

Devon Squash Rackets Association

Devon Cup/Shield/Plate Competition Rules 2015/16

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.

2a, To qualify to play in the Cup and Shield quarter finals, all Players above the 1st Teams Nominated No. 5 player must have played on at least 2 occasions before the quarter final of the competition & later rounds at least 3 times.

Nominated Players 2 times for their own team. Un-nominated (Reserve) players must have played for the 1st Team 2 times before the quarter final & later rounds at least 3 times.

This rule is relaxed for all players ranked below the clubs 1st Teams Nominated No. 5 player. Such players must have played on at least 2 occasions before the quarter finals & 3 times for later rounds for any of the Clubs Devon League teams.

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:

For the Devon Squash Shield / Plate and the Devon Racketball Cup / Plate the starred Club on the spreadsheet or Venue Club (online) 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.

For the New Devon Squash Cup the fixtures are only on the spreadsheet. The Host Club has the responsibility for ensuring the opponents are aware of the date and venue if different from the Host Club.

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:

The winning Club must send in a fully completed result card by email to the League Secretary within 24 hours of the match.

The Devon Racketball Cup / Plate and the Devon Squash Shield / Plate can now be entered online at ninenil.com

For the Devon Squash Cup it is the host teams responsibility to send the completed score card for all teams to the league secretary.

Cup/Plate Qualification:

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

All First Round Devon Shield match losers who actually played and did not concede a walk-over will be automatically included in the Plate Competition.

The New Devon Squash Cup is now in a box format and there is a 1st round, 2nd round, Quarter Final.

The Semi Final will be played in the following format to determine the clubs that go into the Finals of the Cup / Plate events.

The Winners of Box 1 will play the runners up of Box 2 (Winner goes to the Cup Final)

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3rd place in Box 1 will play the 4th place of Box 2 (Winner goes to the Plate Final)

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Match Dates:

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

1st Round during the week allocated in October.

2nd Round during the week allocated in November.

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 **04/03/2016**.

The Finals of the **Devon Squash Cup/Plate** will take place on the **11/03/2016**.

The finals of the **Devon Squash Shield/Plate** will take place on the **18/03/2016**.

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 £4 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.