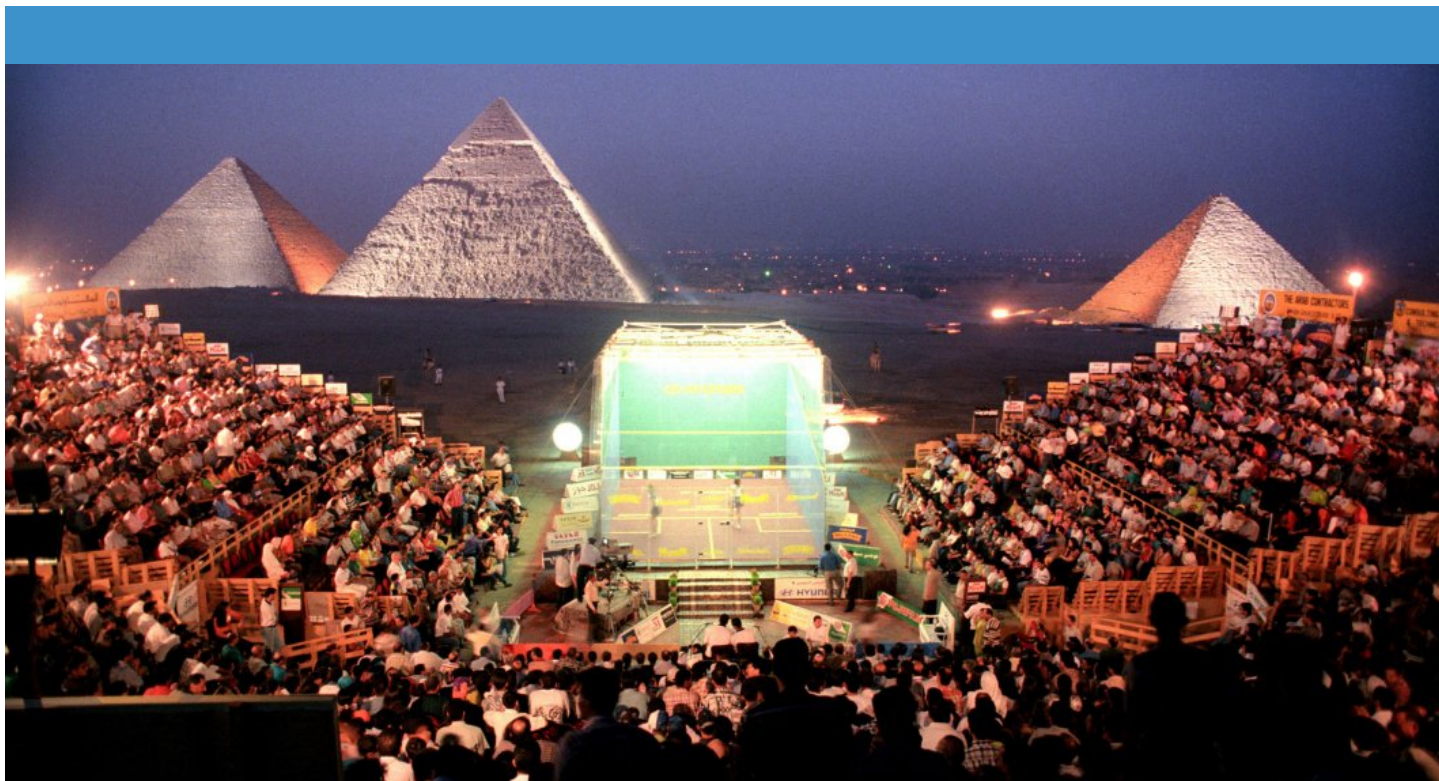


## NZ Secondary Schools Squash Association

2022 NEWSLETTER #2

ENTRIES FOR THE NZSSS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE OPEN!



### NZSS Squash Nationals

#### Auckland 2022

- 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- Team of 5 (single gender, any grade, even a team of J-graders can compete)
- Entries due **July 4<sup>th</sup>**
- Tournament Organisers – North Shore Squash Club

### NZSS Squash Trans-Tasman

#### Queensland 2022

August 22-26, 2022 (Daisy Hills Squash Centre - Brisbane)

Nominations close **July 4<sup>th</sup>**

Nominations of NZSS players is open to all players and schools attending the National Tournament.

Management: Aaron Webb, Nicol Bekker, Nic Dann plus 1 TBD



### YEAR 7-10 OR 7-13 SCHOOL?

If you are a middle school (7-10), or a 7-13 secondary school, then year 7 and 8 students are eligible to play at the NZSS Squash Nationals. However, year 7/8 players will not be considered for the NZSSS Trans-Tasman team.

# Never been to NZSSS Nationals?

NZSS Squash Nationals is an open event. That means that there are no qualifying events. Simply gather at least 5 boys or 5 girls that are keen on squash and join in on NZ's largest squash tournament. Schools can enter as many teams as they like however all players must be from the same school. Contact the organisers at [nzsssquash@gmail.com](mailto:nzsssquash@gmail.com) if you need more information



## 2022 NZSSS Trans-Tasman Squad

QUEENSLAND 22-26 AUGUST

The organisers in Queensland have confirmed that the Trans-Tasman Challenge for 2022 will proceed! Teams from NSW, NZD and QLD to compete in the Tri-Series, then face off against Australia in a test match consists of four teams; Senior (year 11-13) Boys and Girls; and Junior (year 9/10) Boys and Girls.

