



## SouthEastern Squash

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### **September 2007**

#### **Hello SESRA:**

A short and somewhat belated monthly memo this time around.

#### Upcoming events:

**WORLD NO. 1 AMR SHABANA AND FORMER WORLD NO. 1 JOHN WHITE TO DUEL AT AN EXHIBITION AT THE ATLANTA MASTERS ON OCT. 14 AT THE CONCOURSE...**



**Starts at 4:30pm ... Viewing Fee: \$15 per person ... Free for those playing the Masters Open martini bar and light snacks provided with entry fee.**

The Atlanta Masters is scheduled for October 12 - 14th

#### Adult Levels

Juniors entering a Adult levels will pay adult prices.

2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5, O40, O50,

#### Juniors

Boys U15 &U19

Consolations will be run and ranking points count!

#### Entry Deadline: October 6th, 2008

Costs- Adult Draw: \$75 ussra member      \$90 non-member

Junior Draw: \$65 ussra member      \$80 non-member

SESRA juniors or college students qualify for a \$30 discount.

Sign up by fax, mail or online (online fee applies) through [globalsquash.com](http://globalsquash.com)

#### Calcutta moved to November 9-11.

Details in next months memo.



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### Charlotte Steps Up:

Mark your calendars for Charlotte's First Annual Core Fitness Squash Tournament: November 30 through December 2. More to come. For further details, contact Peter Popovich!

### **BE A GOOD SPORT:**

Below is an article I did last year that several people told me was helpful. With the squash season and tournament play starting up, I thought it might be useful again.

It's always interesting as tournament time rolls around to see what antics take place from otherwise thoughtful people as they give their all to the competitive moment. Folks who would normally give up their seat on the subway to a little old lady nonetheless present the most ferocious face when battling to make the round of 16 in the 3.5s (or the like).

Actually, most of us don't know what the code of conduct is or how it works. FYI, the full USSRA writeup is below. In short, it's a recipe for courtesy and brings into play the idea of a Tournament Referee, who takes care of these issues at all USSRA sanctioned events. One interesting recommendation is that refs are *never* replaced due to complaint, but a second ref can be added to help with calls. So there, you whiners!

### **Conduct, Rules and Referees**

#### **A. US SQUASH Code of Conduct**

The US SQUASH has established detailed guidelines for sportsmanship and conduct for Players, Coaches and Spectators - both on and off court - at all US SQUASH sanctioned tournaments. It is the responsibility of each member and non-member entrant to understand the Sportsmanship & Conduct Guidelines. By entering a sanctioned tournament, the entrant agrees to accept and abide by the Code of Conduct Sanction System.

#### **B. US SQUASH Sportsmanship & Conduct Guidelines**

The US SQUASH expects each player, family and coach to adopt and promote the following:

##### **1. Player Guidelines**

- Know the WSF Rules of Squash and abide by them
- Be courteous on and off the court to all opponents, referees and tournament staff
- Entering a tournament is a commitment; requests for late start-times or for match rescheduling are inappropriate
- Do not withdraw after start-times are posted or default during the course of an event; withdrawals & defaults reflect poorly on the sport and impact players who make a commitment to participate and will result in a Default to the absentee player.



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- Register and arrive on time and at the proper court; it is the player's responsibility to know this information. After 15 minutes, the player will be subject to a Default.
- Play all main-round, consolation, play-off and round-robin matches for which you qualify, or you will receive a Default.
- Be considerate during the 5-minute warm-up period. Share practice equally with your opponent-- **only hit the ball to your self 2-3 times, before passing it on.**
- Treat referees and markers as you expect to be treated
- Accept decisions with grace and try to refrain from show of displeasure, disbelief, or disgust
- Abuse of players/referees, bad language/gestures, and throwing rackets/equipment is not acceptable and will immediate result in the Penalties and Conduct Violations described below
- Accept coaching only between games or during appropriate breaks in play
- Win and lose gracefully; try to maintain composure before, during and after each match
- Shake hands with your opponent and **shake hands and thank the referee and marker**
- Upon winning a match, promptly report scores
- **Referee all matches as directed by the tournament staff, or you will risk an Average Loss. Winners must referee and be in place within five minutes after their match is finished.**
- Use approved eye protection on court at all times during practice and match play
- Adhere to all facility rules and regulations
- Be aware of specific tournament or venue dress codes and adhere to them
- Thank the tournament director and host, if you stayed with a family [juniors]

### 2. Family-Coach-Spectator Guidelines

- Applaud effort and fair play by all
- Acknowledge good shots, rallies and points equally and uniformly
- **Do not cheer for faults, tins, or unforced errors**
- Outbursts, gestures, signaling and similar spectator actions are inappropriate
- Outside of tournament directors and their referees and staff, no one may intervene in a squash match
- Provide coaching only between games; keep coaching to 90 seconds; keep players near the court during breaks
- Respect and do not influence or interact with any referee or official during a match, regardless of age or ability
- If the referees do not seem in control of a match, you may point this out to staff or the tournament director, but the current referees may not be replaced. An additional referee may be added to guide the process, but only between games.



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- If an injury, illness or related problem occurs, report it immediately to the Tournament Desk.
- At all times be considerate of tournament directors and their staff and venues
- Be prepared to assist the tournament staff, help keep venues tidy. At a minimum, you are responsible for your own players' tidiness.

