

Criteria for Selection to any Free State Team for 2019

(These will be reviewed and any changes will be communicated early in 2019)

The Free State will again be sending a combined team to the Inter-Provincials during April (for SA Country Festivals) and the major IPT's in the June/July holidays. As a result, it will be necessary for players to fulfill the following requirements in order to be selected for the representative Free State teams. Depending on the strength of each age group, those players who are not selected for the main Inter-Provincial teams will participate in the SA Country Schools' Festivals or the Satellite Tournaments as Southern Free State or Northern Free State Teams in August.

1. All players must play in all the following compulsory tournaments:

- * Their own district/regions closed events – e.g. Southern/Northern Free State Closed/Fezile Dabi, etc.as per dates decided upon by each respective district/region
- * **Bloemfontein Open : 1- 3 March 2019**
- * **Free State Closed: 5 – 7 April 2019** (The details and age groups for this, and also the format of the event are currently under review and will be communicated to all during January 2019.)

All players that are selected to the FS Squads are required to complete the Player details and Player availability forms and submit these ON-LINE (date and details to be confirmed.)

All players that make themselves available for FS Selection will be required a deposit of R2 400 for the IPT's by 7 APRIL 2019 towards their Inter-provincial tournament fees. Players who do not get selected for the final teams will be refunded. **In the event of withdrawals from the IPT's, players will forfeit their deposits.** The balance of the fees due for the IPT tournaments in June will be payable by **Wednesday 22 May 2019**. Direct Deposits may be made to Free State Schools Squash, Std Bank, Brandwag Branch. Branch Code 05-55-34. Current Account No: 04 131 1965. **PLEASE avoid depositing cash. These costs are excessive. (Should you deposit cash, please ensure that you deposit the cash deposit fees charged by the bank also.)** Copies of deposit slips must be emailed to squashevents@gmail.com.

3. Squad Training for Provincial Teams in 2019:

We will be clamping down on this in 2019 and players can expect to be excluded from IPT teams should they fail to attend the required number of sessions.

All Players must attend the official squad training as stipulated during the period from April through to May and June 2019.

Any player who is selected for a provincial squash team for 2019 **will be required to attend Squad Training and fitness training as determined by the Free State Schools' Squash.**

Players will also be required to undergo fitness testing and marking and referees exams/tests before the final teams are announced for the Inter-provincial tournaments. **PLAYERS CAN EXPECT TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM TEAMS IF THEY DO NOT ATTEND SQUAD TRAINING.** Players can also expect to be moved down the playing order if they fail to attend squad training. In this event, players may be requested to play matches against other players to determine their final positions in the teams. Doctors certificates need to be submitted in the event of injury/illness. The times and dates will be determined in consultation with players. Players will also be expected to attend a training camp/training day and related activities and complete the markers and referees exam prior to attending any provincial tournament. The dates and venues for such events will be provided as soon as they are available.

N.B. Players who are unable to fulfill their commitments for participation in selection tournaments need to request permission, **IN WRITING, for leave from such activities 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.** All decisions will be at the Executive's discretion and each request will be dealt with individually. No verbal negotiations will be considered.

4. Fitness and eligibility

All players must convince the Free State selectors of their fitness and eligibility to play squash.

5. Marking and Refereeing

All players must attend the province's Marker & Referee course and write the required Markers and referees test.

* **If a player cannot take part in one of the above mentioned events, they must provide the Committee with a valid medical certificate or a letter from their school stating that they are going to represent their school in another provincial tournament or national event or is invited to play in another national squash tournament elsewhere or any other reason acceptable to the Committee. (e.g. injury or illness.)**