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1.0 Australian Junior Squash Tour

1.1 Introduction

The Australian Junior Squash Tour (AJST) is the name given to the tiered structure of junior squash events conducted in Australia that are eligible for an Australian Junior Ranking.

There are four tiers: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum.

The events are sanctioned by Squash Australia and must adhere to this policy, the National Event Policy, and any other applicable policies.

1.2 Platinum Events

Platinum events are the pinnacle AJST events and are aimed towards intermediate to advanced level players. These aged based competitions are conducted over minimum of three days and bring the best players from around the country for the opportunity to compete on a national and international stage.

- Australian Junior Open (AJO) held annually in Australia.
- Australian Junior Championships (AJC) held annually in Australia.
- Oceania Junior Championships (OJC) held bi-annually in Australia.

Platinum events are conducted by Squash Australia.

Players must be a Compete Junior Member of Squash Australia to be eligible or if international must have an International Membership.

1.3 Gold Events

Gold events are permitted once in each state and territory per year and are a performance events. States/Territories conduct their Gold events between May-July each year. The aged based events occur over two days and cater for Intermediate to advanced players which are observed for state/territory team selection to compete at the Australian Junior Team Championships.

State/Territory Junior Championships

A minimum of 30 entries and 4 draws is required for an event to qualify as a Gold event. If an event does not achieve this minimum, it will be downgraded to a silver event.

Gold events are conducted by State/Territory Associations supported by Squash Australia.

Players must be minimum Local Junior Member of Squash Australia and their State/Territory Association to be eligible or if international must have an International Membership.

1.4 Silver Events

Silver events are conducted within each state and territory with a maximum of four per state/territory each year. These events are stepping stones to state level competition for beginner to advanced players. These events are held across two



days and commonly aged based. This may be altered to ability based and/or one day of competition with approval from Squash Australia.

Second tier State/Territory tournaments

A minimum of 16 entries and 3 draws is required for an event to qualify as a Silver event. If an event does not achieve this minimum, it will be downgraded to a Bronze event.

Silver events are conducted by State/Territory Associations in partnership with host clubs/facilities.

Players must be minimum Local Junior Member of Squash Australia to be eligible or if international must have an International Membership.

1.5 Bronze Events

Bronze events are held throughout clubs and venues across Australia with an unlimited number permitted within a state/territory and a maximum of 3 per year for any one organiser or club. The structure of these tournaments varies and caters from beginner to advanced players. Bronze tournaments are the foundation level to the AJST and are commonly ability-based events held across minimum of one day.

- Participation based tournaments.
- Closed tournaments that restrict entries such as club championships, or regional closed events.

Bronze events are conducted by host clubs/facilities with support of state/territory Associations.

Players must be minimum Local Junior Member of Squash Australia and their State/Territory Association to be eligible or if international must have an International Membership. If a player is competing for their first event, they may access a Come and Try membership, this can only be used once at a bronze level event and is for new members only.

1.6 AJST Event Registration

Squash Australia conducts a national calendar process each year in partnership with the State/Territories between September and November.

All AJST events must be registered to the applicable State/Territory association (STA) before being submitted to Squash Australia for approval. All Platinum, Gold and Silver events are required to be registered as part of the annual calendar submission.

Bronze level events outside of the national calendar process are permitted once approved by STA and Squash Australia at a minimum of 1 months' notice prior to the event start date.

Platinum and Gold events will be scheduled as priority over other events.



The AJST event naming convention applies to all events: "Year, Event Name – Level Initial"

Level Indicated by single letter ONLY on ALL events sanctioned by State or SQA.

- **B** Bronze
- S- Silver
- G- Gold*
- **P** Platinum

E.g. 2022 Central Junior Open-S

*All AJST Gold events- "Year, State/Territory, Junior Championships – G" E.g. 2022 NT Junior Championships – G

1.7 Event Sanctioning

All AJST events must be sanctioned by Squash Australia and follow the correct event policies and procedures.

For a tournament to be part of the AJST and be eligible for ranking points it must comply with the following requirements:

- Use Squash Australia Event Registration System
- Use Dunlop Balls as per section 2.5.
- Register the event as per section 1.6.
- Included AJST event level logo on all promotional materials.
- Tournament organisers must read and follow the correct procedures outlined in this policy.
- Request sanctioning to Squash Australia at the time of event registration.
- Tournament Organisers must provide Squash Australia with their Working with Children Check (WWCC) and certificate of the required Integrity courses at the time of event registration.

Squash Australia reserve the right to remove sanctioning of an event if it does not meet the criteria required or breaches any AJST procedures when being conducted.

