

# JUNIOR EVENT ELIGIBILITY



## Gold and Provincials Policies:

The Gold and Provincial Championship circuits are the highest level of competition offered in Ontario and as such the Squash Ontario Junior Advisory Committee has made policy changes to include a qualification process for entry. This will ensure all players receive quality matches and adequate recovery time.

Gold and Provincial Championship Events will now be restricted to the following players:

The Top 24 ranked players in the GU19, BU19 and BU17 draws. In addition, 4 local spots and 4 out of province spots may be awarded by the Junior Advisory Committee to round out the 32 player draws.

Top 12 ranked players in the GU17, GU15, BU15, GU13, BU13, GU11, BU11. In addition, 2 local spots and 2 out of province spots may be awarded by the Junior Advisory Committee to round out the 16 player draws.

Rankings will be determined using the publication closest to 28 days before the start date of the event (ex. The Ontario Junior Open is March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> rankings will be determined using the publication directly before February 23<sup>rd</sup>).

To accommodate these entry restrictions, Gold/Provincial Events will have a new entry deadline of 2.5 weeks before the start of the event (Wednesday at 11:59pm). Players meeting the rankings guidelines will automatically be accepted while players just outside of the guideline may enter and will be notified by the Friday at noon if they receive a spot in the draw. They will continue to stay on a waitlist in the event that a spot opens up and will be issued a full refund if they do not gain acceptance.

## Girls in Boys Events

In order for a girl to participate in a boys event, she must have won any 2 (two) of the following junior events in her current age group: National Championships, Provincial Championships (Open or Closed), Junior Gold. The player must compete in her own age group when playing in the boys divisions. Squash Ontario does not enter Inter Gender Matches into the rankings.

## Silver Policies:

Squash Ontario is happy to announce that we will now be adding under 19 divisions to the Silver circuit. The top 8 ranked players are not eligible to play in these tournaments. As always, any age groups with low entry numbers are subject to being combined.

A player who wins two Silvers must move up an age group. If a player wins two U19 events, they will be deemed to have graduated the circuit as there is no additional age category for them to move into. Players may return to their age category for the end of season Ontario Silver Championships even if they have won two previous events.

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Please note a top seeded player may request to move up an age group in a Silver tournament if they are 50+ points higher in the rankings than the next best player in their division. Any petitions or requests should be sent to [programs@squashontario.com](mailto:programs@squashontario.com) prior to the deadline.

The restrictions on who can play these events, or who has to move up based off of rankings will stay the same. Rankings will be determined using the publication closest to 28 days before the start date of the event.

The following players may NOT participate in Silver events:

- Top 4 ranked players in the Under 15 division
- Top 8 ranked players in the Under 17 and Under 19 divisions

The following players may participate but MUST move up a division:

- Top 2 ranked players in the Under 11 division
- Top 4 ranked players in the Under 13 division
- Players ranked 5-8 in the Under 15 division

## Grand Prix Policies:

A player who wins two Grand Prix must move up an age group. If a player wins two U15 events, they will be deemed to have graduated the circuit as there is no additional age category for them to move into. Winners of all events will be invited to the end of season Grand Prix finale to play in their current age group.

Please note that we will no longer allow players to take part in their first Grand Prix event without being a Squash Ontario competitive member. Since these events involve ranking points, it is crucial all players purchase a competitive membership before signing up for any Grand Prix, Silver, or Gold.

The restrictions on who can play these events, or who has to move up based off of rankings will stay the same. Rankings will be determined using the publication closest to 28 days before the start date of the event.

The following players may NOT participate in Grand Prix events:

- Top 2 ranked players in the Under 11 division
- Top 4 ranked players in the Under 13 division
- Top 8 ranked players in the Under 15 division

The following players may participate but MUST move up a division:

- Players ranked 3-8 in the Under 11 division
- Players ranked 5-12 in the Under 13 division