*A flagrant disregard or violation of the above Guidelines shall render the player liable to disciplinary action as set forth by the US SQUASH Code of Conduct Sanction System below. Coaches, representatives and relatives are under similar obligation to adhere to the Guidelines. Players shall be held liable for their entourage's actions.*

### C. US SQUASH Code of Conduct Sanction System

Misconduct on court includes, but is not limited to: (i) a flagrant violation of the above Sportsmanship and Conduct Guidelines OR (ii) any violation of "Rule 17: Conduct on Court" as found in the Rules of the World Singles Game published by the World Squash Federation. Should a player commit an on-court violation, **tournament directors and referees are required to enforce the following penalties** and to report the incident to the US SQUASH via a Code of Conduct Report Form. **Three Conduct Violations automatically result in an Average Loss to the player.** Further disciplinary action shall be enforced at the direction of the US SQUASH and may include the loss of exposure, exclusion from US SQUASH events, teams, squads or activities and the loss of ranking.

### On-Court Misconduct

#### A Few of the Rules that Should Receive Specific Attention:

- **Behavior:** If the Referee considers that a player's behavior is disruptive, intimidating or offensive to the opponent, an official or a spectator, or could in any way bring the game into disrepute, the Referee shall penalize the player. This includes audible and visible obscenities, verbal/physical abuse, dissent to Referees, abuse of racquet, ball or court, and receiving coaching other than between games. 1st offense= warning, 2nd offense= stroke, 3rd offense=game, 4th offense=match. (Rule 17.1)
- **Throwing Equipment:** As a general rule, a player who deliberately throws a piece of equipment (racquet, goggles) will lose a stroke. (Rule G3- Clarification of 17.1 above.) If this occurs after a completed game, the stroke will be applicable to the next game.
- **Illness or Disability:** A player suffering illness or disability not involving bleeding may receive the following breaks:
  - Three minutes if Illness/Self Inflicted (hit wall, sprained ankle, got hurt while not clearing for opponent, ill)
  - One hour if Contributed Injury (collision with opponent, hurt player cleared) but then must concede the game in progress (getting an additional 90- second game interval), and then concede the match if does not return to court immediately. (Rule 16.2)



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- Wrong Side Service: When a player serves from the wrong side:
  - If the ref catches the mistake before the return of serve, the ref must stop play immediately to switch sides, and a let should be played.
  - If the mistake is realized after the return of serve, play should continue on and if the server wins that point, he should serve on the opposite side for the next point.

### **Off-Court Misconduct**

Misconduct off court includes but is not limited to a flagrant violation of the above Sportsmanship and Conduct Guidelines. In particular, WITHDRAWALS & DEFAULTS are deemed "off-court" violations and the following measures shall apply:

#### **(i) Withdrawal Definition**

Later than 5PM, three days before the start of the tournament or after official start times are made available to all entrants, whichever is earlier.

#### **(ii) Default Policy**

See section I. J. 3 for a complete description.

### **Family-Coach-Spectator Misconduct**

Each player shall be held liable for misconduct by his/her family members and coach ("the entourage") at each US SQUASH sanctioned tournament or event.

Misconduct by a member of the entourage shall include, but is not limited to:

- (i) a flagrant violation of the above Sportsmanship and Conduct Guidelines,
- (ii) language, gestures or actions which defame, berate or otherwise bring into disrepute the tournament, its staff or its participants at any time during an event;
- and (iii) interference of any kind with a tournament director, tournament staff member, referee, player or member of an opponent's entourage during the course of a scheduled match.

In the event that misconduct by a member of an entourage occurs, the tournament director shall report the incident to the US SQUASH via a Code of Conduct Report Form. Disciplinary action may be enforced at the discretion of the US SQUASH and may include: exclusion of the offending entourage member from future US SQUASH events or activities; exclusion of the player responsible for the offending entourage member from future US SQUASH events, teams, squads or activities.

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And don't forget to mark your calendars for:

U.S. Open Age Division Squash Championships

and U.S. Men's S.L. Green and Women's National Championships in March 2008

Work is underway as Atlanta prepares to host the USSRA National Age Group Championships and the S.L. Green National Championships on March 13-18 of 2008. Mark your calendars now.



A heavyweight committee with Brian Dyson as honorary chairman, Bob Burton as chairman, Tom Rumpler, Andre and Danielle Maur, and Alladin Mitha as tournament directors will lead the charge in providing a truly unforgettable event. We expect to have more than

**A glass court under construction in Europe**

300 players turn out to enjoy a five wall (yes, 5, including the floor) glass court, great events Thursday through Saturday, and a wonderful level of play.

Activities are underway for fundraising, logistics, and hospitality. Let us know if you want to help in any fashion and prepare for a really great weekend in mid-March!

If you have some news, let us post it on SESRA.ORG:

We have a new website. Check it out and give us some feedback: [www.sesra.org](http://www.sesra.org). Our webmaster is Matt Morris (thanks Matt!) so if you have some suggestions or items to go up, forward them either to me or Matt for inclusion.

### **Reminder of Charlie Johnson's support of SESRA:**

Support those who support you! We continue to be grateful that we have the support of Charlie Johnson's Squash Shop ([www.cjsquash.com](http://www.cjsquash.com)) which gives SESRA members a **5% discount** on orders under \$100 and a **10% discount** on orders over \$100.



**Charlie Johnson's Squash Shop**

Here's how it works:

When you place your order, in the comment/memo box enter SESRA and your USSRA membership number. The discount will be taken before processing.

Hope this continues to be of interest.

Bob