2.0 AJST Event Procedures

2.1 Tournament Timeline

The below table demonstrates the minimum timeline requirements for tournament registration and draw release dates before the start date of the event;



	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Entries Open	3 months	2 months	2 months	1 month
Entries Close	2 weeks	10 days	7 days	5 days
Draws Released	7 days	7 days	5 days	3 days

2.2 Draws

Draws in a tournament can be age or ability based depending on the event level.

- Platinum Age Based
- Gold-Age Based
- Silver- Age Based/Ability Based*
- Bronze- Age Based or Ability Based

At Platinum and Gold AJST events players must play in their own age group or except for U19 draws whereby any player under 19 years old is eligible to play.

Players in Squash Australia's National Junior Talent Squads or Squash Australia's Next Gen Squad may be permitted to play in an older age group or two age groups at Platinum AJST events. This permission will be at the discretion of the SqA HP Team and will be determined on a case-by-case basis. In making this determination, the SqA HP Team will consider the best interests of the athlete's development as a squash player, with the aim of competing successfully for Australia at future international events.

Players seeking selection for a National Team in an older age group may request permission to enter an older age group at a Platinum AJST Event. This permission would only be granted if the SqA HP Team consider this athlete to be of a reasonable chance of selection in that older age group.

At Silver and Bronze events which are age based, players may enter their own age group or an age group higher if advertised at the time of entry.

At ability based events players must enter one draw. Players at ability-based events may be moved between draws at the discretion of the tournament director to meet draw eligibility requirements.

All AJST events must use Monrad or Round Robin draw formats based on entry numbers. All events must guarantee a minimum of 3 matches for each player.

Round Robin Draws are decided by the number of Matches Won, if players are equal on matches, then a countback on Games Won, then Points Won will determine the winner. If two players are still equal, then the head-to-head result between the two players will determine the result.



^{*}Silver events may be ability based with approval from Squash Australia.

A tournament organiser has discretion to use standard finals or crossover finals based on the event entries and number of days.

A minimum of four players is required for a draw to be eligible for AJST ranking points. Tournament Directors may combine draws to reach this minimum. Draws cannot be combined if the minimum number (4) is achieved in both draws.

The name of a draw must display either an age group for age-based events (U15 or u17/U19) or a division number (Division 1) for Ability based events. Aged draws and Divisions should appear in an ascending order.

All draws must be played as per the tournament terms and conditions at the time of entry. Organisers cannot alter the format of play once registrations have closed for the event.

2.3 Seeding

All sanctioned tournaments must use the AJST rankings for seeding purposes.

Seeding for a tournament will use the rankings as at the date of entries closing.

AJST Platinum events will be seeded in line with the National Event policy.

For ability events the Overall AJST Ranking lists should be used to determine seeding.

2.4 Withdrawals

The following withdrawal process will apply to all Squash Australia national events.

A withdrawal occurs;

- i. **Before Entries Close** Withdrawals can be made up until the entry confirmation deadline without penalty.
- ii. **7 Days to 24 Hours Before Event Start Date-** If the player was seeded (top 16) the draw will be re-seeded in bands i.e. any vacant seeds in the 1/8 band will be replaced by seeds from the 9/16 band and they in turn will be replaced by seeds from the 17/32 band etc. Replacements shall be in seeded order within bands taking the highest seed designated within that band.
- iii.

 If the 1st or 2nd seed withdraw after the draw has been made, then the Tournament Director may choose to re-make the draw if it is deemed unbalanced.
- iv. **Within 24 Hours Event Start Date-** The draw will stand, and a walkover shall be given to the opponent of a withdrawn player.

Any player forfeiting through injury/illness will automatically be withdrawn from the remainder of the tournament. A player may be permitted to continue in an event at the tournament director's discretion if there are extenuating circumstances.



If a player does not compete in all scheduled matches, they will receive zero points for their participation unless a doctor's medical certificate is supplied within 7 days of the events completion to Squash Australia at events@squashaus.com.au

Upon acceptance of a doctor's medical certificate, the player will be eligible for the lowest points in the round of competition they withdrew from. For instance, if a player defaults in the quarterfinals, they will receive points for 8th place finish.

Entry fee refunds are determined by the events terms and conditions on the event registration system.

2.5 Tournament Balls

The below table indicates the permitted ball use at the applicable AJST event:

BALL	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Dunlop Pro Ball	X	X	Χ	Χ
(Double Yellow Dot)				
Dunlop Competition Ball		Optional For	Optional For	Х
(Single Yellow Dot)		U11 Only	U11 Only	
Other WSF approved balls				Х

The ball type to be used at an event must_be stated at the time of entry.

