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## River City Squash Inc Guidelines

*Note these guidelines are similar to the rules of last season. They have purposely been named as guidelines because they are not final. If a player, team, club or centre believe there are special circumstances to go outside these guidelines; they can contact the River City Squash administrator.*

*The request will be passed onto the re-established Pennants role. Bob Cartwright (Sandgate Centre Operator) is the Pennants Chair and will be assisted by other volunteers who will consist of players. For their benefit their identity will remain confidential.*

### ***PERMANENT PLAYERS***

When the teams were originally submitted each player became a PERMANENT member of the team. Team grading was based on these players. Obviously they can play in their position or above within their team without penalty.

PERMANENT players can only **play up not down**. If a replacement player pushes a permanent player down e.g. the permanent # 3 plays down at # 4 allowing a replacement player at # 3 both positions will lose points.

Players must play in the **REGISTERED TEAM ORDER** as recorded on **Squash Player Zone** at any point in time. Players cannot simply choose to play in different orders according to current ratings or simply their choosing. Once again the individual match result will be recorded BUT the team points will be adjusted to reflect only legitimate matches.



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## ***PERMANENT TEAM CHANGE***

If for whatever reason you lose a PERMANENT member of team you can apply for a new player to be added to the team on a permanent basis.

**A permanent team change can only happen if the person replacing the outgoing player is equal to or below the current rating of the outgoing person. This will be based on the current rating not a retrospective rating referred to at initial grading.**

As a general rule, Clubs **CANNOT STRENGTHEN** their teams by registering for instance: a new #1 and push the existing #1 down to #2. As a guide, teams cannot strengthen above their initial team average (Top 4 players) used at grading.

ALL REQUESTS FOR PERMANENT TEAM CHANGES must be in writing. An email to River City Squash – [info@rivercitysquash.com.au](mailto:info@rivercitysquash.com.au) is appropriate

New players without a SPZ rating are more difficult BUT River City Squash will reserve the right to change their status if they are obviously too strong for the grade and they will no longer be a PERMANENT MEMBER of the team in question.



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## **REPLACEMENT PLAYERS**

Please don't make a decision based on where a player currently plays. Look up their current Squash Player Zone rating and if it is below or up to 20 points above the player he is replacing that is acceptable. This is known as the **SPZ 20 point rule**.

*Ratings determine reserves not positions in team. Note: not all # 2's are of an equal standard. There are strong # 2's and weak # 2's in every grade.*

The 20 point rule:

**REPLACEMENT players may be obtained from within the centre/club. A player reserving may have a CURRENT SPZ rating up to 20 points above the rating of the permanent member of the team being replaced.**

You are looking for a REPLACEMENT for the night in A3 at # 1 (Current Rating 475. You do not have to move everyone up. You may get a replacement from A2 PROVIDING they have a SPZ rating below 475. You can still bring a player up from A4 providing his rating is no more than 20 points above the person he is replacing.

Where a player reserves with a rating greater than 20 points than the permanent team member, the team will be penalised regardless of the overall result. The penalty will be calculated as if the match was a forfeit.

The match will still stand from an individual match perspective but an adjustment will be recorded against the team.

20 point rule - General approach - if player slightly over 20 (2 to 4) a warning may be issued depending on judgment re fairness. 1st circumstance is usually a warning reserving the right to deduct points if any complaints are forthcoming.

If a replacement player plays 5 times for a team, the centre/club should consider moving the player into the team as permanent player. This will enable this player to be registered for finals. However if a player is moved in a player must be removed and this outgoing player is equal to or below the current rating of the outgoing person.



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### **So where does a REPLACEMENT player actually play?**

If the normal # 3 is out then you can get a REPLACEMENT with a rating up to 20 points above the # 3's rating.

You can leave your # 4 in their position and the REPLACEMENT plays at 3 regardless of their rating.

If the #4 is looking for a stronger hit they can go to # 3 ... if not they can stay at # 4.

If the normal # 3 is out and the replacement has a rating that is effectively higher than the # 2 then he must play at # 3 because a PERMANENT member of team cannot come down to # 3 in their own team.

***REPLACEMENTS can float BUT PERMANENT Members of Team MUST play in their normal position or higher.***

## **FINALS**

A Player must play 5 matches in the team in which they are REGISTERED to AUTOMATICALLY qualify for the finals.

If a team wishes to utilize another player in the final series they must apply in writing (email) outlining their case. All such requests will be considered by River City Squash Pennants Committee and their decision is final.

If a permanent member of team is not available a suitable replacement will be a player with a current SPZ Rating less than the CURRENT RATING of the # 4 player in that team. If a player is approved they must play in the # 4 position. In other words replacement players cannot play above a permanent member of the team

## **SLIDING – new guideline**

Where a Centre is unable to field a full team:-

- a player having played in his or her own position within a team, may fill-in in a higher position in his or her own team but may not play in a position higher than any other player registered above him or her;
- the number of times a team may have a player fill-in (play twice) in their team shall be limited to 3 times per season;
- all matches played by a fill-in player under this guideline shall count towards that team's results as if the missing player had played in that team personally; and
- All matches played by a fill-in player under this guideline shall count towards the number of matches required for that player to be eligible to play in finals.



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## ***FINALLY***

River City Squash intend to keep the basic rules of the last 12 months to not confuse players. However we understand that decisions cannot be based solely on figures and this sport is played by people. Therefore we have re-established the Pennants Committee, as used previously by Squash Brisbane and BSL, so players and centre operators can put their case forward where there are special circumstances.