensure you have read the tournament information and in particular the event format BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY FOR THIS TOURNAMENT.

NOTE THAT NO ENTRY WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PROOF OF PAYMENT being uploaded when you enter.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR BLOEMFONTEIN JUNIOR OPEN

1– 3 March 2019

1. **All players** participating in the tournament are expected to arrive and register at:
The St Andrew's School Squash Courts, Third Avenue Entrance, Bloemfontein. (Please do not use the main Dan Pienaar Drive Entrance.)
Local Players to register from 09h30 to 10h00, all other players to register from 10h00 to 10h30 on 1 March 2019.

NB!! Play will commence at 11h30 on Friday 1 March at various venues, where the size of the section is large and qualifying matches are required. Sections where the entries are smaller may begin later. (Depending on the number of entries, the time to commence play is subject to change.)

Everyone who enters the BFN Junior Open will be required to be registered with Squash SA for 2019. Please ensure that you have your registration number ready with you when you register for the Bloem Open as you will need to submit your Squash SA registration number upon submission of your entry, when you enter the Bloem Open.

2. **FORMAT**

All categories will be run on a basis whereby the maximum number of matches possible for the size of the age group entry will be applied. The draws will be played out fully. **ALL players are required to play ALL scheduled matches. If you are unable / unwilling to comply with this regulation you should NOT enter the tournament.** All matches will be played as best of 5 games.

All players need to make themselves available for the entire duration of the tournament. The event will end at 13h00 (latest) on Sunday, 3 March 2019 to allow those who need to travel to arrive home at a reasonable time.

(Please note that it will be impossible to work around other school, social or private commitments as this tournament is just too big to accommodate special requests or dispensations! Please do not request such permissions from the organizers as it is simply impossible to accommodate such requests.)

Under 14, 16 & 19: All matches will be played PAR (point a rally) to 11. Should the score reach 10 all a player needs to win by 2 clear points.

Under 11 and 13: All matches will be played PAR (point a rally) to 15. Should the score reach 14 all a player needs to win by 2 clear points.

3. **ALL players are to ensure that they are at the courts and ready to play ONE HOUR before the scheduled time of their match.** Players who arrive later than 15 minutes after the scheduled time of play run the risk of conceding the match. **(A FOLLOW-on system of times will apply and players will be expected to go onto court IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MATCH PRIOR TO THEIR'S is completed. The times on the draws are therefore only a guide.**
4. **ALL PLAYERS ARE EXPECTED TO MARK OR REFEREE THE MATCH FOLLOWING THEIRS. Winners to Referee and Losers to Mark. (FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT.)**
5. **TOURNAMENT BALL**
The High Altitude Dunlop Ball will be the official match ball for the Under 14, 16 & 19 age groups. The Dunlop Pro XX will be the official match squash ball for the Under 11 & 13 age groups.
6. **CLOTHING**
Players must wear clothing suitable for squash as per SA Schools' Squash, Squash SA and WSF regulations.

7. PLAYER WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawal from the tournament must be notified to Squash Events as soon as possible by telephone or email with a valid reason. The reason for withdrawal should then be confirmed in writing to Squash Events within 24 hours **and in the event of illness or injury, MUST be accompanied by a medical certificate.**

Non-arrivals who do not notify Squash Events will NOT be allowed to enter the 2019 Bloemfontein Junior Open.

8. Withdrawals and Refunds - Tournament Fees

In the event of withdrawal, entry fees are not fully refundable due the cost of administration in this regard. In the event of a withdrawal prior to 10 February 2019 a 50% refund of tournament entry fee will be given less any administrative fees incurred. In the event of a withdrawal between 11 and 16 February a refund of a percentage of the entry fee will be at the discretion of the Organizers. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after 16 February 2019.

9. INSURANCE

Players enter and play in the 2019 Bloemfontein Junior Open at their own risk. SA Schools Squash, Squash SA, the organizers and any of the venues at which squash will be played, will not accept responsibility for any injury arising from participating in the tournament. All players are required to ensure that they have their own insurance (medical and other). **Protective Eyewear is compulsory** when competing during the event (including during the knock-up).

9. CONDUCT

Players will abide by SA Schools and Squash SA rules. A copy of the Code of Conduct and rules is available on the Squash Events website at www.squashevents.co.za. All players, coaches and managers are to ensure that they are fully aware of the Guidelines and their requirements and the Code of Conduct. Players agree to play under the rules of the SA Schools' and Squash SA Code of Conduct where the Squash Events Code of Conduct and Fair Play Statement will apply. This is available to view on the on the Squash Events website at www.squashevents.co.za. In all cases the Tournament Referee's decision will be final. (Tournament Referee: tbc)

10. PUBLISHING

The Bloem Junior Open will be publishing draws, results and photos of players. As this is a part of the Bloem Junior Open tournament rules, the organisers will deem that players and their parents have accepted these regulations by entering the tournament. It will necessary for all players to agree and accept the conditions contained in the RELEASE FORM IN RESPECT OF LEARNER PHOTOS/IMAGES/VIDEOS. The release form is available on the Squash events website at www.squashevents.co.za. Entry in the Bloem Junior Open requires acceptance of the conditions stated in the Media release form.