2.6 Awards

AJST event organisers should supply awards to the players in the form of trophies, medallions, prizes, or certificates.

No monetary rewards can be awarded at a AJST sanctioned event. This includes cash, gift cards and other forms of a financial exchange.

3.0 AJST Rankings

3.1 Overview

The Australian Junior Squash Tour Ranking System (AJSTRS) will be updated on 1st of each month.

It is the players responsibility to check that their points and personal information are correct (i.e. date of birth, SQA ID, address). Any issue or query regarding the AJSTRS should be emailed to Squash Australia at events@squashaus.com.au

2.7 Eligibility

For a player to be eligible to receive AJST ranking points they must meet the following criteria;

- Players must be Australian citizens and/or residents.
- Players must be valid member of Squash Australia and their State or Territory Association.
- Players must have participated in AJST sanctioned events within 12 months.
- Players competing in an age-based tournament must be the relevant age as
 of the last day of the tournament (e.g. a player in an U17 draw must be 16 or
 under, if a player turns 17 before or during the tournament they must play
 U19's).



- For a WSF recognised tournament (AJO, AJC & OJC), players must have a valid SPIN number. This can be purchased through WSF.
- Additional eligibility requirements apply to platinum events including Sport Integrity Australia Courses and World Squash Officiating Courses. These requirements will be listed on the event registration platform.

3.2 Age Groups

Ranking lists will be displayed by gender in each age group - U11, U13, U15, U17 & U19 and one age combined list that shows all players per gender. Players are ranked once in their current age group.

A players best 5 results from the 12 months immediately prior to the date will be included in their ranking.

The AJSTRS works on a 12-month rollover period meaning all acquired points will cease to contribute to a player's AJST ranking if they are over 12 months old.

An AJST event can only occur once in a 12-month rolling period regardless of when the event is held i.e. the same event cannot occur twice within 12 months.

This expiry period may be temporarily changed at the discretion of Squash Australia when required (e.g. when events cannot be held for an extended period).

3.3 Aging Up

Players will carry over their points from their previous age group into their new age group provided the 12-month period for the event has not expired.

3.4 Point Allocation Process

A player's ranking will be calculated by taking their best five (5) AJST results and adding them together.

A player will be allocated ranking points for their final placing in one eligible draw at an AJST event.

If a draw does not clearly state final placings, all players will be allocated points for the lowest placing in the relevant round where the draw has not been completed. E.g. if there is no 3 / 4 playoff in a draw then both players will be allocated 4^{th} place points.

Players are eligible to receive a maximum point allocation of one age group above their own for the placing that they finish in a draw. E.g. An U13 player plays an U17's draw and finishes 5^{th} they would be allocated points for 5^{th} place in U15's. This has no impact on the player who finished 5^{th} in U15's.

Tournament Directors may combine 2 draws to reach the minimum number of 4 players. If two age draws are combined, the players will receive points for the



highest draw (e.g. an U17/19 combined draw will be worth U19 points). Draws cannot be combined if the minimum number (4) is achieved in both draws.

The following table demonstrates the equivalent point allocation between age group and divisions;

Age Group	Divisions
Under 19	Division 1
Under 17	Division 2
Under 15	Division 3
Under 13	Division 4
Under 11	Division 5
Under 9	Division 6

If a tournament has more than 6 divisions then division six and over will all receive division six points accordingly.