To be considered, you must play at the NZSSS nationals this year. The team is selected and announced at the prizegiving at NZSSS Nationals.

Costs are still to be determined, but indicative costs are between \$1500 and \$1700 each (plus travel to and from Auckland). This will be confirmed in Newsletter #3 (July). The NZSSSA will cap the amount at \$1700 ex Auckland.

For Teachers and Team Managers. The NZSSS Trans-Tasman team needs you! We are in need of an assistant team manager. If you are a school teacher, this is a paid-leave role. Please contact Aaron Webb if you are interested.

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## 2022 Frequently Asked Questions (updated from Newsletter #1)

### WHAT CLUBS ARE HOSTING THIS YEAR?

The 2022 NZSS Squash Teams Championships are being hosted by the North Shore Squash Club, Devonport Squash Club and Browns Bay Squash Club. All clubs are located on the North Shore in Auckland. Should entries exceed expectations and more courts be required, the organisers may approach other North Shore clubs for court assistance. The North Shore Squash Club have a webpage with information - check it out [here](#).

### WHAT ARE THE ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS?

There are numerous options available on the North Shore, from hotels, motels and holiday parks. Further, there are a number of Air BNB and Holiday Homes that can also be found on the various holiday homes websites. I suggest a search in Google as a starting point.

### WILL THERE BE TRANSPORT PROVIDED BETWEEN VENUES?

No. As a team you will need to arrange your own transport options.

### WHAT DETAILS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE TOURNAMENT?

At this stage this is all "To Be Determined". More details will be forthcoming, however, if you are booking flights to and from Auckland the recommendation is to arrive Thursday evening and fly out Sunday afternoon after 5pm. We have permission from SchoolSportNZ to commence some games on Thursday evening (4<sup>th</sup> of August) to assist with number of people in a venue due to COVID requirements. If we need to run games on the Thursday evening we will contact the teams involved to double check they can be there. Prizegiving on Sunday will commence at approximately 2pm. More details in the July Newsletter.

### DO STUDENTS/COACHES/MANAGERS REQUIRE TO BE VACCINATED?

A recent change to the law means that students/coaches/supporters attending the championships as competitors no longer require a vaccine pass to compete. It is recommended that players/coaches/managers wear face masks where practicable. It is highly recommended that spectators wear face masks when inside the venues.

### WILL THE NZSS SQUASH TEAM BE TRAVELLING TO AUSTRALIA THIS YEAR?

YES! We have conformed that the 2022 Trans-Tasman Challenge will take place at the Daisy Hills Squash Centre in South Brisbane from 22 - 26 August. The team will fly out to Australia on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Flights back will either be Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August. The coaches will be Nicol Bekker and Nic Dann - both have coached the team previously. We are still yet to appoint an assistant coach/manager so contact Aaron Webb if you are interested.

### WHAT DO PLAYERS NEED TO BE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE NZSS SQUASH TEAM?

Technically, nominations are open for all levels of graded players, as long as they play at the NZSS Squash Teams Championships. In reality, over the past 5 years, the grade levels that have been shortlisted are as follows; Senior Boys and Girls, B2 or higher; Junior Boys and Girls, C1 and higher.

Players must compete in at least one full match at the championships. Further, due to current vaccination requirements for people re-entering New Zealand from Australia, it is also a requirement that all players must be vaccinated. This requirement may change and we will keep you up-to-date with any developments with regards to vaccinations.

### CAN PLAYERS FROM DIFFERENT SCHOOLS BE COMBINED INTO A SINGLE TEAM?

No. All players in a team must be attending the same school. Rules about eligibility can be found at this link: <https://bit.ly/3JkwP52>.

### CAN BOYS AND GIRLS BE COMBINED INTO A SINGLE TEAM?

No. The championship competitions are gender based (Boys and Girls) therefore all teams are single gendered teams. If you have any players that identify otherwise, please contact Aaron Webb - President of the NZSSSA - to discuss. Email [NZSSSquash@gmail.com](mailto:NZSSSquash@gmail.com).

### DO ALL PLAYERS NEED TO BE GRADED?

Yes. When you enter your team, there is a section on the entry form to fill out details that will allow the organisers to assign a grade to students without a grade.

## ENTRIES FOR THE NZSSS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE OPEN!

Information regarding entering teams can be found on the following websites, or you can link from here

SchoolSportNZ. <https://www.schoolsportnz.org.nz/home>

Squash New Zealand. [www.squashnz.co.nz](http://www.squashnz.co.nz)

North Shore Squash Club. <https://www.northshoresquash.co.nz/nzsss2022>

You can also download them by clicking on the links below.

### Instructions for entering teams

To enter teams you will need to download two files

- Team details and NZ Nomination form (XL Spreadsheet)
- Principal Approval Form

Both forms must be completed and sent to [nzsssquash@gmail.com](mailto:nzsssquash@gmail.com). When sending the spreadsheet file please send an electronic copy. A scanned copy of the Principal Approval Form signed by the principal is acceptable. Send both on the same email if at all possible.

[Team Details Entry Form download](#)

[Principal Approval Form download](#)

