

# SRAM



## CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

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## **SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **A. INTRODUCTION**

The SRAM Championship Regulations are divided into sections and contain information, which applies specifically to the following:

SECTION 1 contains general information applicable to all Championships.

SECTION 2 Senior National Championships

SECTION 3 Junior National Championships

SECTION 4 Interstate Championships.

SECTION 5 National Junior Circuit.

SECTION 6 National Doubles Championships.

SECTION 7 National Masters Championships.

SECTION 8 Selection Criteria to represent Malaysia

SECTION 9 SRAM Code of Conduct

SECTION 10 Social Media Guidelines

SECTION 11 Glass Court Signage

SECTION 12 SRAM Logo/Identification requirements

### **B. CHANGES TO REGULATIONS**

Changes that are fundamental in nature will be subject to SRAM AGM approval.

The SRAM Competition Committee, subject to approval by the SRAM Management Committee, may make changes that are only technical in nature.

### **C. DEFINITIONS**

**ASF** is the Asian Squash Federation

**ADAMAS** is the Anti-Doping Agency Malaysia

**AFFILIATE** is a State Squash Racquets Association that has applied for and is accepted as a State Affiliate Member of SRAM as defined under Article 5 of the SRAM Constitution

**CAP** is the Championship Adjudicating Panel appointed by the SRAM Competition Committee to adjudicate on all appeals raised on-site at a Championship.

**CHAMPIONSHIP** refers to a single event. "Championships" is used when two events (such as National Junior Individual and Team Championship) follow each other and are treated as a joint entity.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** is appointed by the Host Association to schedule matches and courts, and is accountable to the Host Association for the efficient conduct of the Championship.

**TOURNAMENT REFEREE** is appointed by SRAM to allocate match officials and make final decisions on matters arising in matches on court that relate to the Rules of the Game.

**CLOSING DATE** is the day specified in the Entry Form when Championship entries close.

**GENDER** Words importing only the masculine gender shall be interpreted where applicable to include the feminine gender.

**HOST ASSOCIATION** is the Affiliate who has been appointed to conduct a SRAM Championship.

**MATCHES** are between individual players.

**NR** is a National Referee

**ORGANISING COMMITTEE** is formed by the Host Association and charged with ensuring that the Championship is administered and co-ordinated effectively with SRAM.

**PSA** is the Professional Squash Association.

**PAR 11** is Point-A-Rally scoring to 11 points.

**REGIONAL FEDERATION** is a geographical grouping of Members in Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania or Pan America as defined by the IOC.

**RR** is a Regional Referee

**SQUADS** are Teams plus reserves nominated for the Championship.

**SRAM** is the Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia

**SRAM COMPETITION COMMITTEE** is a Committee appointed by SRAM and charged with ensuring that all Championships are administered and co-ordinated effectively. It has the authority to rule at its discretion on any administrative matters related to National Championships not covered by these Regulations.

**SRAM SEEDING PANEL** - The SRAM Seeding Panel seeds teams and individuals at a Championship.

**SRAM TECHNICAL DELEGATE** is appointed by SRAM to act as SRAM's principal contact with the Host Association on site during a Championship.

**START DATE** is the first day of scheduled play in the Championship as specified on the Entry Form.

**TIES** are between opposing teams.

**TEAMS** are players nominated to play in a specific Tie.

**VENUE CONTROLLER** is appointed by the Championship Director to be responsible for the efficient conduct of the Championship at a specific venue.

**WADA** is the World Anti-Doping Agency

**WSF** is the World Squash Federation.

#### **D. CONTROL OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

- D1.** At least **6 months** before the Start Date, the Host Association will form an Organising Committee to meet a member of the SRAM Office who will ensure that Committee members are briefed on SRAM Deadlines and Regulations. He will also ensure that the Host Association is aware that all those appointed to help run the Championship must agree that they are subject to the SRAM's Anti-Doping Rules & Regulations as stated in Appendix G.
- D2.** At least **3 months** before the Start Date, the Host Association will nominate a Championship Director of appropriate related experience to the SRAM Competition Committee that will confirm the appointment within **30 days**. The Championship Director will be responsible to the Host Association for the overall conduct of the Championship and may not officiate or play in any match in the Championship.

The Championship Director shall be responsible for all scheduling and administration at the venue including the tournament office, computer input, draw printouts and a results service (for participants, public and media).

The Championship Director must be present at the venue and will ensure that team orders are checked for each Tie, that the names of players in each Tie are displayed publicly before the Tie starts and that referees are provided with score sheets naming both players in each match.

If the Championship Director fails to resolve a dispute, he will refer it, on appeal, to the CAP.

- D3.** At least **3 months** before the Start Date, the Host Association shall request that the SRAM Referees Committee appoint a Championship Referee of appropriate related experience. The SRAM Referees Committee shall confirm the appointment within **30 days of receiving the request**. See Appendix C, Appointment of Championship Referees, for details.
- D4.** At least **3 months** before the Start Date, SRAM will appoint a SRAM Technical Delegate to act as SRAM's principal contact with the Organising Committee of the Host Association on-site at the event. He will be the final authority on all matters concerning the running of the Championship during the event.
- D5.** At least **3 months** before the Start Date, the Host Association shall nominate a suitably experienced Media Director for the Championship to the SRAM Competition Committee that will confirm the appointment within **30 days**.
- D6.** At least **1 month** before the Start Date, SRAM will assign Referees to officiate at the Championship. The minimum number of all referees required is specified in the following tables, although the number of SRAM Referees may be increased if there is a shortfall in Regional Referees:

**TEAM EVENTS**

No of Teams	SRAM Referees (SRAM assigned)	Regional Referees (SRAM assigned)	WSF Referees (SRAM assigned)	Total Referees
8 to 12	3	2	1	5
13 to 20	3	3	1	7

**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

No of Players	SRAM Referees (SRAM assigned)	Regional Referees (SRAM assigned)	WSF Referees (SRAM assigned)	Total Referees
Up to 64	5	2	1	8
65+	9	2	1	12

*Where Individual and Team events are held consecutively and fall into different referee requirement categories the number for the larger event shall be used.*

All referees shall be provided with subsistence and accommodation when necessary, with travel costs and daily allowance paid accordingly.

The Championship Referee shall supervise the referees and markers; and will be responsible for scheduling them to ensure as far as possible that neutral referees are appointed to officiate at all matches. WSF Referees will be allocated priority matches such as semi finals and finals as far as possible. All allocations are subject to SRAM Technical Delegate approval. The Championship Referee may not officiate or play in any match during the Championships. His decision shall be final for matters arising in matches on court that relate to the Rules of the Game.

- D7.** At least **30 days** before the Start Date, the SRAM Competition Committee will appoint a Championship Adjudicating Panel (CAP), which will be responsible for handling any appeals against team orders,

eligibility or player fitness/replacement as well as any other appeals raised on site during the Championship. Its decisions will be final.

The CAP will be chaired by the SRAM Technical Delegate and will include the Championship Director and at least two other members of the SRAM Competition Committee and/or persons with experience of this Championship who are expected to attend the event.

If a member of the CAP is from a state that is involved in or associated with an appeal, then the SRAM Technical Delegate shall co-opt a neutral person for that appeal from the SRAM Competition Committee or from one of the Officials in attendance.

The CAP reserves the right to refer serious disciplinary matters and the results of appeals to the SRAM Disciplinary & Appeals Sub-Committee for further sanctions.

**D8.** A SRAM Seeding Panel will be responsible for seeding teams and/or individuals in the Championship as required. The SRAM Seeding Panel Chairman will convene each Panel and will nominate at least three members to the Panel from three different states and who have knowledge of the athletes participating in the Championship, in conjunction with the SRAM Office, in time to meet the timescales and requirements outlined in Regulation 0.

**D9.** The SRAM Office will handle pre-event Technical arrangements and may:

- a) Make an initial Inspection Visit and arrange an early planning meeting with the Host Association's Organising Committee to confirm deadlines and responsibilities as well as to establish a clear monitoring process. During the Visit the SRAM representative will check the suitability of venues, accommodation and transport; will advise on organisational arrangements; will ensure that the SRAM Championship Regulations are applied; and will confirm that technical specifications and dimensions of all courts to be used are correct (including tin heights - see Regulation 0).
- b) Oversee entries, draw formats and playing schedules.

The onsite SRAM Technical Delegate, who may not officiate or play in any match in the Championship, will:

- c) Ensure that the SRAM Championship Regulations are applied correctly.
- d) Chair the SRAM Seeding Review Board (see Regulation 0) and be responsible for communicating its decisions.
- e) Chair the CAP and be responsible for communicating its decisions.
- f) Prepare a report for the SRAM Competition Committee after the end of the event.