Appendix 1- Australian Junior Squash Tour Points Allocation Table

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
U/19 Platinum	120	72.289	62.7213	53.1535	47.8702	42.5869	37.3036	32.0203	30.4289	28.8375	27.2461	25.6548	24.0634	22.472	20.8806	19.2893
U/19 Gold	60	36.1445	31.3608	26.577	23.9353	21.2935	18.6518	16.01	15.1523	14.2946	13.4369	12.5793	11.7216	10.8639	10.0062	9.1485
U/19 Silver	30	18.0725	15.6806	13.2886	11.9677	10.6469	9.326	8.0052	7.5763	7.1475	6.7186	6.2898	5.8609	5.4321	5.0032	4.5744
U/19 Bronze	15	9.0362	7.8402	6.6443	5.9838	5.3234	4.663	4.0026	3.7881	3.5737	3.3593	3.1449	2.9304	2.716	2.5016	2.2872
U/17 Platinum	60	36.1445	31.3608	26.577	23.9353	21.2935	18.6518	16.01	15.1523	14.2946	13.4369	12.5793	11.7216	10.8639	10.0062	9.1485
U/17 Gold	30	18.0725	15.6806	13.2886	11.9677	10.6469	9.326	8.0052	7.5763	7.1475	6.7186	6.2898	5.8609	5.4321	5.0032	4.5744
U/17 Silver	15	9.0362	7.8402	6.6443	5.9838	5.3234	4.663	4.0026	3.7881	3.5737	3.3593	3.1449	2.9304	2.716	2.5016	2.2872
U/17 Bronze	7.5	4.5181	3.9201	3.3221	2.9919	2.6617	2.3315	2.0013	1.8941	1.7868	1.6796	1.5724	1.4652	1.358	1.2508	1.1436
U/15 Platinum	30	18.0725	15.6806	13.2886	11.9677	10.6469	9.326	8.0052	7.5763	7.1475	6.7186	6.2898	5.8609	5.4321	5.0032	4.5744
U/15 Gold	15	9.0362	7.8402	6.6443	5.9838	5.3234	4.663	4.0026	3.7881	3.5737	3.3593	3.1449	2.9304	2.716	2.5016	2.2872
U/15 Silver	7.5	4.5181	3.9201	3.3221	2.9919	2.6617	2.3315	2.0013	1.8941	1.7868	1.6796	1.5724	1.4652	1.358	1.2508	1.1436
U/15 Bronze	3.75	2.2591	1.9601	1.6611	1.496	1.3309	1.1658	1.0006	0.947	0.8934	0.8398	0.7862	0.7326	0.679	0.6254	0.5718
U/13 Platinum	15	9.0362	7.8402	6.6443	5.9838	5.3234	4.663	4.0026	3.7881	3.5737	3.3593	3.1449	2.9304	2.716	2.5016	2.2872
U/13 Gold	7.5	4.5181	3.9201	3.3221	2.9919	2.6617	2.3315	2.0013	1.8941	1.7868	1.6796	1.5724	1.4652	1.358	1.2508	1.1436
U/13 Silver	3.75	2.2591	1.9601	1.6611	1.4959	1.3308	1.1657	1.0006	0.947	0.8934	0.8398	0.7862	0.7326	0.679	0.6254	0.5718
U/13 Bronze	1.875	1.1295	0.98	0.8305	0.748	0.6654	0.5829	0.5003	0.4735	0.4467	0.4199	0.3931	0.3663	0.3395	0.3127	0.2859
U/11 Platinum	7.5	4.5181	3.9201	3.3221	2.9919	2.6617	2.3315	2.0013	1.8941	1.7868	1.6796	1.5724	1.4652	1.358	1.2508	1.1436
U/11 Gold	3.75	2.2591	1.9601	1.6611	1.4959	1.3308	1.1657	1.0006	0.947	0.8934	0.8398	0.7862	0.7326	0.679	0.6254	0.5718
U/11 Silver	1.875	1.1295	0.98	0.8305	0.748	0.6654	0.5829	0.5003	0.4735	0.4467	0.4199	0.3931	0.3663	0.3395	0.3127	0.2859
U/11 Bronze	0.9375	0.5648	0.49	0.4153	0.374	0.3327	0.2914	0.2502	0.2368	0.2234	0.21	0.1965	0.1831	0.1697	0.1563	0.1429
Division 6 Platinum	0.4688	0.2824	0.245	0.2076	0.187	0.1664	0.1457	0.1251	0.1184	0.1117	0.105	0.0983	0.0916	0.0849	0.0782	0.0715
Division 6 Gold	0.2344	0.1412	0.1225	0.1038	0.0935	0.0832	0.0729	0.0625	0.0592	0.0558	0.0525	0.0491	0.0458	0.0424	0.0391	0.0357
Division 6 Silver	0.1172	0.0706		0.0519	0.0468	0.0416	0.0364	0.0313	0.0296	0.0279	0.0262	0.0246	0.0229	0.0212	0.0195	0.0179
Division 6 Bronze	0.0586	0.0353	0.0306	0.026	0.0234	0.0208	0.0182	0.0156	0.0148	0.014	0.0131	0.0123	0.0114	0.0106	0.0098	0.0089



