



44th SAFRA SQUASH OPEN 2023

RULES & REGULATIONS (R&R)

1. PERIOD AND VENUE OF TOURNAMENT

1.1 Date/Time

The 44rd SAFRA SQUASH OPEN 2023 will be held from Sat, 28th Oct 2023 to Sat, 11th Nov 2023 from 12pm to 10pm.

1.2 Venue

SAFRA Toa Payoh, 293 Lorong 6 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319387, Squash Court, Level 2

1.3 The Organising Committee, at its discretion, reserves the right to change the date, time and venue of the tournament, if such need arises.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS

2.1 The 44rd SAFRA SQUASH OPEN 2023 is open to all. All current and ex-national players are eligible to take part in this tournament.

2.2 Players who participated in National Squash League (NSL), national junior players, as well as previous SAFRA Squash Open Novice category semifinalists and above (plate's category not included) are not eligible to participate in the novice event.

2.3 Player(s) must produce their identity card during registration.

2.4 Age qualification shall be based on the following:

Category	Birth Year
Veterans' Open (Handicap Scoring System)	Born before 28 th Oct 1978

3. REGISTRATION OF ENTRIES

Players must specify their current grades (as specified in the SSRA current or previous grading lists). Players with no grade but have played in the league shall declare their grade of the team they have registered. The Organising Committee (hereinafter called "The Committee") reserves the right to amend or upgrade any player whose grade, in the opinion of The Committee, does not correspond with his/her standard of play.

3.1 The registration fee is as follows for (per category, per person):

\$ 30.00	Student / SAFRA Squash Players / SAFRA Members
\$ 35.00	Guest
\$ 40.00	Wildcard Entry

3.2 The duly completed registration forms, together with payment, shall be submitted to the front desk of SAFRA Toa Payoh Club, open from 9am to 9pm daily, if a hardcopy submission were to be used. A receipt will be issued. The closing date for registration is Friday, 13 October 2023.

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3.3 Fees are non-refundable unless the event is cancelled by SAFRA.

4. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM & RULES

4.1 The American scoring or PAR system (11 points, a new Handicap points system and 'power play') will be used.

- a. For all categories except Novice categories, all matches will be played to a best of 3 games, first to 11 points without deuce.
- b. For all categories except Novice categories, all matches will be played with a NEW Handicap points system (refer to table below).

Grade	Handicap points within the Division
Div 1: A / Div 2: D	-5
Div 1: B / Div 2: E	-3
Div 1: C / Div 2: F/NG	0

- c. For Division 1, players with grades lower than C are welcome to sign up. However, there will be no additional handicap given to the lower grade players. (eg. E grade player joins Div 1 and plays an A grade player. E grader starts with 0 points, and the A grader starts with -5 points).
- d. Please take note that there will be no further adjustments to the new handicap system implemented regardless of ages of participants for all veterans' categories.
- e. Each player is allowed to use ONE 'power play' per set. When 'power play' is activated, the player who activates the "power play" will win 2 points instead of 1 when they win the rally. If the player who activates the "power play" loses the rally, they will lose their chance of using their 'power play' again in the same game.
- f. 'Power play' can ONLY be activated before the start of a point. 'Power play' may not be activated by the player with 10 points in the game. 'Power play' not utilised during the game will be forfeited and will not be carried over to the next or any future games.
- g. In the Novice categories, all players will play to a best of 5 games, first to 11 points (w/o deuce).

4.2 The Committee reserves the right to amend or reject a player's participation in his/her selected event. All decisions made are final and players must comply with the decision.

4.3 Players 19 years old and below must bring along and put on protective goggles to avoid injury.

4.4 Players must report to the Officials at the venue 15 minutes ahead of their scheduled time of play. Players reporting after the 15 minutes of the scheduled time of play will have their matches forfeited. Mutual agreements between players to play at other time schedules will be accorded with the lowest priority in the allocation of court time.

4.5 Players are required to mark/referee at least one match in each of the rounds that they are playing.

4.6 Players are reminded to check their next scheduled match with the Coordinator or at the updated match table after their games.

4.7 All players are requested to bring their identification documents for verification on the days of their matches, failing which they will not be allowed to play.

4.8 Players who have registered for more than one event must be prepared to play more than one match on the same day.

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4.9 Once entries have been accepted, no replacement / substitution of players will be entertained. However, the Organising Committee will consider requests for change of players if valid reasons are provided, on a case-by-case basis. No changes will be made after the closing date.

4.10 Participants are to check their fixtures by Friday, 20th October 2023 at SAFRA website, www.safra.sg.

5. SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

5.1 The Organising Committee has the absolute rights to interpret or amend the rules and regulations of the tournament at any time. Notifications of such changes will be posted on relevant website. It is the sole responsibility of the participant to visit the SAFRA website for any notices or changes to the draw or schedules. Any changes will be posted at least 24 hours before the re-scheduled match. Any other rules and regulations that are not covered by the Rules and Regulations will be decided by the Organising Committee, whose decision shall be FINAL.

5.2 In any event of a dispute or seeking redress, please lodge your appeal in writing together with the protest fee of \$50.00 with the presiding official on the spot during the match. In the event of the protest being dismissed, the fee will be forfeited.

5.3 In the event of any dispute arising over any player, the match shall be played under the protest and the Organising Committee shall determine the matter on receipt of the protest.

5.4 While reasonable precautions are taken, SAFRA, and its agents will not be responsible or in any way liable for any death, disability, personal injury, loss of property or any loss howsoever arising from any cause whatsoever at any time during the course of this event.

5.5 Please visit www.safra.sg for more information on this tournament or email Jeremy (ijeremy@safra.sg) if you need further clarifications.

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