**D10.** The Championship shall be played under the current Rules of the Game and SRAM Code of Conduct (see Appendix B). However, for all SRAM Championships the maximum break between games shall be 120 seconds (two minutes).

**D11.** The Official Ball of SRAM will be used at the Championship and will be supplied by the SRAM Office. Details of the ball will be communicated to all entrants at least **6 months** before the Start Date. The SRAM Office will assist competing members to acquire supplies of the Official Ball if required. members will be provided with white balls for practice at the venue if these are to be used in competition.

The referee may decide that the ball must be changed at any time if he feels that the shape or playability of the ball is or has become inappropriate, in accordance with the general standards or specifications. In the case of white balls the referee may also order a change if the visibility of the ball has deteriorated and must, upon a request from either player, provide a new ball at the start of the third game.

Appropriate reference to the use of the Official Ball together with the logo selected by the supplier will be printed on all SRAM Championship Entry Forms, programme covers, promotional posters and

tickets booking forms. The supplier will be given the free use of a full page in the Championship Programme for a black and white advertisement relating to the Official Ball. All design and production cost of such an advertisement will be the responsibility of the Official Ball supplier.

- D12.** Competitors enter and play in Championships at their own risk. Neither SRAM, the Host Association nor the venue will accept responsibility for injury arising from participation in a Championship. This shall be stipulated on all Entry Forms and competitors may be required to sign a disclaimer to this effect.
- D13.** All players who are under 19 years of age during the Championship must be made aware in the Entry Form that the use of protective eyewear (see Regulation 0) is mandatory whilst under 19 and is a Condition of Entry.
- D14.** Anti-doping tests may be carried out at all SRAM Championships in accordance with the ADAMAS Code. A notice to this effect must be included on Championship Entry Forms. Any player refusing to undergo a doping control and any player guilty of a doping infraction proven by a positive laboratory test result immediately prior to, or during, a SRAM Championship will be subject to the disciplinary action and sanctions specified in WADA Code Articles 9 to 12.

If the doping infraction occurs during a SRAM Team Championship and the guilty player has competed, the player's team will be withdrawn immediately from the event and will be placed last in the final Championship order. If confirmed only after the end of the event, the team he has represented will be placed last and all other teams shall move up the final order accordingly.

If the doping infraction occurs during a SRAM Individual Championship, the guilty player will be withdrawn immediately from the event. If confirmed only after the end of the event, there will be no readjustment of prizes but the guilty player will be required to return any medals or prizes.

#### **E. DUTIES OF HOST ASSOCIATION**

The Host Association will organise the Championship in accordance with these SRAM Regulations and any special instructions given by SRAM; and will be responsible for:

- E1.** Providing staff and officials to run the Championship.
- E2.** Arranging and paying for an Inspection Visit by the SRAM Office at least **12 months** before the Start Date plus any further Inspection Visits deemed necessary by the SRAM Office. The Host Association will cover all travel, single room accommodation and subsistence for every Visit. The Host Association will also cover all travel, single room accommodation and subsistence for the SRAM Technical Delegate attending the Championship; SRAM will pay a daily general expenses allowance during the Championship.
- E3.** Preparation and on-going maintenance of the squash venue(s) for the Championship, including all facilities. A maximum of three venues may be used for a Championship unless approved otherwise by the SRAM Competition Committee.
- E4.** Obtaining, briefing and supervising team liaison officers and host clubs as appropriate.
- E5.** Organising and managing accommodation (with breakfast) for players and officials (including official media and guests). Members will be advised on the Entry Form of the rates agreed by the SRAM Office for all official hotel accommodation
- E6.** Organising and paying for transportation for all Individual and Team Championship players (excepting Masters) and officials (e.g. courtesy cars, mini-buses, coaches) between official accommodation and venue(s) as well as providing regular transportation between venues. Vehicle capacity and schedules to be approved in advance by the SRAM Office.

**E7.** Ensuring that all courts used have unsealed floors and have been built to WSF specifications. The height of the tin must be as follows:

<u>Tin Height</u>	<u>National Events</u>
33 centimetres (13 inches)	Doubles
43 centimetres (17 inches)	All Men's Team and Individual matches
43 centimetres (17 inches)	All Women's, Masters and Junior (Men & Women) Team and Individual matches

**E8.** Ensuring that all signage on the main court has been approved by the SRAM Office in respect of possible television and general restrictions (see Appendix D).

**E9.** Ensuring that all courts used for Championship matches with viewing through the back wall have a viewing position immediately over the back wall erected for refereeing purposes. Where the three-referee system is in use, the two Side Referees should be seated behind the back wall in line with the inside line of the service box on each side and below the Central Referee. This requirement may be waived by the SRAM Office only on the basis that the building configuration enables refereeing to be carried out with a similar quality of view from alternative locations.

The use of the three-referee system is mandatory in all SRAM Championships for:

- 1) main draw matches from quarter-finals onwards in Team and Individual Championships except Masters Championships; and
- 2) for matches that are televised or are on multi-sided glass courts.

Hand signals cannot be used with the three referee system - approved specification decision cards must be used.

Providing viewing facilities

- 3) At no charge to competitors and accredited officials:  
Each member of a squad at a Team Championship shall be entitled to a seat on the front row behind the back wall for each session on the court on which their team is playing (subject to a maximum of six seats). Each squad member and team official (subject to a maximum of six persons) shall be entitled to a maximum of two complimentary seats each for guests for the court on which its team is playing on a first come first served basis.

Each player at an Individual Championship shall be entitled to the above for his or her country and guests but, where there is no following Team Championship that they are competing in, the maximum will be two seats on the front row behind the back wall for each session on the court that they are participating in.

- 4) Retain a total of 32 prime centre court seats for each session of Team events or for the last sixteen-round onwards for Individual events to be available for purchase. For Team events, the manager of the team concerned shall be able to purchase a maximum of eight additional tickets for the sessions in which his team is competing; for Individual events, each player shall be able to purchase up to four additional tickets for early rounds, and for the semi-finals, third place play-off and final up to eight additional tickets, for the sessions in which he is competing. These purchases may be made only up to **8 hours** before the scheduled start time of the Tie or match, after which time the tickets may be sold at the discretion of the Host.

**E10.** Organising practice facilities commencing **2 days** prior to and during the Championship.

**E11.** Organising Welcome and Farewell Social Functions in accordance with the provisions of Appendix J.



- E12.** Providing facilities required for Team Managers Meetings as well as for all SRAM Meetings and associated functions as prescribed in the Tender Form.
- E13.** Organising medical, physiotherapy and related facilities. The minimum provision will be:
- 1)** Trained first-aid staff on-site during all matches and during formal practice sessions.
  - 2)** An approved medical emergency procedure in place if required at all times during the Championship.
  - 3)** A qualified physiotherapist available on-site for a minimum of **2 hours** each morning and during playing sessions, and same day player access to a masseur (except when an evening request makes this impractical). Both should be at a special rate for competitors, if not free of charge. (Courtesy transport is to be arranged, if not available at the venue).
  - 4)** A discreet area for physiotherapists accompanying teams to set up tables (with space for a minimum of two at any time).
- E14.** Providing an anti-doping testing programme and organising the minimum number of random anti-doping tests as specified.
- E15.** Scheduling of Ties and day to day running of the event are as per WSF regulations
- E16.** Controlling the provision of Official Balls for use in matches and white balls for practice if required.
- E17.** Ensuring that any prize fund and its breakdown have been approved by the SRAM Competition Committee at least **6 months** before the Start Date. Competitors will be advised if local taxation is to be deducted from prize money at the time of Championship General Information Circulation.
- E18.** Establishing a high quality freestanding Championship website at least by the time that General Information is published or distributed. This website must be accessible for at least **1 month** after the event or until all results have been loaded successfully on the SRAM website under Championship Records, and must contain:
- Entry Form (for Masters)
  - Players Manual
  - List of Entries
  - Seedings and Draws
  - Detailed results within **2 hours** of Matches or Ties ending
  - Link to World Squash Championship Regulations.
- E19.** Arranging computer generated match administration as well as display and print services to include:
- Draw formats
  - Court schedules
  - Orders of play
  - Referee and Assessor allocations
  - Scoreboard projection of major matches for public viewing (optional but recommended)
  - Internet linkage
  - Public display board kept up-to-date in prominent position in the main venue during each day's play and at the main hotel at the end of each day's play
  - Detailed results to be sent to the SRAM Office within **24 hours** of the completion of the Championship.
- E20.** Make copies of SRAM Championship Regulations available for Team Managers if requested.
- E21.** Producing a Players Manual.
- E22.** Ticketing and seat allocation.
- E23.** Providing media facilities commensurate with SRAM Championship status to include Host Country promotion to media and clubs. Facilities must include a Media Centre with tables, chairs, telephones

(suitable for use with modems), fax machines, computer terminals and free wireless internet access. Refreshments for attending media are to be provided at the Media Centre.