	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
U/19 Platinum	18.4383	17.5873	16.7363	15.8853	15.0343	14.1833	13.3323	12.4813	11.6303	10.7793	9.9283	9.0773	8.2263	7.3753	6.5243	5.6733
U/19 Gold	8.7449	8.3413	7.9377	7.5341	7.1304	6.7268	6.3232	5.9196	5.516	5.1124	4.7088	4.3052	3.9016	3.498	3.0943	2.6907
U/19 Silver	4.3726	4.1708	3.969	3.7671	3.5653	3.3635	3.1617	2.9599	2.7581	2.5563	2.3545	2.1527	1.9508	1.749	1.5472	1.3454
U/19 Bronze	2.1863	2.0854	1.9845	1.8836	1.7827	1.6817	1.5808	1.4799	1.379	1.2781	1.1772	1.0763	0.9754	0.8745	0.7736	0.6727
U/17 Platinum	8.7449	8.3413	7.9377	7.5341	7.1304	6.7268	6.3232	5.9196	5.516	5.1124	4.7088	4.3052	3.9016	3.498	3.0943	2.6907
U/17 Gold	4.3726	4.1708	3.969	3.7671	3.5653	3.3635	3.1617	2.9599	2.7581	2.5563	2.3545	2.1527	1.9508	1.749	1.5472	1.3454
U/17 Silver	2.1863	2.0854	1.9845	1.8836	1.7827	1.6817	1.5808	1.4799	1.379	1.2781	1.1772	1.0763	0.9754	0.8745	0.7736	0.6727
U/17 Bronze	1.0931	1.0427	0.9922	0.9418	0.8913	0.8409	0.7904	0.74	0.6895	0.6391	0.5886	0.5382	0.4877	0.4373	0.3868	0.3364
U/15 Platinum	4.3726	4.1708	3.969	3.7671	3.5653	3.3635	3.1617	2.9599	2.7581	2.5563	2.3545	2.1527	1.9508	1.749	1.5472	1.3454
U/15 Gold	2.1863	2.0854	1.9845	1.8836	1.7827	1.6817	1.5808	1.4799	1.379	1.2781	1.1772	1.0763	0.9754	0.8745	0.7736	0.6727
U/15 Silver	1.0931	1.0427	0.9922	0.9418	0.8913	0.8409	0.7904	0.74	0.6895	0.6391	0.5886	0.5382	0.4877	0.4373	0.3868	0.3364
U/15 Bronze	0.5466	0.5213	0.4961	0.4709	0.4457	0.4204	0.3952	0.37	0.3448	0.3195	0.2943	0.2691	0.2439	0.2186	0.1934	0.1682
U/13 Platinum	2.1863	2.0854	1.9845	1.8836	1.7827	1.6817	1.5808	1.4799	1.379	1.2781	1.1772	1.0763	0.9754	0.8745	0.7736	0.6727
U/13 Gold	1.0931	1.0427	0.9922	0.9418	0.8913	0.8409	0.7904	0.74	0.6895	0.6391	0.5886	0.5382	0.4877	0.4373	0.3868	0.3364
U/13 Silver	0.5466	0.5213	0.4961	0.4709	0.4457	0.4204	0.3952	0.37	0.3448	0.3195	0.2943	0.2691	0.2439	0.2186	0.1934	0.1682
U/13 Bronze	0.2733	0.2607	0.2481	0.2354	0.2228	0.2102	0.1976	0.185	0.1724	0.1598	0.1472	0.1345	0.1219	0.1093	0.0967	0.0841
U/11 Platinum	1.0931	1.0427	0.9922	0.9418	0.8913	0.8409	0.7904	0.74	0.6895	0.6391	0.5886	0.5382	0.4877	0.4373	0.3868	0.3364
U/11 Gold	0.5466	0.5213	0.4961	0.4709	0.4457	0.4204	0.3952	0.37	0.3448	0.3195	0.2943	0.2691	0.2439	0.2186	0.1934	0.1682
U/11 Silver	0.2733	0.2607	0.2481	0.2354	0.2228	0.2102	0.1976	0.185	0.1724	0.1598	0.1472	0.1345	0.1219	0.1093	0.0967	0.0841
U/11 Bronze	0.1366	0.1303	0.124	0.1177	0.1114	0.1051	0.0988	0.0925	0.0862	0.0799	0.0736	0.0673	0.061	0.0546	0.0483	0.042
Division 6 Platinum	0.0683	0.0652	0.062	0.0589	0.0557	0.0526	0.0494	0.0463	0.0431	0.0399	0.0368	0.0336	0.0305	0.0273	0.0242	0.021
Division 6 Gold	0.0342	0.0326	0.031	0.0294	0.0279	0.0263	0.0247	0.0231	0.0215	0.02	0.0184	0.0168	0.0152	0.0137	0.0121	0.0105
Division 6 Silver	0.0171	0.0163	0.0155	0.0147	0.0139	0.0131	0.0124	0.0116	0.0108	0.01	0.0092	0.0084	0.0076	0.0068	0.0061	0.0053
Division 6 Bronze	0.0085	0.0081	0.0078	0.0074	0.007	0.0066	0.0062	0.0058	0.0054	0.005	0.0046	0.0042	0.0038	0.0034	0.003	0.0026

