

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR N.S W MASTERS SQUASH ASSOCIATION Inc

In concert with the Rules of the Singles Game of Squash, under the stewardship of the World Squash Federation (hereinafter referred to as WSF), and the Rules and By Laws of NSW Squash Inc, the following Code of Conduct will apply to all registered members of NSW Masters Squash Association Inc (hereinafter referred to as "the Association").

Misconduct shall include, but shall not be limited to conduct which, in the opinion of the Association's Disciplinary Sub-Committee, is contrary to the interests of the game of Masters Squash, and/or such as may tend to bring the game into disrepute, and/or conduct which is in breach of Rules of the International Singles game of Squash as approved by the WSF.

### ON COURT BEHAVIOUR:

Conduct on the court is under the control of the Marker and the Referee for each match in play. However, action will be taken by a Disciplinary Sub-Committee of the Association upon receipt of any complaint in writing by a Marker or a Referee.

Conduct penalties on court dealt with by the Referee are as follows:

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| ➤ <b>Conduct Warning</b> | Warning by the Referee         |
| ➤ <b>Conduct Point</b>   | Stroke awarded to the opponent |
| ➤ <b>Conduct Game</b>    | Game awarded to the opponent   |
| ➤ <b>Conduct Match</b>   | Match awarded to the opponent  |

Offences subject to the above penalties include:

- Audible or visible obscenities
- Verbal or physical abuse
- Dissent
- Abuse of racket, ball or court
- Coaching other than during the time interval between games
- Unnecessary physical contact
- Excessive racket swing
- Unfair warm-up
- Late back on court
- Dangerous play or action
- Time wasting

Misconduct off the court (whilst representing Masters Squash) will be dealt with by the Association's Disciplinary Sub-Committee upon receipt of complaint in writing. The written complaint should be lodged with the Secretary of the Association as soon as possible after the incident (preferably the same day so that it can be dealt with immediately) but no later than five (5) days from the last day of the tournament.

All written complaints will be dealt with as soon as possible after receipt but must be acted upon no later than seven (7) days from the last day of the tournament. Notification of the decision by the Association's Disciplinary Sub-Committee will be conveyed in writing to the offender.

The Association's Disciplinary Sub-Committee will consist of the Tournament Referee or his/her representative (appointed by the host Centre conducting the tournament), the Association's Vice-President (through delegated authority from the Association's President) and one other financial member of the Association.

***PREGNANCY RULE (as per NSW Squash Rules By Laws 17 (b)):*** A pregnant player may participate in tournament competition **AT HER OWN RISK**. However, due to the nature of the game, NSW Masters Squash recommends the pregnant player seek medical advice before participating in any match. No responsibility shall be accepted by NSW Masters Squash, the venue operator and/or venue owner, the Tournament Operator, the match officials or the opponent in the match for any pregnancy related injury which occurs in the match or as a direct result of her participation in the match.

**Set penalties by the NSW Masters Squash Association**  
(definitions as per Tournament Referees Guidelines WSF Revised May 2001)

- 1 **Direct physical or verbal abuse** A statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty, or is derogatory or insulting: The unnecessary touching of an official, opponent, spectator or other person.
  - **1<sup>st</sup> offence** **Twelve (12) months suspension**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> offence** **Life suspension**
  
- 2 **Audible and Visible Obscenity** The use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the Referee or spectators and/or the making of signs by a player using hands and/or racket or ball that commonly have an obscene meaning or import to reasonable people
  - **1<sup>st</sup> offence** **Three (3) months suspension**
  
- 3 **Unsporting Conduct** Any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport, but does not fall into the prohibition of any specific on-site offence contained herein. This conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorizing of, or endorsing any public statement having or designed to have an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament and/or to the officiating thereof.
  - **1<sup>st</sup> offence** **Warning**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> offence** **Three (3) months suspension**
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent offence** **Six (6) months suspension**
  
- 4 **Abuse of Ball, Racket, Court or Equipment** Intentionally hitting a ball out of court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court, or hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences and/or Intentionally, dangerously, or violently destroying or damaging a racket or equipment, or intentionally or violently hitting the court during a match
  - **1<sup>st</sup> offence** **Warning**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> offence** **Three (3) months suspension**
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent offence** **Two (2) months suspension**
  
- 5 **Dissent** The making of unnecessary statements which demonstrate a disagreement with the Referee's decision.
  - **1<sup>st</sup> offence** **Warning**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> offence** **Three (3) months suspension**
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent offence** **Two (2) months suspension**
  
- 6 **Time Wasting** The unreasonable delaying of play, including unduly slow preparation to serve or to receive service, prolonged discussion with the Referee, unnecessary or excessive wiping of eyewear, or delay in returning to court
  - **1<sup>st</sup> offence** **Warning**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> offence** **Three (3) months suspension**
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent offence** **Two (2) months suspension**

### **Set penalties by the NSW Masters Squash Association (cont'd)**

- 7 Alcohol or Drugs on court
- **1<sup>st</sup> offence** **Forfeiture of match and Warning**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> offence** **Forfeiture of match and Six (6) months suspension**
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> offence** **Forfeiture of match and twelve (12) months suspension**
- 8 Not turning up for a match without notification and good reason
- **1<sup>st</sup> offence** **Warning**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> offence** **Next tournament entry received will be rejected**
- 9 Turning up late to a scheduled match without good reason and causing inconvenience to the opponent and /or the tournament organisers
- **Forfeit of first game of the match**
- 10 **Bringing the game into disrepute whilst representing Masters Squash, any of the penalties listed from 1 to 8 as determined by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee will apply**

A register of Offenders and Penalties is to be kept by the Secretary, NSWMSA. Decisions to be notified to related bodies eg Australian Masters Squash Association, NSW Squash. Likewise, if NSWMSA receives written advice of imposed penalties from Squash Associations on members of NSWMSA, these penalties will be recognized by NSWMSA and served by the member.