

Irish Squash Selection Criteria for 2015/2016 Season

- [1] Under 13/15/17/19 will all follow the same criteria as follows:
- [2] Players must be eligible to play for Ireland (see Irish Squash Byelaw) and be under the relevant age on the final day of the relevant competition and be selected by the selection committee.

All players wishing to play and qualify for selection to Represent Irish Squash at European Squash and World Squash Championships must play 2 full seasons before being considered for Team selection. These do not have to be done consecutively.

Players qualifying to play for Ireland as Irish Citizens living abroad must declare for Ireland at U17 level at the latest to be considered for Junior Selection and must notify the Junior Administrator in writing, before the start of season one of the two full seasons.

- [3] The Selection committee comprises three members: The Junior Administrator, the Team Coach, and the Director of Coaching. If there is a conflict of interest with any member of the selection committee then an impartial provincial junior rep will step in to replace the member where the conflict exists.

Selection will be based on Players best three competitions from:

- The Connacht Open, The Ulster Open, The Munster Open, The Leinster Open
- **Plus** The Irish Junior National (Closed) Championship
The Irish Junior Nationals earns higher points than the Provincial Opens
- And other sanctioned Irish Squash tournaments. The selection committee would encourage Under 19's to play in senior competitions when possible.

Therefore a player's best **4 tournaments** will be used to calculate their rankings at the end of the season.

In the event of equality of points the selection committee will chose the player finally.

The Provincial Opens should not clash with European Super Series events. In the event that one does clash the player will be awarded his/her average points gained at previous Provincial Opens if they attend the super series event. Top Players

playing in Super Series events is both critical for their own ranking and consequently Irish Squash Team Rankings at ESF Events, as the teams are seeded in Team events based on the ESF Rankings of Team Players.

5. Players wishing to be considered for selection must play in the Irish Junior Open although that competition will not earn any points (please note: *this competition has an earlier entry closing date as opposed to the provincial opens*).
6. If a player is unable to compete in a tournament (or complete all matches over a tournament weekend) due to illness/injury a doctors/physiotherapists certificate/letter must be submitted to Irish Squash in the week following the tournament.
7. Players moving up from one age group to the next during the season will carry over 40% of the points gained at the younger age group.
8. Players who wish to play in two age groups (their own plus the next higher) must notify the Junior Secretary, in writing, before the start of the season. They will then be asked by the selection committee to play in two Provincial Opens in correct age group and two Provincial Opens in the higher age group. The points earned in both age groups will be allocated to the player. The average scores earned in each age group will be awarded as the player's notional third tournament in each age group. For example: a player plays in Under 13 and Under 15. They come 2nd in both under 13 tournaments played so they will also receive a notional 2nd place for the 3rd tournament in this age group. This player also plays in Under 15 and is 3rd in both tournaments played. They will receive a notional 3rd place for the 3rd tournament. The National Closed Tournament must be played in the correct age group and these points will be awarded to this age group. A player who has played in both age groups at Provincial Opens will also be awarded points in the National Closed in the higher age group on the basis of their average finishing position in the Provincial Tournaments in the higher age group.
9. If a player cannot fulfil the selection criteria due to exceptional circumstances this will be taken into consideration by the selection committee.

The use of a wildcard will only be used at the unanimous decision of the selection committee.

Players will be notified within two weeks of the final tournament if they have been selected for the Irish team. If selected a player must attend the National Squad coaching programme.

10. The Selection Committee will also consider a player's general behaviour on and off court, attendance at squad sessions, commitment to squash and adherence to whatever training programme is recommended by the Team Coach or National Coach.

Players Abroad.

Studying Abroad

This category will include players who have been previously ranked in Ireland but now studying abroad. Players studying abroad if underage for either the European or World U/19 Championships if wishing to be considered for selection must notify the Junior Administrator before the start of the season. All under 19 players trying to make the selection will be informed of these players.

Previous ranking and current performance in college squash will be taken into consideration. It will be the player's responsibility to provide all relevant results to the selection committee throughout the season and in advance of team selection.

Attendance at squad training at Christmas break.

Match play event at Christmas break against home player. Players must give at least 6 weeks' notice of their return to Ireland in order to accommodate the arrangement of match plays.

Living Abroad

If an Irish player moves abroad or is living in another country, then they still have to fulfil the selection criteria for that season in full as above.