

Squash Australia Coach Framework

Course Outline – Level 1

Program Competency Statements

- Provide a safe environment to prepare novice and intermediate players to compete successfully in club/ interclub/ school environments.
- Coaches will be provided with the skills to prepare players for club/centre, District and State level competitions.
- Provide positive direction by implementing; efficient organisation of training, administrative and risk management strategies within a team, squad, club/ centre environment.
- Display effective communication skills in the broader squash community.
- Implement a program that will cater for the short and long-term development of all players within a club/centre environment.
- Apply basic training principles to the development of a competitive player, while taking into consideration maturational and developmental considerations.
- More effectively identify and apply corrective techniques to improve the stroke for competition involvement.
- Improve player performance by applying a training program that meets physiological, technical, and psychological requirements.
- Apply self-management skills.

Key Information

Age Requirements:	Minimum 16 years on completion to be eligible for certification
Certification Validity:	3-year term (before re-certification)
Certification Enrolment:	Squash Australia Learning Centre (SqA LC) – click here
Certification requirements:	Online requirements (learn at your own pace) and Practical Course (2 Days)

Coach Certification Course Fees

Level 1:	\$299 (* Includes WSC Coach membership)
World Squash Federation SPIN membership:	GBP £15.00 (Note: Pricing in Pounds paid to WSF)
Course fee includes:	Certification; WSC (World Squash Coaching) Coach Membership; Acknowledgement on Squash Australia and World Squash Coaching coach directory website;

Invitation/access to State and National Professional Development initiatives;
and Practical course registration.

Recertification Fees

Level 1: \$55.00 (includes WSC Coach membership)

World Squash Federation

SPIN membership: GBP £10.00 (Note: Pricing in Pounds paid to WSF)

Insurance

Insurance: Domestic coaches only

For details on Squash Australia National Insurance Scheme, V-Insurance [click here](#).

Coaches Insurance is incorporated within the Squash Australia Personal Accident and Professional Indemnity Insurance policy.

Australian Coaches are covered for coaching if they have a valid Squash Australia Coaching Certification and if they are registered members of Squash Australia through the MySquashAUS platform (e.g. Support or above membership level) for any endorsed coaching activity.

If you are unsure if a coach will be covered by insurance, please contact education@squashaus.com.au for clarification.

Level 1 Certification Requirements

Squash Australia

- Register their membership to Squash Australia (have a minimum of Support level membership).
- Complete an Australian Sports Commission (ASC) 'Community Coaching Essential Skills' course.
- Complete a Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) course 'Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction' Course (either from the SqA LC or SIA website [here](#)).
- Complete the World Squash Officiating (WSO) [Level 0 - Rules](#) (within the past three years).
- Attend the Level 1 Coach Certification Practical Course (2-day course).
- Have a valid Working with Children Card (WWCC) or Working with Vulnerable People check (WWVP)

World Squash Coaching (WSC)

- Register to create and pay for a World Squash Federation SPIN membership £15
 - To purchase: <https://wsf.tournamentsoftware.com/memberships>
 - Info: <https://www.worldsquash.org/spins/>

WSC Coach & WSF SPIN Membership is valid for three (3) years as part of your Squash Australia certification. Please note, if you are a squash player you will be required to renew your SPIN membership annually.

Practical Course Assessment

- All participants are required to actively participate in workshops and discussion groups and undertake practical tasks/demonstrations.
- Using a practical on-court assessment, show evidence and understanding and demonstrate practical use of the coaching “tools” through non-prescriptive coaching methods.
- Participants will be required to demonstrate their expertise in a particular area by written and or practical demonstration.
- Deemed competent in all modules as set out in the Squash Australia / World Squash Coaching Level 1 Coach training program.
- Participants may be required to undergo additional work to bring them up to a minimum level of competency required at Level 1.
- Approved by Squash Australia.

Course Completion

- Squash Australia online course requirements are to be completed and passed competent before registering for the practical course. If you have not completed the online modules for a valid reason, you must finish all course material within one (1) month of the practical course date to avoid losing your certification eligibility.
- Practical course is delivered over two days, and you will be assessed as competent or not yet competent.
- No post-course work is required unless advised.
- Squash Australia Level 1 Coach Certification is only valid if accompanied by a valid WSF SPIN and Working with Children Check.

Unsuccessful Completion

- If you are assessed as not yet competent in your practical assessment and are required to complete post-course work, you will have three (3) months from receiving your results to fulfil these requirements.
- Participants who do not complete the course material within the required timeframe will be required to retake the entire course and pay additional fees unless a prior agreement has been made with Squash Australia and the course tutor.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Squash Australia offers the opportunity for coaches to provide evidence of their current level of prior learning for Squash Australia’s consideration to align the coaches to the appropriate coaching level. Documents are to be uploaded to the Squash Australia Learning Centre.

For more information refer to the RPL Information Summary document on our website [here](#).

International Coaches Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

International coaches need to provide their current coaching certification which needs to be aligned with World Squash Coaching standards. Please send your International Coaching Certification to Squash Australia at education@squashaus.com.au who will deem whether the International PRL is accepted.

Squash Australia Certification fee - \$55.00.

Entry Pre-requisite to Level 2

A Level 1 coach is required to have a minimum of 12 months of active coaching experience before progressing to Level 2.

Requirement for Squash Australia / World Squash Coaching Recertification

(Must be completed during a three-year certification period)

- Pay the recertification fee – **\$55.00** (includes WSC Membership)
- Renew World Squash Federation (WSF) SPIN membership – **GBP £10.00**
- Agree with the Squash Australia Protective Eyewear Indemnity and Coaches Code of Behaviour
- Have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC)
- Complete the recertification Documents
 - Coach Points Table – Level 1
 - Coach Recertification Level 1 Coaching Tools evaluation
 - Coach Activity Logbook
 - Support letter from the State/Territory office or a head coach

Recertification Process

- Once certification has expired recertification will cease, and the participant will be required to complete their coaching certification again and pay the course fee at their own expense.
- To receive recertification, a coach would need to:
 - Actively coach at an affiliated Squash Australia Club/Recreation Centre.
 - Provide evidence of attending Coaching Personal Development workshops, and forums.
 - Achieve 100 points when updating the Coach Points table, keep an activity logbook over three years, and fill in Coach Recertification Coaching Tools. Templates are available in the SqA LC.

- The recertification pathway is open in the Squash Australia Learning Centre (SqA LC) six months before the certification expires. If you have a valid Australian Coach Certification but haven't completed it in the SqA LC, you would need to contact Squash Australia at education@squashaus.com.au to get access to your recertification courses.
- Coaches are encouraged to take initiative in their learning journey by actively seeking opportunities to enhance their coaching knowledge and skills.
- Squash Australia supports coaches in taking ownership of their professional development and pursuing continuous improvement opportunities that best align with their individual goals.

Enquiries

Contact Squash Australia via email at education@squashaus.com.au.