- E24.** Ensure that high capacity wireless internet is available throughout the venue(s) and hotel(s) for player and official use.
- E25.** Ensuring that SRAM retains all broadcast rights, including television, satellite, video, streaming and other Internet services, except domestic television broadcast rights which will rest with the Host Association.

#### **F. DUTIES OF COMPETING MEMBERS**

*These Regulations do not apply to Individuals competing in the Masters Individual Championships.*

- F1.** Members will be responsible for transporting their players and officials to the specified arrival point and from the specified departure point as designated by the Host Association.
- F2.** Members must ensure that their players and officials pay all expenses prior to leaving the Championship. If unpaid expenses, deemed legitimate by the SRAM Management Committee, remain unpaid by visiting members for more than **1 month**, SRAM reserves the right to prohibit that member from entering a team at the next similar SRAM Championship.
- F3.** Members through their Team Managers must ensure that all their Doubles and Junior players (under 19 years of age) wear protective eyewear (manufactured to an approved national safety standard) properly over the eyes at all times during practice and match play. It is the responsibility of the individual player to ensure that the quality of the product worn is satisfactory for the purpose. The list Certified Eyewear allowable at the time of participation can be viewed on the WSF website.

#### **G. DUTIES OF SRAM**

**SRAM shall:**

- 1)** Appoint an onsite Technical Delegate, members of the Seeding Panel and the CAP
- 2)** Approve appointment of Championship Director and appoint the Championship Referee
- 3)** Invite SRAM Referees
- 4)** Provide SRAM and SRAM sponsors' logos
- 5)** Help the Host Association prepare Entry Forms
- 6)** Distribute the Entry Form to all eligible members
- 7)** Collect entry fees and control entries
- 8)** Produce the seeding and make the draws
- 9)** Assist with the scheduling of matches and allocation of referees
- 10)** Ensure that perpetual trophies (which cannot be won outright) are available for presentation to winning teams or individuals.
- 11)** The SRAM Office will arrange the draw based on seedings provided by SRAM Seeding Panel.

#### **H. TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

- H1.** SRAM Championship trophies, which cannot be won outright, shall be available by the Start Date and shall be presented with any prizes, which the Host Association may wish to present at the conclusion of the Championships – see Appendix F for Protocol.
- H2.** Any member or Individual that “holds” a trophy shall be responsible for engraving it and returning it clean and undamaged to the Host Association by the Start Date of the next Championship. Should any trophy be damaged in any way whatsoever, SRAM shall be entitled to arrange for it to be repaired or replaced and to recover the cost of such repair from the member or Individual responsible. The holder shall be responsible for the insurance of the trophy whilst in his possession.

## **J. ELIGIBILITY**

- J1.** A member is eligible to enter a team or individual in a National Championship provided:
- 1)** It is a paid-up Full Member of SRAM and is not indebted to SRAM by its failure to pay any relevant SRAM Championship entry fee; or
  - 2)** It has properly applied for Full Membership of SRAM at the forthcoming AGM and has paid the appropriate membership fee for the current year by the final payment deadline for the Championship.
- J2.** A player is eligible to represent a state in an SRAM Team Championship if he was born in the state or has resided in the state for at least **6 months** immediately preceding the Championship.
- J3.** Notwithstanding the above, a player is ineligible to represent a state if he has represented another state in the **two years** preceding the Start Date in a recognised SRAM Championship (e.g. SRAM team Championship, Inter-State Championship, official Match between states) in any age group unless the player has requested and obtained a formal letter of transfer from his original state releasing him to play for his new state. A player is not eligible to request a transfer if he has, within the last 2 years received an approval to transfer. All player transfers shall require the prior approval of SRAM to be valid.
- J4.** A properly qualified player, who has represented a state in a recognised squash Team event, shall be eligible to represent that state thereafter, until such time as he exercises a qualification to represent another state. [*When such a player seeks to represent another state, his new state is strongly advised to check his eligibility with the SRAM Office as soon as possible*].
- J5.** In all cases where a player's eligibility is in doubt, the responsible state must submit supporting evidence to the SRAM Office at least **30 days** before the submission deadline so that the player's eligibility can be reviewed and a decision made by the SRAM Competition Committee. Members, Team Managers and individual entrants must be able to produce proof of eligibility and/or age if requested by the CAP or SRAM Competition Committee. SRAM at its discretion may require further information to be provided in respect of eligibility of age by any available means before permitting inclusion of a player.
- J6.** Although a competitor may be phenotypically female, individuals born genotypically male may not participate in SRAM World Women's Individual, Team or Doubles Championships or as a woman in a Mixed Pair at any Doubles Championship.
- J7.** Additional eligibility criteria based on age apply to Masters (see Section 5) and to Juniors (see Section 6).
- J8.** All players participating in any SRAM Championship must be Registered (MySPIN – Malaysia-Squash Personal Identification Number) and their Registration must be in good standing at the time of entry and then at the time of actual participation.

## **K. CLOTHING**

As per WSF Championship Regulations

## **SECTION 2 – NATIONAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **L. INDIVIDUAL EVENT FOR MEN AND WOMEN**

- L1.** The Men and Women's Senior National Championships are organised and administered on behalf of SRAM by appointed Affiliates. Prize money for the event shall be borne by the host association. SRAM retains certain rights, which are identified below.
- L2.** SRAM shall present its perpetual trophies (which must be returned and cannot be won outright) to the winners as well as gold, silver and bronze medals to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> in both Championships.
- L3.** SRAM shall make the draw and have the option of including 'wild card' entries of its choice in the qualification draws of both Championships. The numbers of wild cards are as follows but are subject to revision by the SRAM Competition Committee:
- Men's National Championship - 8 places in a 64-player qualification draw  
Women's National Championship - 4 places in a 32-player qualification draw.
- L4.** SRAM wild card entries are subject to the following criteria:
- 1)** Wild cards must be nominated by fully paid-up Members of SRAM
  - 2)** The nominated player must give a guarantee of participation.
- L5.** Anti-doping testing may be carried out in accordance with the WADA Code. A notice to this effect must be included on Entry Forms. A minimum of 4 random anti-doping tests may be carried out.
- L6.** The Entry Form must state that as a condition of entry all participants (including managers, coaches and physiotherapists) must agree that they are subject to SRAM's Anti-Doping Rules & Regulations.
- L7.** Any player refusing to undergo a doping control and any player guilty of a doping infraction proven by a positive laboratory test result immediately prior to, or during, a SRAM Championship will be subject to the disciplinary action and sanctions specified in WADA Code Articles 9 to 12.
- If a doping infraction occurs, the guilty player will be withdrawn immediately from the event. If confirmed only after the end of the event, there will be no readjustment of prizes but the guilty player will be required to return any medals or prizes.
- L8.** The Tournament Director will run the event. The host will reimburse him in accordance with the rates set out in Appendix 1 in addition to his airfare, accommodation & meals.
- L9.** The host club will provide the officials from SRAM 4 rooms additional (twin sharing) including meals for the duration of the tournament and airfare for the SRAM Technical Delegate. The officials from SRAM will be intimated later. An additional room for the SRAM President, Deputy or Vice President would be required on the final two days.
- L10.** The host club to provide 6 National Referees recommended by SRAM with air fare or travelling allowance based on SRAM's standard rates set out in Appendix 1 RMXX daily allowance + meals & stay at a lodge on a twin sharing basis for the duration of the tournament. This is to be mutually decided.
- L11.** The tournament office will be at the squash court venue.
- L12.** The host club will arrange for food on a coupon basis (payable by the participants).
- L13.** The host club will need to provide T-shirts to the players (approx. 250.)
- L14.** The host club will also arrange the following at the venue:

- 1) Laser Jet Printer (with USB connection) with an extra cartridges (at TD Room)
- 2) 500 sheets A4 size blank white paper (at TD Room)
- 3) 25 pens, 7 writing pads, 50 pencils & erasers
- 4) Photocopying machine (near TD Room)
- 5) Fax and internet facility (at TD Room)
- 6) Notice boards at venue
- 7) Squash balls (approx. 6 dozens)
- 8) Water coolers
- 9) On call medical staff
- 10) Stringing machine
- 11) Meeting room for managers
- 12) Brochures for the event.
- 13) Local and national press coverage.

