



# TECNIFIBRE BLOEM JUNIOR OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2024



## 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)**

**29 Feb/1 - 3 March 2024 – Bloemfontein Squash Clubs and Schools**

**PLEASE READ CONDITIONS OF ENTRY (p2 - 7) BEFORE YOU ENTER THIS TOURNAMENT**

**NB!! The dates and times for commencement of play are dependent on the number of entries per age group. These details will also be communicated as soon as there is clarity in this regard.**

**Currently the PROVISIONAL arrangements are as follows: Starting date for U16 & 19 is 29 Feb 2024 and the PROVISIONAL starting date for Under 11, 13 & 14 is 1 March 2024.**

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

**Website address : [www.squashevents.co.za](http://www.squashevents.co.za)**

**Conditions of Entry (see page 2 - 7)**

**Accommodation options for out of town participants (see page 8)**

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS STRICTLY  
Monday 12 February 2024 AT 24H00.**

**Entry Fee is R500 per entry. (Only a 4% increase.) 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**

**NOTE THAT NO ENTRY WILL BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PROOF OF PAYMENT being uploaded when you enter. NB!! ALL BANK CHARGES TO BE BORNE BY PARTICIPANTS. NO CASH DEPOSITS ARE PERMITTED UNLESS THE CASH DEPOSIT IS INCLUDED.**

**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.**



# CONDITIONS OF ENTRY



## TECNIFIBRE BLOEM JUNIOR OPEN



**29 February - 3 March 2024**

### ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

1. Registration will take place at a central location and players will also need to check in and register on-line FOUR HOURS PRIOR TO THE OFFICAL STARTING TIME OF THE EVENT on the morning of 29 Feb or 1 March 2024, depending on the starting time per age group.

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**Everyone who enters the 2024 Tecnifibre Bloem Junior Open will be required to be registered on SportyHQ with Squash SA. 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.**

#### **Entry Requirements for ALL FOREIGN players**

The event is open to foreign and local players not banned by WSF, SSA OR SA SCHOOLS SQUASH

All foreign entries must be endorsed by their respective National Squash Association (through SUBMISSION OF A SIGNED LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION, INCLUDING THE FULL NAMES, PASSPORT NUMBERS AND DATES OF BIRTH OF PARTICIPPANTS.)

Please provide your correct date of birth. They will be verified from your passport.

**For foreign entry transfers, all bank charges are to be borne by the participant.**

**\* The organizers will not be held responsible for entries not accompanied by bank transfers.**

### 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 2024 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 30 minutes 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. (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 AND EYEWEAR**

Players must wear clothing suitable for squash as per SA Schools' Squash, Squash SA and WSF regulations. **Under WSF and Squash SA rules, all players must wear approved eye protection when competing during the event. This includes during the warm up. Players will not be allowed to compete without eye protection.**

#### 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 2025 Bloemfontein Junior Open.**

#### **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 24 February 2024 a 50% refund of tournament entry fee will be given less any administrative fees incurred. In the event of a withdrawal between 25 and 28 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 28 February 2024.

#### 8. **INSURANCE**

Players enter and play in the **2024 Tecnifibre Bloem** 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 AT ALL TIMES WHEN ON COURT** (including during the warm-up).

#### 9. **SEEDING**

The seeding panels will include the SA Schools Squash Selectors for both boys and girls. The respective panels' seedings will be distributed to provincial chairpersons, enabling a feedback window for evidence to be submitted to justify a change to seeding.

**Strong justification** will be necessary to reconsider seedings and would require the following aspects to be addressed: **head-to-head** results against fellow players in the draw, tournament finishing positions, and further ranking information. This information will need to be submitted via email to [squashevents@gmail.com](mailto:squashevents@gmail.com) by the provincial chairperson of the relevant provincial body. The case must suggest a change that results in a player changing a seeding bracket e.g. 9/16 to

5/8. Following the evidence given, the seeding panels will again review if deemed necessary. Unless the justification is strong enough for a change, the initial seeding will stand.

## 10. 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](http://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](http://www.squashevents.co.za). In all cases the Tournament Referee's decision will be final. (Tournament Referee: tbc)

## 11. PUBLISHING

The Tecnifibre Bloem Junior Open will be publishing draws, results and photos of players. As this is a part of the Tecnifibre 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 in order to comply with the POPI Act. The release form is available on the Squash events website at [www.squashevents.co.za](http://www.squashevents.co.za). Entry in the **2024 Tecnifibre** Bloem Junior Open requires acceptance of the online conditions stated in the Media release form.

### LIVE STREAMING MATCHES

Squash Events is currently considering living streaming of some of the matches at some of the venues. This, however, comes at a significant cost and would be dependent on budget availability. Once we have greater clarity in this regard, this will be communicated to participants.

## 12. 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 latest 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.

13. The event will end at 13h00 (latest) on **Sunday, 3 March 2024**, depending on the entries. Prize winners need to attend the prize giving in order to qualify for their prizes.

14. **As far as is possible, times of first rounds will be emailed to players by **Wednesday 28 February** at 20h00. (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.**

## 15. PRIZE GIVING

Prize-giving will take place in the Marquee tent at St Andrew's School after completion of the final matches on **Sunday 3 March 2024**.

