



## Superchamps Policy

### Background

Following two earlier remits from affiliated clubs (Whangarei 2010, Mangakahia 2008) regarding the formation of teams for the Superchamps competition, and after various discussions at Regional and Management meetings, it was decided that Squash Northland needed to implement a policy to assist with the running of the regional (and national) competition.

### Policy Objectives:

- To support the Superchamps National Graded Club Championships competition at regional level.
- To provide clarity around player/team eligibility while ensuring the Superchamps competition retains the essence of being a “club teams” competition.
- Providing opportunities for players from smaller clubs to enter and compete in the competition in a fair and transparent manner.

### Formation of a Squash Northland Superchamps sub-committee:

- This sub-committee will be responsible for the verification and acceptance of entries (in line with national eligibility rules and this regional policy) as well as setting the draw for the district eliminations and confirmation of venue(s). This sub-committee will also be the appeal committee for all Super Champs matters.
- The committee will be annually appointed by and will report to the Squash Northland Management Committee and shall consist of three members who have no involvement in any Superchamps teams. All members of this panel must acquaint themselves fully with this policy and the national competition rules. Rulings made by this sub-committee must support and enhance the integrity of the regional and national competition.

### Team Eligibility: For a club to enter a Superchamps team:

- The team must include a **minimum of four current financial club members** – evidence of which must accompany the team entry (Bank statement proof for direct debits, or receipt book/cheque deposit list for cash/cheque payments). Financial membership must be full year or ongoing monthly (where clubs provide this option) and must allow full participation by this member in all club events including club championships for the current year. These financial members must also appear on the club’s grading list at the correct time for the purposes of the competition.
- There **may be up to two non-members** included in the team, who will be recognised as **import players** for the purposes of the district Superchamps competition. These import players must be full financial members of another Northland-affiliated club. There is no need to provide any financial club membership proof for import players, unless requested by the sub-committee.

- Where an entered team does not meet the eligibility requirements above, or fails to meet the request for satisfactory information supporting player eligibility by the due date, the team entry will be rejected and the entry fee refunded.
- All players must ensure that they appear on the correct club's grading list by the required date to meet current SNZ competition rules (as they are applied).

**Advice to clubs:**

- All Northland-affiliated clubs are encouraged to accept and support these eligibility rules.
- All clubs should only enter teams on the basis of these criteria and must not use any measures such as honorary short-term memberships, or discounted fees to try and artificially meet this policy's eligibility requirements. Ie. Clubs act in good faith, honesty and integrity with team entries.
- All Northland clubs need to recognise the reason for these eligibility rules and should not discriminate against any members who may need to be a member of more than one club to meet the needs of this competition or for any other reason. Eg. If a player is a financial member of more than one club then they should be able to compete in all or any of those club's championships, and other club events, if they choose.
- See attached addendum for how legitimate teams may be formed.

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## Addendum

### Some examples for how legitimate teams could be formed:

Club A has 3 C grade players who are keen to form the basis of a team. Their options could be:

- a) Include a D grade player from their club and find two keen C graders from another club (or two) who would be import players
- b) Find 3 keen C grade players from other clubs, two of which could be import players and one would have to become a financial member (the membership fee could be met by the player paying the fee themselves, all three imports sharing the cost of the one player's fee, or all six players sharing the cost of the one player's fee however they choose). If they are serious about entering the competition in good faith then this should not be too difficult. And remember that the club has to fork out for the competition entry fee of (currently)\$100.

Club B has 4 C grade players. Their options could be:

- a) Import 1 or 2 players from other clubs
- b) Include a D grade player or two
- c) A combination of a) and b)

Club C has just 2 C grade players but several other players from other clubs are keen to band together to form a team. Their options could be:

- a) Decide which club they want to form a team under (could be the one where most players are from, or which one has the cheapest fees, or which club will pay the entry fee and support the team)
- b) Meet the eligibility requirements by players joining the appropriate club and changing on the grading list (for a minimum of 4 players). Membership costs to achieve the eligibility criteria would have to be agreed as for Club A b) above.

Club D has 7 C grade players. No need to bring in any imports but they could if they choose. However it is preferred that if all 7 of their members wanted to be in the team that the club would support their own membership and not seek any import players to bolster their team. If a club did have enough members already without requiring import players to form a team, they would still be allowed to do so as long as they satisfy the eligibility rules the same as other clubs ie. minimum of four members.