**L15.** The President, Deputy or Vice President of SRAM will give away the prizes to the National Champions.

**L16.** All players who are under 19 years of age during the Championship must be made aware in the Entry Form that the use of protective eyewear (see Regulation 0 above) is mandatory whilst under 19 and is a Condition of Entry

**L17.** INDIVIDUAL DRAW PLAYER PLACEMENT – AS PER WSF REGULATIONS

## **SECTION 3 – NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **INDIVIDUAL EVENT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS**

The SRAM National Junior Championships will be conducted in accordance with Sections 1 of these Regulations as modified and extended by the following Regulations:

**M1. Eligibility.** Regulations 0 to 0 apply. In addition, a player is eligible to represent a state in a National Junior Team or Individual Championship only if Under19 years of age on the final scheduled day of the event, i.e. a player may be eligible for the Individual event but not for the following Team event. This final scheduled day shall be fixed not later than **18 months** in advance of the Championship if possible.

If the scheduled final day of a Championship event is altered more than **6 months** in advance, SRAM shall amend the eligibility date and will ensure that all those players that were previously eligible remain so. New players may become eligible if the final day is postponed.

If the scheduled final day of a Championship event is altered within **6 months** of the originally scheduled final day, the eligibility date shall remain unaltered.

**M2. Timetable.** Linked Junior Individual and Team Championships shall be scheduled for completion within a maximum period of **12 days**; freestanding Junior Individual Championships within **5 or 6 days** as agreed by the SRAM Office. Two rounds in the early stages of the Individual event, as well as two Ties during Stage 1 of the Team event may be played on the same day. Where players are required to play twice in a day in main draw matches there shall be a minimum gap of **6 hours** between the scheduled start times of the matches. Otherwise, a minimum period of **18 hours** shall be scheduled between matches for all players whilst competing in the main draw of the Individual event. If scheduling considerations permit, the last three rounds of Junior Team Championships should be played on separate days. Rest days may be included in the schedule with the agreement of the SRAM Office.

The following Regulations apply to a Junior National Individual Championship whether linked with a National Junior Interstate Team Championship or held separately as a free-standing Championship.

**M3. Entries.** A junior can enter a Junior National Individual event only through a SRAM recognised Affiliate that is eligible under Regulation 0.

The Closing Date for entries to a Junior National Individual event will be **6 weeks** before the Start Date. Entry Fees must be paid on arrival at the venue before the scheduled start time of the Championship; failure to pay this fee will result in the player being removed from the draw. The draw(s) will be published on the Championship website **4 weeks** before the Start Date.

**M4.** For an Individual event that is linked with a Junior Team event, eligible Affiliates may enter all players nominated in their squads for the Team event.

**M5.** For a freestanding Individual Championship i.e. where there is no immediately following team event for the competing players, players may enter to play the qualification event. Draw for which will be made on-site. In the event of withdrawals by players in the main draw the choice of replacement players and the placing of such players in the draw will be carried out by the SRAM Technical Delegate.

**M6. Reseeding.** In the event that a seeded player withdraws from the 1<sup>st</sup>Round less than **14 days** before the Start Date then the draw will be re-seeded. In the event that a seeded player withdraws no later than by **09:00 hours** on the day before the Start Date, the draw will be re-seeded only provided the player was the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> seed, or provided any 2 of the top 8 seeds were withdrawn. Seeds from the 9/12 band will replace the vacant seeds in the 1/8 band and they in turn will be replaced by seeds from the 13/16 band etc. Replacements shall be in seeded order within bands.

In the event of any withdrawal from the 1<sup>st</sup>Round later than **09:00 hours** on the day before the Start Date, the draw will stand.

- M7.** The random draw method shall be used in accordance to compile draws with the format and the placement of seeds being decided by the SRAM Office in conjunction with the Championship Director.  
The minimum number of seeds normally will be calculated as 25% of the Draw size (including byes) up to a maximum of sixteen seeds. If there are more than 64 entries then 17/32 will be shadow seeded.  
The top two seeds will be denoted as (1) or (2), the next two both as (3/4), the next four all as (5/8) and so on in bands of four seeds. The 9/12 seeds shall be drawn in the same sections as the 5/8 seeds, and the 13/16 seeds shall be drawn in the same sections as the 1/4 seeds. Bands of four shadow seeds will be placed similarly in the draw.
- M8.** There shall be one main draw with byes for seeds in descending order where the first round has not been filled (the byes being allocated from top to bottom of the draw when seeds are in bands).
- M9.** For individual events the top 8 players will be required to play off to decide positions 1 to 8 in the main draw. Players competing in the second and third matches in a tie must be ready on court to start within **15 minutes** of the conclusion of the preceding match or the match will be awarded to their opponent, unless the Tournament Director decides otherwise due to exceptional circumstances.
- M10.** Any player not ready to play at the time scheduled for his match may be defaulted.
- M11.** Anti-doping testing may be carried out in accordance with the WADA Code. A notice to this effect must be included on Entry Forms. A minimum of 4 random anti-doping tests must be carried out.
- M12.** The Entry Form must state that as a condition of entry all participants (including managers, coaches and physiotherapists) must agree that they are subject to the WSF Anti-Doping Rules & Regulations. The WADA Prohibited List may be accessed on the WADA website [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org).
- M13.** Any player refusing to undergo a doping control and any player guilty of a doping infraction proven by a positive laboratory test result immediately prior to, or during, the National Championship, will be subject to the disciplinary action and sanctions specified in WADA Code Articles 9 to 12.  
If a doping infraction occurs, the guilty player will be withdrawn immediately from the event. If confirmed only after the end of the event, there will be no readjustment of prizes but the guilty player will be required to return any medals or prizes.

## **SECTION 4 - INTERSTATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **N1. TIMETABLE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

- N2.** The draw for a Senior Championship shall be published in time to enable competing associations to receive it no later than **14 days** before the Start Date.
- N3.** All Ties will be scheduled for completion within a period of **7 days** but this may be reduced to **6 days** if the number of entries allows. In this case all competing teams will be notified at least **6 months** before the Start Date.
- N4.** Teams will not be required to play more than one Tie a day unless entry numbers dictate otherwise. However, if the SRAM Competition Committee determines that teams must play two Ties on a day, then there shall be a minimum period of **7 hours** between the Tie commencement times for any team on that day.
- N5.** Rest days may be included in the schedule with the agreement of the SRAM Office.
- N6.** All semi-final Ties must take place on the same day. Finals must be scheduled to commence at least **18 hours** after the start of the latest related semi-finals. As far as practicable, all other play-offs for final team places should be scheduled to finish prior to the start of the main Final.
- N7.** Ties shall not be scheduled to begin before 11:00 hours or later than 18:00 hours (excepting on the final day where 16:00 hours shall be the latest scheduled tie start time). There shall be a minimum gap of three hours between scheduled ties, except on finals day where four hours shall be required.

### **N8. SEEDING OF TEAMS**

The SRAM Seeding Panel will announce seedings for Senior Championships at least 14 days prior to the Start Date. The main seeding criterion will be the current form of players in squads nominated by Members 21 days prior to the Start Date - see Regulation **Error! Reference source not found.**

### **N9. NUMBERS OF TEAMS AND FORMATS**

- N10.** A maximum of 16 Affiliates will qualify to provide teams for an Interstate Team Championship.
- N11.** Each Tie will consist of three matches played between teams of three players, nominated in order of strength. See Regulations 0 to 0 for eligibility of teams and players.
- N12.** At Stage 1 all teams normally will play in Pools on a "round-robin" (all play all) basis - Ties being played in the order specified below for each Pool. The order may only be changed as directed or approved by the SRAM Office. In all Stage 1 situations not detailed below and all Stage 2 round-robin formats, the Order of Ties shall be drawn in advance by the SRAM Office.
- N13.** Placement in pools and final order of merit shall be as per WSF regulations.

### **N14. SEEDING AND DRAW**

- N15.** No later than **14 days** before the Start Date, the SRAM Seeding Panel will publish final team seeding and nominated squads. The SRAM Office in conjunction with the Championship Director will make the draw at this time, unless different arrangements (e.g. a public draw) have been agreed in advance with the SRAM Office.
- N16..** No appeals regarding seeding will be permitted.
- N17.** If a team withdraws after the draw has been made and more than **24 hours** before the start, then seeds will move up and Pools will be altered accordingly, provided the team concerned was not the lowest placed team in its Pool.



**N18.** If, within the same timescale, the Chairman of the SRAM Seeding Panel believes that one or more player withdrawals from a squad may cause a team to move into a different Pool band or four or more places in the seeding, then he shall order a seeding review. If a team is moved to a new seeding position, all teams seeded between the old and new positions shall move accordingly.