10. ANTI DOPING

By entering the Tournament you agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations governing the Championship and declare that you are aware of the Anti-Doping regulations and procedures as set out in Section E and Appendix G of the WSF World Championship Regulations. You accept that you may be dope tested under these regulations at any stage of the Championship and will be subject to the penalties set out in the World Championship Regulations if the test(s) prove positive. This declaration also covers participation in Plate events as applicable to this Championship.

11. The event will end at 13h00 (latest) on Sunday, 3 March 2019 (a reasonable time) and therefore prize winners are requested to attend the prize giving. Prize winners need to attend the prize giving in order to qualify for their prizes.

12. **As far as is possible, times of first rounds will be emailed to players by Thursday 28 February at 19h00. (i.e. provided you have supplied us with an accurate email address.) Please bear in mind that this is a selection event and we will continue to redo the draw until the starting time of the event in the event of withdrawals.**

Accommodation Bloemfontein Junior Open 2019

There are several options available for accommodation, ranging from Guest houses, B&B's, hotels and school hostels. (Each player is responsible for their own accommodation. Most places are within 5 – 10 minutes drive of the squash venues. To assist you, we have published a list of possibilities.)

A list of possibilities follows:

1. **Tournament School Hostel Accommodation** (Close to courts – approx 1.5 – 3km)
To save on costs, we have again arranged a tournament school hostel for the Bloemfontein Open. It is the Oranje Meisies Primary School Hostel: (Aliwal Street) Their rates for the week end are very reasonable **R200 B&B, pp.** A full breakfast is provided. **Bedding is provided. Please bring your own towels.**
Contact Person: Mrs Benelie Pretorius: elizabethleroux@ymail.com. Please make reservations directly with her. (It will be on a first-come-first served basis – approx 120 people can be accommodated.) This is a school boarding house and they are providing accommodation at their hostel for 2 March and 3 March, departing on 4 March for all squash players (and parents/coaches) who would like to avail themselves of the facility. (It is in close proximity to the courts, very secure parking, beautiful old Victorian type buildings and a traditional Afrikaans girls' boarding school, with very clean and tidy facilities. All their bathrooms have recently been upgraded. It is ideal for large groups. This has been the tournament venue for past Squash IPT's, and numerous festivals and BFN Open events and it was most successful.
Other options
2. Guest Houses/Hotels/B&B's (all within a 4km radius of the courts – some new one's below *)
These are all centrally located and close to St Andrew's School, Grey College, Eunice, St Michael's School, Old Greys Club, Oudstudente Club and the University Squash Courts, all of which will be playing venues.
 - 1) Oakwood Lodge (President Steyn Street) Phone: 051 447 3713 (A quiet street – very conveniently located and reasonably priced – very nice. Very close to St Andrew's and St Michael's – recommended.)
 - 2) Lavender Lane – 7 Brill Street, Westdene, Phone: 051 447 9529 - Very close to St Andrew's and Oranje School (No 1 above). Privately owned – accommodates a maximum of 8 people. Speak to Margaret Matthews.
 - 3) B @ Home: 051-444 0204 (Captain Proctor Street) (B&B and some self-catering)
 - 4) Contempo Guesthouse (across the road from St Michael's and One block from St Andrew's (also walking distance – 122 Klerck Avenue, Brandwag) – Phone: (051) 444 0406 – Cell 082 969 9900).
 - 5) Henmar Guest House across the road from St Michael's and one block from St Andrew's (also walking distance (Klerck Ave- 34 Captain Proctor St, Brandwag, Phone: 084 606 0644)
 - 6) Lemon and Lime (up-market- within walking distance from Eunice and Grey College). (051-444 5555 Donald Murray Ave No 24.)
 - 7) Villa Bali – Dan Pienaar Drive – 3 General Dan Pienaar Dr, Brandwag, (051 - 444 6606)
 - 8) The Lazy Lizard Guest House (5 star Guest House – an up-market Guest House - Jock Meiring street – opposite Grey College) Phone:: 051 444 5075
 - 9) Hide Place (self-catering and B & B - General Dan Pienaar Drive) 051-444 5608. Owners are very helpful – just refer to St Andrew's School and the squash events and they will oblige.)
 - 10) Touching Senses 71 President Reitz Ave, Westdene, Phone: 081 778 6523
 - 11) Sir Grey's Guest House (B&B) (Jock Meiring street) 051 444 5460
 - 12) Tsogo Sun BloemfonteinCnr. Nelson Mandela and Melville Drive, Phone: 051 444 1253
 - 13) The City Living Guest House General Dan Pienaar Drive Phone:051 444 6688 (very conveniently located – very close to St Andrew's and St Michael's)