

SRI LANKA SQUASH POLICY ON THE REVISION OF THE NATIONAL RANKING POINTS SYSTEM

Effective from 01 January 2026

1. INTRODUCTION

Sri Lanka Squash (SLS) hereby introduces a **revised National Ranking Points System**, which will come into effect from **01 January 2026**, replacing the existing ranking points system.

This revision has been developed to ensure a **fairer, more transparent, and performance-based ranking structure** that rewards consistency, reflects tournament strength, and aligns with internationally accepted best practices.

2. RANKING PHILOSOPHY

The new ranking system is based on **the average of points earned from a player's best tournament performances** over a **rolling 12-month** period, rather than the total accumulation of points. This approach emphasizes consistent performance over frequent participation.

3. RANKING CALCULATION METHOD

3.1 Ranking Period

- Rankings are calculated on a **rolling 12-month** basis, using a player's **best four (4)** results achieved within that period.
- Tournament results older than 12 months automatically become inactive.

3.2 Points Awarded

Players earn ranking points based on:

- Final finishing position
- Tournament Tier
 - **Tier A:** Junior Nationals & Senior Nationals
 - **Tier B:** All other National Ranking Tournaments
- Size of the draw

The **detailed points allocation table** applicable under this system is **attached as Annex "A"** to this policy.

3.3 Authority on Tournament Tier Classification

Sri Lanka Squash (SLS) **holds the exclusive authority** to determine the **point category (Tier A or Tier B)** for **all tournaments that do not fall under the National Ranking category**. The decision of SLS in this regard shall be **final and binding**.

3.4 Ranking Average Formula

- A player's ranking is calculated using the **average of points**, not the total points accumulated.

Divisor Rule (Number of Tournaments Used):

The divisor is **fixed**, and Sri Lanka Squash retains full authority to determine and apply the divisor

- **Up to four (4) tournaments played:**
 - The total points earned are divided by **four (4)**, even if fewer than four tournaments have been played.
- **More than four (4) tournaments played:**
 - Points from the **four (4) highest-scoring tournaments**, selected from the **last six (6) tournaments played**, are used and divided by **four (4)**.

This methodology ensures that **consistent high-level performance** is rewarded and prevents ranking inflation through excessive participation.

4. Eligibility & General Conditions

4.1 Residency

- Ranking points are awarded only to **Sri Lankan residents** and **Sri Lankan dual citizens**.

4.2 Tournament Size

- Points are generally **not awarded** for tournaments with **fewer than four (4) players** in a draw.

4.3 Ranking Updates

- National rankings will be updated **every two (2) months**, in:
 - February
 - April
 - June
 - August
 - October
 - December

5. Age Group Structure

Rankings will be maintained separately for the following categories:

- **Boys & Girls:** U9, U11, U13, U15, U17, U19
- **Seniors:** Men's Open, Women's Open
- **Masters:**
 - Women's Over 35
 - Men's Over 35
 - Men's Over 40
 - Men's Over 45
 - Men's Masters Over 50
 - Men's Masters Over 55
 - Men's Masters Over 60
 - Men's Masters Over 65

6. Category Participation & Points Transfer

- Points are **not transferable** between age divisions.
- A player is eligible to compete in a **maximum of two (2) categories**.
- Points earned apply **only to the age category in which the player competes**.

7. Penalties & Withdrawals

- Players who:
 - Withdraw late, or
 - Fail to appear for a scheduled match without a valid medical certificate will receive **zero (0) points** for that tournament.
- A zero-point (0) event will still be counted as **one of the four (4) best results**, thereby negatively affecting the player's ranking average.

8. Tie-Breaking Criteria

In the event of players having equal ranking averages, the higher ranking will be determined by:

1. The **highest combined points total from the last two (2) tournaments**, and if still tied,
2. The player's **current PSA / WSF / ASF ranking position**.

9. Transition from the Old System

9.1 Implementation Date

- The existing ranking points system will be **fully replaced** by the new system on **01 January 2026**.

9.2 Transition Period (01 January 2025 – 01 January 2026)

- Rankings during this period will still be based on a **12-month rolling window** using player's **best four (4) results** from the **last six (6) tournament** played.
- Under the new system, **only the top 8 players** in each age category will receive ranking points during the transition period.

9.3 Full Implementation (From 01 January 2026)

- From **01 January 2026 onwards**, ranking points will be awarded to players finishing **1st to 16th** in all age categories.

10. Conclusion

This revised ranking system ensures:

- Greater fairness and transparency
- Recognition of consistent performance
- Alignment with international ranking principles
- Broader player recognition and development

Sri Lanka Squash believes this update will **strengthen the national competitive pathway** and encourage **sustained excellence across all age groups**.

POINTS AWARDED (CIRCUIT FORMAT UP TO 16)

Ranking Points up to 16th Position	Tire A	Tire B
1	405.00	270.00
2	270.00	180.00
3	202.50	135.00
4	150.75	100.50
5	121.50	81.00
6	108.00	72.00
7	96.75	64.50
8	81.00	54.00
9 th / 16 th	54.00	36.00

Tire A: Sri Lanka Junior National Squash Championship & Sri Lanka Senior National Squash Championship

Tire B: Apart from the Sri Lanka Junior and Sri Lanka Senior Squash Championships, all other National Ranking Tournaments published by Sri Lanka Squash (SLS).