**N19. Junior Championships**

No later than **14 days** before the Start Date, the SRAM Seeding Panel will produce a Seeding Guide which will be passed in confidence to the SRAM Technical Delegate on-site to be used as input to the Seeding Review Board.

**N20.** Team managers may lodge with the SRAM Technical Delegate by **13:00 hours** on the day before the Start Date (or on the day of the semi-finals of the preceding Individual event in the case of Junior Championships) changes to their squad orders (see Regulation R1) based only on changes in current form or to bring in reserves of lower strength in the case of injuries to squad members.

A minimum of three players may be lodged with all three present on-site and fit to play at the time of the first tie involving the team.

**N21.** The SRAM Technical Delegate will announce all nominations by **14:00 hours** on the same day to Team Managers who then have **1 hour** in which to lodge any objection with the SRAM Technical Delegate to player eligibility and/or nominated squad orders. Objections must be in writing and must be justified with evidence such as recent results or rankings.

**N22.** The CAP will scrutinise nominations and will consider any objections lodged with the SRAM Technical Delegate. The Team Manager will be advised immediately if his squad is subject to objection and may be required to justify eligibility or squad order to the CAP with the objecting manager(s) present.

The CAP reserves the right to amend any squad order without objection. In this event, the team manager will be notified so that he may meet the CAP to try and justify the order submitted.

**N23.** The decision of the CAP will be final and will be announced by the SRAM Technical Delegate by **18:00 hours** at the latest on the same day. Written detail of the decision will be provided to all Team Managers. Squad orders will be adhered to throughout the Championship unless the CAP or SRAM Technical Delegate orders a change during the course of a Championship.

**N24.** For Junior Championships only, the SRAM Technical Delegate will convene a Seeding Review Board incorporating all members of the Seeding Panel who are available on-site and up to three additional persons at his discretion. The Seeding Review Board will produce a team seeding no later than **20:00 hours** on the same day. No objections will be permitted. The SRAM Technical Delegate will then make the final draw and will announce it on the same day.

**N25. Summary Timetable for Squad Orders on the Day before the Start Date\***

By 13:00 hours Team Managers may lodge with the SRAM Technical Delegate changes to Squad Orders based only on current form

By 14:00 hours SRAM Technical Delegate announces all Squad Orders to Team Managers

By 15:00 hours Team Managers may lodge objections to player eligibility and/or Squad Orders in writing with the SRAM Technical Delegate

By 18:00 hours SRAM Technical Delegate announces final decision on Squads

By 20:00 hours The Final Team seeding is announced

\* 2 Days before when a linked Individual event immediately precedes a Junior Team Championship.

## **SECTION 5 – NATIONAL JUNIOR CIRCUIT**

### **01. GENERAL**

- 02.** The National Junior Circuit (NJC) is a series of open tournaments held in Malaysia, which conforms to the National Junior Rankings and the NJC Guidelines. This shall include the current CIMB circuits, and the OBH/ND circuits
- 03.** The SRAM National Junior Rankings is the rankings given to juniors (Boys & Girls U19, U17, U15, U13, U11 & U9) who participate in the NJC, The SRAM appointed committee will oversee the implementation of the National Junior Circuit and Ranking Guidelines for all tournaments.

### **04 My-SPIN (MALAYSIA – SQUASH PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)**

- a) SRAM requires all players who wish to play in a SRAM sanctioned event at any age level be registered in the My-SPIN System.
- b) Players will be provided with a membership number that is to be renewed on an annual basis. This will be called My-SPIN. Players can register through the Affiliate which will complete the on-line registration form on its website [www.malayisa-squash.org](http://www.malayisa-squash.org) .

### **05. NJC & RANKING COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- a) To establish and monitor the NJC, rankings and amend the guidelines whenever required.
- b) To publish the rankings in the first week of every month on [www.malayisa-squash.org](http://www.malayisa-squash.org). All tournaments that are completed by the last day of the previous month will be considered.
- c) To ensure seedings and draws as done as per the guidelines.
- d) To select players for the main draw, when the tournament includes a qualifying event.
- e) To grant a 'tournament status'.
- f) The decision of the NJC & Ranking Committee shall be final and binding on all issues.

### **06. STATUS OF A TOURNAMENT**

- a) Tournament status will be as per the ASF criteria:

### **07. AGE GROUPS**

- a) Ranking will be done for the following age groups – Boys and Girls Under 19, 17, 15, 13, 11 & U9 years. Players should be under the stipulated age on the final scheduled day of the tournament.
- b) A player can enter 2 age categories if permitted in the tournament. Ranking points will be given as per the age category participated in.
- c) If there are less than 8 players in an age group on the entry closing date, the lower category will have to be combined with the next higher category. In the event a category is played with less than 8 players no ranking points will be awarded.
- d) If age categories are combined, players will receive ranking points for the age category played in.

### **08. POINTS CALCULATION**

- a) Ranking points will be granted to Malaysian nationals. Foreigners who intend to or have resided in Malaysia for a period of more than 180 days may also be granted ranking points.

- b) After each tournament, points will be awarded to players depending on the position achieved and the tournament star status.
- c) The top 64 players in every tournament will receive ranking points and will be included in the National Junior ranking list in the relevant age group.
- d) A player's average point is calculated on a rolling 12-month basis. The ranking list is based on the total number of points accumulated (best four or less) by a player in these events in the previous 12 months, **divided by 4**. If a player has played more than 4 events in the previous 12 months, only the best 4 results will be divided to obtain the average.
- e) When a player has played in two age categories and moves to the higher age category following a birthday, 50% of each of the best 4 results from the lower category will be transferred and the two records merged. Results from the higher age category will take precedence and will always be used to calculate the average, regardless of whether or not these results are the top four highest. Results from the lower age category will only be included in the calculation if the player has less than 4 results in the past 12 months, in the higher age category. To give a fair chance to all players who move over to the higher age category, their higher age category listing will be created in the month prior to their respective birthday. Their lower age category listing will remain in the ranking list until the end of the month in which their respective birthdays fall.
- f) Any player making a withdrawal after the entry closing date and not supported by a medical certificate or a justified reason in writing provided before the commencement of the tournament or failing to turn up for a tournament will receive zero points for the tournament. This will count as one of their 4 best results for the rolling 12-month period and will be taken into account when dividing the points to obtain the ranking average. If a player commits one of these offences for a second time within a 12-month period, the player may be banned from the SRAM Junior Circuit for a period of up to 12 months.
- g) One withdrawal after the closing of entries will be permitted per calendar year with a supporting medical certificate or a justified reason in writing. For a second offence, the players will receive zero points for the tournament. This will count as one of their 4 best results for the rolling 12-month period and will be taken into account when dividing the points to obtain the ranking average.
- h) If a player fails to play out all scheduled matches for any reason other than illness or injury, he/she will receive zero ranking points for the tournament. Illness or injury must be verified by the tournament director and, if possible, by medical certificate sent to SRAM within two days of the tournament finishing. If zero points are awarded, the points will count as one of the player's 4 best results for the rolling 12-month period and will be taken into account when dividing the points to obtain the ranking average. This penalty will be applied automatically.
- i) A player who has not participated in the Junior Circuit for a full 12 months from the final day of the last event in which the player competed will be removed from the ranking list.

## **O10.. SEEDING, WITHDRAWAL & RESEEDING**

### **O11. Seeding**

- a) Seeding will be done using the SRAM junior ranking valid at the closing date for entries.
- b) 50% of the draw size will be seeded.
- c) Seedings at tournaments must be done randomly in brackets of 3/4, 5/8, 9/16, 17/32 & 33/64 (Only players ranked no.1 & 2 will be placed in the draw).

In exceptional circumstances the SRAM Seeding Committee may seed players who are not in the SRAM ranking list.

**O12. Withdrawal and Reseeding:**

- a) Regardless of the number of players in the draw a redraw will take place only where 1 of the top 4 seeds or 2 of the top 8 seeds withdraw 48 hours before the tournament start date as per the following sequence:
- b) Seeds 1/2 withdraw – 3<sup>rd</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 5<sup>th</sup> seed replaces 3<sup>rd</sup> seed, 9<sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5<sup>th</sup> seed and so on.
- c) Seeds 3/4 withdraw – 5<sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 9<sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5<sup>th</sup> seed, 17/32 seed replaces 9<sup>th</sup> seed and so on.
- d) Seeds 5/8 withdraw – 9<sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 17/32 seed replaces 9<sup>th</sup> seed and so on.
- e) With less than 48 hours prior to the start of the event, the original draw will remain the same, except that the word 'bye' or 'rtd.' will be used in place of the withdrawn player.
- f) In exceptional circumstances (e.g. an error in seeding, a player placed in the wrong draw, a player missed out completely etc) a reseeding/redraw may take place after approval of the NJC committee.

