



Cup Knockout Competitions

(Applies to both Squash and Racketball in addition to the main body of rules updated June 2023)

	General
1	<p>Where possible a cup competition will run alongside the leagues. The number of cup competitions will depend on the number of leagues and is to be decided by the League Coordinator.</p> <p>It is possible divisions may be mixed; e.g. division 1 and half division 2. If this happens the knockout will adopt the scoring of the lower division (currently PAR 15).</p>
	Sections and Organisation
2a	Each cup will be run on a knock out basis.
2b	All matches will be given a 'played by' date for each round. All match dates to be arranged by home teams but can be rearranged with the mutual consent of both captains. If agreement on a new date cannot be reached then the scheduled date for the match will apply.
2c	Teams may, if they wish, play matches before the 'played by' date, or up to one week after the date the match was scheduled 'played by' date. If a match is not played by this date, the team responsible for the postponement will be deemed to have lost the match . If a match is mutually arranged for a date other than the scheduled date, the Cup Organiser should be notified accordingly.
2d	All semi-finals must be completed 2 weeks before the final. <i>This will alleviate pressure and prevent the risk of un-played semi-final matches just before the finals date.</i>
2e	All finals will be played on the same day, the date and venue of which will be decided by the organiser.
2f	For cup matches expenses are to be shared between teams.
	Players

3a	These rules apply to both squash and racketball individually. Therefore, a player can play in both cup competitions (squash and racketball) providing the player has met the individual rules for each discipline.
3b	<p>i) To be eligible to play for a team in the Cup, a player must be nominated to play for the relevant league team on the date the match is played.</p> <p>ii) For the preliminary rounds there is no minimum requirement for the number of League matches a player must have played to be eligible to play in a Cup match.</p>
3c	<p>For the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals, Players must have played 3 times for their Club for divisions of 6 teams or more. Players must have played 2 times for their club for divisions of 5 teams or less. <i>Where a walkover is given player's names must still be recorded when inputting the results (in league and cup games) where a team or players have 'intended' to play and were ready and available. For the team or players that were unavailable 'walkover' should be recorded instead of the name(s).</i></p>
3d	A player will be ' cup tied ' to the team they play for in the quarter-finals of the competition and will not be able to play for another team (in that discipline) in the Club in the quarter final, semi-finals or final.
3e	Cup matches should be marked and refereed by both the home and away team.

These rules were discussed on 7th November, 14th November 2022 and 1st March 2023 at the Rules Working Group and also at the LMC on 23rd November 2022 and 17th April 2023.

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