

# **Devon Squash Rackets Association**

## **Devon Cup/Shield/Plate Competition Rules 2019/20**

### **Player Eligibility:**

1, For all matches in this competition, players must be eligible to play for their club in the Ladies or Mixed Devon Leagues i.e. they must be registered in rank order on the clubs Player Registration List on the Nine Nil system at the time of the match in question.

**The Cup rule below is now added to the online score card. There is now an Eligibility check online that needs to be done before the match. Click on your competition score card before the match. Place your players in order and then press Check Eligibility. If you don't check before playing and it comes up that the player doesn't qualify then you will be deducted points automatically and the other team may be given the win due to the change in points.**

2a, To qualify to play in the Cup and Shield competitions from the quarter finals.

All nominated Players on the player registration list must have played 2 league matches for their own team before the quarter finals of the competition & later rounds at least 3 league matches.

Cup matches **are not** to be included.

The dates used for the Eligibility check online are: For the quarter finals it is the first day of the Cup week in December and the later round is the first day of the February Cup week.

All reserve players above the 1st Teams Nominated No. 5 player must have played 2 league matches before the quarter finals of the competition & later rounds at least 3 league matches for the 1st team.

This rule is relaxed for all reserve players ranked below the clubs 1st Teams Nominated No. 5 player.

Such players must have played at least 2 league matches before the quarter finals of the competition & later rounds at least 3 league matches for any of the Clubs Devon League teams.

**Players being entered into a squash competition must have played the relevant Squash League matches (Not including Cup Matches or Racketball League matches) to qualify.**

**Players being entered into a Racketball competition must have played the relevant Racketball League matches (Not including Cup Matches or Squash league matches) to qualify.**

2b, For a club whose 1st & 2nd teams are in the same division, they will be entitled to field a composite team drawn from both League teams, without either team being regarded as the 2nd team, so long as the League ranking order is maintained for players from the same League team. This means their list goes down to the 5th string player of the 2nd team and follows the rule above. Nominated Players 2 times before the quarter final & 3 times for later rounds for their own team. Un-nominated (Reserve) players must have played for the 1st or 2nd Team 2 times before the quarter final & 3 times for later rounds.

### **Fixtures:**

The Venue Club in the Draw is the home team and is responsible for ensuring that the opponents are aware of the date and are bringing a team. Failure in organizing the match will result in the opponents winning the match.

The default day for cup matches will be the host (Venue) team's home night for the allocated week of the round, unless the host (Venue) team has negotiated an alternative at least a fortnight before the Sunday beginning the week in which the match is to take place.

### **Refreshments.**

The Home team are expected to provide the Courts and the Meal and to share the cost of the drinks.

The Away team are expected on arrival to pay a cup fee of **£35** to the home team and to share the cost of the drinks. This will even out the expense for the home team.

**Results:**

Both Clubs must now complete a fully completed result card online. Press the Competition fixture button to access the score card. The score card will be located in the completion draw and also now mixed in with the fixture list.

**Cup/Plate Qualification:**

All First Round Devon Cup (Squash & Racketball) match losers who actually played and did not concede a walk-over will be automatically included in the Plate Competition.

**Dates:**

The default day for cup matches will be the host (Venue) team's home night for the allocated week of the round, unless the host (Venue) team has negotiated an alternative at least a fortnight before the Sunday beginning the week in which the match is to take place.

The Quarter Finals during the week allocated in December.

The Semi-Finals during the week allocated in February.

**Finals:**

The finals of the **Devon Racketball Cup/Plate** will take place on the **03/04/2020**.

The Finals of the **Devon Squash Cup/Plate** will take place on the **09/04/2020**.

If two sides contesting the final have met each other in any of the past three years' finals, then the other, or opposite venue to that already used would be used for the final in question.

If two different teams are contesting the final (i.e. not having met in any of the previous three years' finals) . the venue should be decided by the Committee on the toss of a coin.

The host club shall be one of the main event finalists of each competition, chosen by the spin of a coin by the League Secretary. Should the finalists have played before, then the Away team last time shall be hosts on this occasion.

The host clubs for the finals must have a minimum of 3 courts. If they do not then they can choose to have the final at a venue of their choice.

They must provide the courts for the finals, a buffet for 25 people (4 teams plus officials) at a maximum of £5 per head. Also drinks for the officials on request. They must also submit to the Hon. Secretary a detailed expenses sheet for the above.

Markers for the finals will be provided by Devon SRA either by contacting the Refereeing and Marking coordinator or League Secretary.