**O13. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- a) Offences may be subject to penalties under Rule 15 of the World Squash Singles Rules 2014 (Effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 updated June 2015 - Version 2104-03) and subject to disciplinary action by the Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia.
- b) Offences are as laid out in Section 9 of the SRAM Championship Regulations – Non-appearance, Punctuality, Dress & Equipment, Leaving Court, Best Efforts, Failure to Complete a Match, Ceremonies, Audible Obscenity, Visible Obscenity, Abuse of Ball / Racket / Equipment, Verbal Abuse, Physical Abuse, Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

**O14. IRREGULAR INCIDENTS**

- a) In the event the regulations on a tournament entry form differ from the NJC & Ranking Guidelines, the tournament rules shall apply provided the NJC committee gives prior approval.
- b) In the event of an incident/rule not covered under the NJC & Ranking Guidelines, SRAM will take action, as deemed appropriate.

## **SECTION 6 - NATIONAL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The SRAM National Doubles Championships will be conducted in accordance with Sections 1 of these Regulations as modified and extended by the following Regulations:

- P1.** The Championships will consist of Men's World, Women's World and Mixed Doubles events.
- P2. Eligibility.** Any two players with an I-SPIN may participate in the Men's doubles, a Women's doubles and the Mixed Doubles event.
- P3. Format.** Each event will have a maximum draw of 16 pairs. If more than 16 pairs enter, the SRAM Seeding Panel will decide which 16 pairs to select at its discretion. If less than 16 pairs enter, the SRAM Competition Committee may, at its sole discretion, accept further entries.
- P4. Replacements.** Regulations **Error! Reference source not found.** to **Error! Reference source not found.** shall apply except that: after the deadline in Regulation **Error! Reference source not found.** one member of a pair may be replaced; each pairing may make a maximum of one change; and no change shall be made within **1 hour** of the scheduled start time of the first match for that pair.
- P5. Scoring** shall be in line with the official World International Doubles Rules. Matches will be the best of three games; and PAR 11 scoring will apply with "no set" at 10-10.
- P6. Courts.** Regulation 0 will apply with all matches being played on courts with official International Doubles dimensions of 9.75 x 8.42 metres (32 x 27.63 feet) with a tin height of 33 centimetres (13 inches).
- P7. Clothing.** Regulations **Error! Reference source not found.** to **Error! Reference source not found.** will apply but, in addition, both players in a pair will wear shirts/dresses that are similar in colour and style. Each pair shall have two sets of shirts/dresses in differing colours available so that a change can be made to differentiate them from their opponents as stated in Regulation **Error! Reference source not found.**

## SECTION 7 - NATIONAL MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The SRAM Masters Individual Championships will be conducted in accordance with Sections 1 of these Regulations as modified and extended by the following Regulations:

**Q1.** The Championships shall consist of the following age group categories for Men and Women:

35 - 39 years

40 - 44 years

45 - 49 years

50 - 54 years

55 - 59 years

60 - 64 years

65 - 69 years

70 + years (and more categories if sufficient entries)

There shall not be a stipulated maximum age for the oldest group played.

To be considered for National Championship status, the age group must have a minimum draw size of eight competitors at the closing date for Entries.

**Q2.** Eligibility Regulations 0 to 0 do not apply. In addition to Regulations 0 and 0, the following apply:

A player is eligible to play in a National Masters Individual Championship if he has reached the specified age by the Start Date of the event.

If the Start Date of the Championships is altered more than **6 months** in advance, SRAM shall amend the eligibility date to ensure that all those players that were previously eligible remain so. New players may become eligible if the Start Date is postponed.

If the Start Date is altered within **6 months** of the originally scheduled Start Date, the eligibility date shall remain unaltered.

**Q3.** The Closing Date for entries and payment of Entry Fees in full will be **6 weeks** before the Start Date. The Host may offer discounts for early entry and payment. Draws will be published on the SRAM/Championship website **4 weeks** before the Start Date.

**Q4.** Players may enter only one age group category.

**Q5.** The SRAM Technical Delegate reserves the right to check with the player's Affiliate that the player is eligible to enter and compete in the National Masters Championships.

**Q6.** In the event that a player withdraws less than **14 days** before the Start Date, then the draw will be re-seeded provided the player was the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> seed, or provided any 2 of the top 8 seeds were withdrawn. The vacant seeds in the 1/8 band will be replaced by seeds from the 9/12 band and they in turn will be replaced by seeds from the 13/16 band etc.

**Q7.** The SRAM Technical Delegate reserves the right to fill vacancies caused by players scratching (from the first round only) until **3 days** before the Start Date. In the event of a later withdrawal, there will be no replacements and the draw will stand. No entry fee will be refunded to competitors withdrawing after the draw has been made unless the minimum requirements for National Championship status (defined in 0) are not attained at close of Entries.

**Q8.** The random draw method shall be used to compile draws with the format and the placement of seeds being decided by the SRAM Office in conjunction with the Championship Director.

**Q9.** Where it is necessary to have byes in the draw, seeded players will be allocated them in descending ranking order, with byes being allocated down the draw in the case of seeding groups.

**Q10.** Plate events will be held as follows to offer all players a minimum of three matches whenever possible:

- **Plate:** 1<sup>st</sup> match\* losers in the main draw
- **Consolation Plate:** 1<sup>st</sup> match\* losers in the Plate
- **Classic Plate:** 2<sup>nd</sup> match\* losers in the main draw

\*Irrespective of round (where byes do not count as matches but walkovers will do so).

The reverse-mirror draw method is to be used (where losing players play Plates in the same positions as in the main draw).

All players are automatically entered in the different plates unless they advise the Championship Director that they do not want to be included immediately after losing their matches. Any player who does not withdraw within **2 hours** of losing and fails to arrive to participate in the Plate, excepting for medical reasons, will be fined as published in the Championship Handbook.

**Q11. Clothing.** Regulation **Error! Reference source not found.** is extended to permit the use of tracksuit trousers in normal play.

**Q12. Anti-doping.** Compulsory anti-doping testing will be carried out in accordance with the WADA Code. A notice to this effect must be included on Entry Forms. A minimum of 4 random anti-doping tests may be carried out.

**Q13.** The Entry Form must state that as a condition of entry all participants (including managers, coaches and physiotherapists) must agree that they are subject to SRAM's Anti-Doping Rules & Regulations. The WADA Prohibited List may be accessed on the WADA website [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org).

**Q14.** Any player refusing to undergo a doping control and any player guilty of a doping infraction proven by a positive laboratory test result immediately prior to, or during, a SRAM World Championship will be subject to the disciplinary action and sanctions specified in WADA Code Articles 9 to 12.

**Q15.** If a doping infraction occurs, the guilty player will be withdrawn immediately from the event. If confirmed only after the end of the event, there will be no readjustment of prizes but the guilty player will be required to return any medals or prizes.

## **SECTION 8 – SELECTION CRITERIA TO REPRESENT MALAYSIA**

### **R1. General**

Selection trials may be conducted by SRAM. Selection trials will be used as a guide for selecting players to participate in international tournaments. Participation in the selection trials when invited, is compulsory for eventual selection to represent Malaysia. However, exemptions from attending selections trials may be given at SRAM Coaching Committee's discretion.

### **R2. To Represent Malaysia In International Senior Championships**

For a team of 4 players, a maximum of 3 players may be selected based on their PSA/WSA rankings at least 30 days prior to the closing date of entries for the tournament. For any event where less than 4 players are required, selection may be based on PSA/WSA rankings at least 30 days prior to the closing date. A selection trial may be held if required. Invitation to selection trials will be at the discretion of the SRAM Coaching Committee.

### **R3. To Represent Malaysia In International Junior Championships**

a) Asian Junior Individual/Team Championships and World Junior Individual/Team Championships  
Players may be selected to represent Malaysia based on their SRAM junior rankings (30 days prior to the closing date of entry) and performances in international competitions during the preceding 12 months. A selection trial may be held if required. Players shall be invited to participate in the trials at the discretion of SRAM Coaching Committee. Do note that the number of invitees may vary for different categories.

#### b) British Junior Open

Winners of the MJO and AJI will automatically earn a place provided they will be playing in the same age category at the BJO as their title at the MJO/AJI. All other players selected by the SRAM Selection committee will travel at their own expense but will get full reimbursement (airfare, hotel and daily allowance) if they enter the semi finals stage and 50% reimbursement if they enter the quarterfinals stage. Players may be selected based on their SRAM junior rankings (3 months prior to the closing date of entry) and performances in international competitions during the preceding 12 months. A selection trial may be held if required. Players shall be invited to participate in the trials at the discretion of the SRAM Coaching Committee. Do note that the number of invitees may vary for different categories.

Although there are 5 players per age category permitted by the organisers, the number of players to be sent per age category will depend on fund availability and selection. At the discretion of the Selection Committee, and upon request by players/parents, players may be permitted to travel and play at their own expense.

### **R4. Selection Committee**

The selection committee shall select the individuals / teams for selection trials (if required) and/or represent the country. The committee shall consist of one committee member as appointed by MANCOM, the DoC, Head Coach and a minimum of 3 x elite/state coaches. The DoC if required may invite additional members. The DoC shall be the chairman of the selection committee.

Other factors that may be considered for selection to represent Malaysia:

- a) Performance in physical fitness tests at the selection trials / camps, if conducted.
- b) Attitude and discipline during training and competition.
- c) Preference for players who are eligible for the next junior team championship.
- d) Only Malaysian citizens with Malaysian passports are eligible to represent Malaysia.



## **SECTION 9 – SRAM CODE OF CONDUCT**

(Notes: Words importing only the masculine gender shall be interpreted to include the feminine gender, *Championship* shall be taken to mean a SRAM Sanctioned Championship).

### **Introduction**

**S1.** SRAM is responsible for all disciplinary matters associated with or arising from the arrangement and playing of squash games, matches or related practices on squash courts at approved SRAM Championships and/or events conducted under SRAM auspices and all other incidents or issues that may bring the sport into disrepute or affect the integrity of the sport, its governing bodies or commercial partners.

This Code covers:

- (a) any individual attending a Championship and/or events/conferences conducted under SRAM auspices e.g. player, referee, official, trainer, coach or other person connected with a participating player or team, or other involved person;
- (b) any Affiliate or any individual who is associated with the sport of squash as a player, administrator, referee, coach or otherwise.

For the purpose of this Code, a player is any individual involved in a Championship or an event conducted under SRAM auspices; and an official is any individual in attendance at a Championship as a referee, official, trainer, coach, health professional or anyone who is otherwise connected with a participating player or team or with the organisation of a Championship.

### **S2. Offences**

The following offences may be subject to penalties under Rule 15 of the World Squash Singles Rules 2014 (Effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 updated June 2015 - Version 2104-03) and of the World Squash Doubles Rules 2015 (Effective 1 January 2015), and/or be subject to disciplinary action by the SRAM Disciplinary & Appeals Committee (DAC).

**S3.** A match referee, Championship Referee or Championship Director, promoter, Affiliate employee or officer, and any SRAM official/representative may initiate action under this Code by referral to the SRAM President or Secretary General.

## **GENERAL BEHAVIOUR**

### **S4. Public Relations**

No individual or Affiliate shall at any time give, make, issue, authorise or endorse any public statement which will have, or is designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of SRAM, a championship or the sport of squash. Any breach may result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the DAC.

### **S5. Disrepute**

No individual or Affiliate shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash or which brings the game, its governing bodies or commercial partners into disrepute. If an individual is convicted of the violation of a criminal law of any state, the punishment for which includes possible imprisonment for more than **1 year**, he may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash. If an individual or Affiliate has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, he/it may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash and have brought the game into disrepute. Any breach may lead to disciplinary action at the discretion of the DAC.

## **SRAM CHAMPIONSHIPS: HOTEL AND FUNCTIONS**

### **S6. Hotel Accommodation**

The good name of squash and the competitive preparation of players should not be compromised by players or officials causing damage inconvenience to other guests or boorish, rowdy behaviour in official hotels or other accommodation. Such behaviour may result in SRAM disallowing a player or official from residing in official hotel accommodation and may result in further action under the Code.

A player or official must officially check out of the hotel when involved in a Championship and must pay his room bill (if applicable) and his own hotel extras (e.g. phone, drinks, food). If he should leave the hotel without paying all his hotel extras he would be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the DAC.

### **S7. Functions**

The failure by a player or official to attend a mandatory Championship function may result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the DAC.

## **SRAM CHAMPIONSHIPS – ENTRY OFFENCES**

### **S8. Late Withdrawal**

Withdrawal by a player without notice or acceptable reason after the closing date for entries may lead to disciplinary action at the discretion of the DAC.

If a medical reason is given, an official medical certificate must support this.

### **S9. Ceremonies**

A player participating in a medal match of a Championship must attend and participate in the medal ceremonies after the match unless he is unable to do so for an acceptable reason. Breach of this rule may subject a player to disciplinary action at the discretion of the DAC.

### **S10. Audible Obscenity**

Players and others present shall not use audible obscenities within the Championship precincts. For the purpose of this rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the referee, spectators or media audience. Offenders will be subjected to disciplinary action at the discretion of the DAC.

### **S11. Visible Obscenity**

Players and others present shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the Championship precincts. Breach of this rule may result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the DAC.

For the purpose of this rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his hands and/or racket or ball that commonly have an obscene meaning or import.

### **S12. Verbal Abuse**

Players and officials shall not at any time verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the Championship precincts. Breach of this rule may result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the DAC.

In circumstances that are egregious and particularly harmful to the success of a Championship, a single violation shall also constitute the major offence of "aggravated behaviour".

For the purpose of this rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty, is derogatory, is insulting or is otherwise abusive.

### **S13. Physical Abuse**

Players and officials shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the Championship precincts. Breach of this rule may result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the DAC.

In circumstances that are egregious and particularly harmful to the success of a Championship, a single violation shall also constitute the major offence of "aggravated behaviour".

For the purpose of this rule, physical abuse is defined as the unauthorised touching, by hand or by use of an object, of an official, opponent, spectator or other person.

### **S14. Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

Players and officials shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. They must also act in a way that cannot be construed to be in a manner that could bring the sport of squash into disrepute by virtue of any actions, comments, writing or other means. Breach of this rule may result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the DAC.

In circumstances that are egregious and particularly harmful to the success of a Championship, a single violation shall also constitute the major offence of "aggravated behaviour".

For the purpose of this rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player or official that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport but which is not covered by any on-site offence contained herein.

In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but shall not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement having or designed to have an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the sport, the Championship and/or the officiating thereof.

### **S15. Defaults**

A player may be defaulted from a Championship by the SRAM Technical Delegate or CAP for any violation of this Code. If a player appeals against such default then the decision may be overruled only by the SRAM Secretary General or a SRAM elected Officer provided either can be consulted within **2 hours** of the default.

## **ANTI-DOPING OFFENCES**

**S16.** This Code of Conduct also embraces the SRAM Anti-Doping Code which may be found on the SRAM website. Any breach of the Anti-Doping Code is considered to be contrary to the integrity of the sport and shall be treated as an offence under Article 2(b) of this Code.

## **SRAM CHAMPIONSHIPS: MAJOR OFFENCES**

### **S17. Applicability**

This Article shall apply to all players who commit to enter or who enter Championships, along with accompanying officials.

### **S18. Wagers**

No player or involved official shall wager, cause to wager or benefit from the wagering of anything of value in connection with any squash event. Breach of this rule may result in disciplinary action by the DAC **Bribes or Other Payments**

No player or involved official shall offer, give, solicit or accept or agree to offer, give, solicit or accept anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any player's efforts in any squash event. Breach of this rule may result in disciplinary action by the DAC.

## **S19. Aggravated Behaviour**

No player or official at any Championship shall engage in "aggravated behaviour" which is defined as follows:

1. One incident of behaviour that, in the opinion of the DAC, is egregious and particularly harmful to the success of a Championship.
2. A series of two or more breaches of this Code within a **12-month** period which singularly do not constitute "aggravated behaviour" but, when viewed together, establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or harmful to Championships or the integrity of the sport of squash.

Aggravated behaviour may result in disciplinary action by the DAC.

## **DISCIPLINE**

Disciplinary proceedings initiated by SRAM shall comply with the following principles:

**S20.** Details of the alleged offence must be reported to the alleged offender as soon as possible together with a statement that the matter has been reported to the DAC.

**S21.** The DAC must inform the alleged offender that a formal complaint against him has been received, that he is invited to make a written report about the incident or incidents giving rise to the complaint within **10 days** of receipt of such a request. The alleged offender must be provided with copies of all evidence to be offered against him.

**S22.** If, after consideration of any such explanation or if no explanation is received within the period of **10 days** referred to in Article 8(B), the DAC will consider the written reports and, if necessary, convene a disciplinary hearing. If a hearing is called it is essential that the alleged offender be given a reasonable opportunity to attend or be represented.

**S23.** All disciplinary proceedings must be completed within a reasonable period, generally within **1 month** of the alleged offence.

**S24.** The SRAM Management Committee (ManCom) shall be entitled, subject to the procedures described in Article 8, but otherwise in its absolute discretion and in such manner as it thinks fit, to notify the Members of SRAM of the decision under (C) above; and, in its absolute discretion and in such manner as it thinks fit, to notify or cause to be notified the public or any person, authority, body, commission or enquiry before which SRAM has power to represent the interests of its Members of any such decision.

**S25.** The DAC shall use its best efforts to make its decision under (C) above within **30 days** of the expiration of such **10-day** period set forth in (B) above. Within **7 days** after making such decision, the DAC or SRAM Office on its behalf shall notify the offender concerned of such decision and of the grounds upon which it has been made by written notice sent by hand, email or by first class post with recorded delivery. Such decision shall be brought into effect at the expiration of **15 days** from the date on which, in all the circumstances prevailing at the time, such notice would reasonably be expected to have been delivered to the offender unless an appeal has been lodged by the offender within such **15 day** period in accordance with paragraph (G) below.

**S26.** Any offender who is to be disciplined in accordance with the Code above may appeal against such decision to an Appeal Tribunal (the "Tribunal") to be appointed in accordance with Article 9 (B) provided that such appeal is made within such **15-day** period.

**S27.** Any fine imposed pursuant to these rules must be paid in full to SRAM within **30 days** of notice of imposition of the fine, unless the SRAM Management Committee grants an extension of time.

If a fine is not paid within the **30 day** period (unless extended by SRAM Management Committee) then an additional sum of 20% of the fine shall be added to the fine by way of penalty and interest shall accrue on the total of the fine and penalty at the rate of 2% per **28 days** from **28 days** later than the **30 day**

deadline until payment is made. In addition, the SRAM Management Committee may, at its discretion, request that the player associations and national associations act to prevent the player participating in any of their competitions until payment in full is made.

If the overdue fine has been imposed on a national association or its appointed official, a match official or any other person or body then the SRAM Management Committee may take further action in respect of non-payment, at its discretion, including for a national association determining that entries from that national association may not be accepted for SRAM Championships, and any entry already accepted for a SRAM Championship may be rejected while the debt and penalties remain outstanding.

**S28.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, SRAM may make by-laws, rules or regulations in relation to the Code.

**S29.** The DAC may delegate all of its functions and powers to a Championship Adjudicating Panel (CAP) appointed by the Board to enable it to deal with any issues under this Code of Conduct during the course of a Championship.

### **APPEALS**

**S30.** Any offender who wishes to exercise a right of appeal given by these Articles shall notify the SRAM Office of his desire within the **15-day** period for appeal. The notice of appeal shall be in writing signed by or on behalf of the appellant, shall indicate the grounds on which the appeal is made and must be delivered to the SRAM Office.

**S30.** On receipt of the notice of appeal, the Board shall appoint up to three persons to form the Tribunal to hear the appeal.

**S31.** The offender may appear and be entitled to be heard at the hearing. Both the offender and the Board may be legally represented at the hearing.

**S32.** An offender may produce new evidence to the Tribunal at the hearing. Otherwise the Tribunal will rely on the evidence presented to the DAC. The Tribunal may confirm, vary or reverse the decision of the DAC and may take any action which the Board could have taken at the time it endorsed that decision; and may give such directions as it thinks just for the payment of costs or expenses by any party to the appeal.

**S33.** The Tribunal shall state the grounds for its decision and shall give written notice thereof to the parties to the appeal within **7 days** of the conclusion of the hearing.

**S34.** Subject as aforesaid, the Tribunal shall determine its own procedure.

**S35.** In the case of an appeal against a decision to discipline an offender in accordance with the Code, such disciplinary measures shall not take effect nor be publicised unless the Tribunal has upheld the decision.

**S36.** In the case of any decision to fine an offender, such fine shall be paid within **15 days** after receiving notice thereof under Article 8 (F); where a person has appealed against such fine, such person shall pay any fine levied by the Tribunal within **15 days** after receiving notice therefore under Article 9 (E).

## **SECTION 10 SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINE**

**T1.** Whether you are a player, organiser, referee, coach, administrator or volunteer you will need to balance the benefits of instant and wide communication afforded by social media with the care of use needed with the medium.

This guideline will help you avoid issues.

**T2.** Social media communications are public statements at all times — even if created with private intentions. If you are going to use social media in any form, remember that your communication may be read by anyone at anytime.

**T3.** Once you have put something online, there is almost no taking it back and it is almost impossible to delete.

**T4.** Your personal reputation and those you mention can be affected by what you say. Be respectful to others, organisations, companies and the sport.

**T5.** Always remember that anything said that is untrue could result in legal action at its most serious, in addition to breaching the SRAM Code of Conduct.

**T6.** Be aware that uploaded photos may be taken out of context and used by other people or the media so if you are not happy for the image to be shared publicly, don't put it online.

**T7.** Be careful in sharing any personal information. Adjust your security settings accordingly.

**T8.** Be mindful that communications and links may need to be considered appropriate by others. This is especially true in all 'friending' actions.

**T9.** If you are a player, referee or coach (and also generally for others):

- Promote playing and officiating in a positive manner in a way that does not reflect badly or impugn others.
- The same ethical restrictions that apply to any form of public speech also apply to social media. It is inappropriate to communicate specifics about your matches played, coached or officiated where they may cause issues for opponents, referees, coaches or any related personnel.
- Communications between yourselves as players, coaches or referees should be done privately and not through the use of social media. Be mindful that emails and other forms of direct communication can be transmitted onwards.

### **GENERAL SUGGESTIONS ON USAGE:**

**T10.** Respect secrecy and privacy. Think how you will feel if private information about you is published and take care with the rights of others.

**T11.** Use humour to amuse, not offend.

**T12.** Remember that there are young and old using social media so foul or abusive language should be avoided.

**T13.** If you make a mistake, admit it quickly and apologise.

**T14.** Take a moment to consider whether you will create issues for others or yourself before you press 'send'.

## SECTION 11 - GLASS COURT SIGNAGE

### **U1. AVAILABLE AREAS**

- U2.** Wording or background of signage on the court walls and tin (including boards placed around the court and facing inwards to the court) may not include significant areas of white or near white colour as this affects the players being able to view the white ball clearly and reduces broadcast visibility of the ball too.
- U3.** For courts using a black ball the same ruling applies in reverse i.e. no large areas of black or other dark colours should be used in court wall or tin signage.

<b>1</b>	<b>TIN:</b> Positions at 1 metre wide (38cm high)* allowing a minimum of 4 X 1.5 metre clear glass slots for photographers. (Note: requirement for SRAM tin sticker).
<b>2</b>	<b>DOOR (facing inwards):</b> 1 position at 45cm square. Maximum 1 metre up from floor level. (Note: signage must have clear background to minimise interference for referees and spectators).
<b>3</b>	<b>BACK WALL (facing inwards):</b> 8 positions at 45cm square, all maximum 1 metre up from floor level. (Note: signage must have clear background to minimise interference for referees and spectators).
<b>4</b>	<b>SIDE WALLS (service box):</b> 2 positions each side at 45cm square.
<b>5</b>	<b>FRONT WALL:</b> Signage to be placed within 1.75m of the out-of-court line with a maximum width of 3 metres.
<b>6</b>	<b>COURT FLOOR:</b> Logos may be painted on the floor (using porous paint), by arrangement.

## **SECTION 12 - SRAM LOGO/IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**V1.** The SRAM logo is to be displayed (complete and in its designated colours) on all items and in all areas at all National Championships including but not limited to:

- Championship Programme (prominently on outside front cover)
- Players Manual (outside front cover)
- Entry Forms
- Trophies, Plaques and Medals
- Venues
- Courts (i.e. tin stickers)
- Press Releases and Media Information Packs
- Championship Accommodation
- Championship Office
- Public Display Boards and Advertisements
- Score sheets
- General Signage.



## **APPENDIX 1 – SRAM STANDARD RATES FOR OFFICIAL ALLOWANCES**

1. TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE
  - a. Championship Director as per MSN rates
  - b. Administrative and Support Staff as per MSN rates
  - c. Tournament Referee as per MSN rates
  - d. Referees as per MSN rates
2. ACCOMMODATION
  - a. Championship Director as per MSN rates
  - b. Administrative and Support Staff as per MSN rates
  - c. Tournament Referee as per MSN rates
  - d. Referees as per MSN rates
3. ALLOWANCE
  - a. Championship Director RM 150 per day
  - b. Administrative and Support Staff RM 100 per day
  - c. Tournament Referee RM 150 per day
  - d. Referees RM 100 per day