THE SQUASH RACKETS
FEDERATION OF INDIA

REGULATIONS RELATING TO
SANCTIONED AND UNSANCTIONED EVENTS
REGULATIONS RELATING TO UNSANCTIONED EVENTS AND TO OBTAIN NO-OBJECTION CERTIFICATES FOR SANCTIONED EVENTS:

A  Introduction

1. SRFI has adopted these Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events within the Federations’s jurisdiction. These Regulations therefore:

1.1 establish a procedure for an Event organiser to apply to SRFI to sanction that Event

1.2 prohibit Athletes and other organisations and individuals under the jurisdiction of SRFI participating in Unsanctioned Events;

1.3 establish a procedure for an Athlete whose Home National Association is SRFI to apply to SRFI for a No-Objection Certificate confirming that SRFI has no objection to the Athlete participating in an Event organised or sanctioned by any other National Association / Federation;

1.4 prohibit an Athlete whose Home National Association is SRFI participating in an Event organised or sanctioned by any other National Association / Federation unless the Athlete has first obtained a No-Objection Certificate from SRFI; and

1.5 prohibit participation in an Event organised or sanctioned by SRFI by an Athlete whose Home National Association is not SRFI unless that Athlete has first obtained a No-Objection Certificate from his/her Home National Association.

2. Words appearing in italics bear the meaning given to them in the appendix to these regulations. The purpose and object of these regulations is to protect and advance the fundamental sporting imperatives set out in SRFI Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned events. In the interpretation and application of these regulations, an interpretation/application that promotes the purpose and object of these regulations is to be preferred to an interpretation/application that does not promote that purpose and object. Words and phrases in italicised text are defined terms that have the meaning set out in the Appendix to these Regulations.

3. This version of these Regulations comes into force as of 19.05.2018. These Regulations shall not have retrospective effect. Instead, the regulations that were in effect prior to the Effective Date shall apply in respect of any acts or omissions occurring prior to the Effective Date.

4. These Regulations may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time by the SRFI Executive Committee, and/or it may issue further guidance as to their operation and implementation, as it seems fit.

B. Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events

1. Prohibition on participating in Unsanctioned Events:

1.1 Organisations or individuals (including Athletes, technical officials, Referees, coaching or management staff) under SRFI jurisdiction may not participate in any manner in any Unsanctioned Event.

1.2 Any Athlete or other individual under SRFI jurisdiction who is found to have participated in an Unsanctioned Event:

1.2.1 is automatically ineligible for twelve months thereafter to participate in any capacity in any International Event:

a. Such Athlete or other individual may apply to the SRFI
Disciplinary Committee for a waiver of all or part of this period of ineligibility for good cause shown, provided that the circumstances will have to be exceptional to justify such waiver.

b. During the period of ineligibility, the Athlete/other individual may not be selected to participate in any capacity in an International Event, and any selection made despite this prohibition may be declined by the SRFI or other event organiser.

1.2.2. may have disciplinary consequences imposed upon him or her under the SRFI Grievance Redressal Committee for such breach of clause B.1.1, including (if seen fit) being ruled ineligible to participate in any capacity in Sanctioned Events for a period of up to 12 months (first offence) or more (subsequent offences).

1.3 SRFI will recognise and give effect within its own jurisdiction to any restriction, exclusion or ineligibility imposed by another National Association on an organisation or individual under that National Association's jurisdiction for participating in an Unsanctioned Event.

1.4 It is a condition of eligibility for any organisation or individual from another National Association wishing to participate in any Event under SRFI jurisdiction that the organisation or individual in question has not participated in any Unsanctioned Event in the twelve months prior to the Event in question.

2. Applying to SRFI to sanction an Event:

2.1 In accordance with the SRFI Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned events, any Event or affiliated to SRFI and that would be staged entirely within India, must be either organised or sanctioned by SRFI.

2.2 Anyone wishing to organise an Event that falls within the scope of Clause B.2.1 and therefore requires the express sanction of SRFI must submit a written application by hand or by post [or by email] to the following address:

For the attention of:
The Secretary General
The Squash Rackets Federation of India
Khivraj Complex II, 2nd Floor
480, Anna Salai, Nandanam
Chennai – 600 035
Email: squashsecretariate@gmail.com

2.3 The application must be submitted as soon as possible after the details of the proposed Event are known and must include the following information:

2.3.1 The name and address and (if applicable) company registration number of the applicant which must be the organiser of the proposed Event.

2.3.2 The proposed name, venue(s), date(s) and format of the proposed participants in, and the proposed technical officials and Referees for, the proposed Event.

2.3.3 A binding, unqualified and unconditional commitment by the organiser to stage the Event in accordance with and subject to all applicable regulations of the SRFI, and to be accountable to SRFI for applying and enforcing those regulations in relation to all participants in the Event.

2.3.4 A detailed explanation of:
a. The extent to which the proposed Event will contribute to the
maintenance and promotion of the health, safety and welfare of
Athletes, including by the prevention of overplaying
(Athletes must have adequate time to rest and recover, as
well as train, between Events).

b. How the organiser will ensure the safety and suitability of the
venue(s) intended to be used for the proposed Event.

c. The extent to which the proposed Event may be
accommodated within the existing calendar of Events without
conflicting with or otherwise compromising (i) Events already in
the calendar, and/or (ii) any commitments that SRFI has
made to any commercial partner(s).

d. The extent to which the proposed Event would have any
meaningful role in the promotion and development of the
sport or any other charitable or benevolent purpose.

h. Any other factor that the organiser would like SRFI to take into
consideration.

2.4 SRFI may ask the applicant for any further information about the proposed
Event that it considers relevant, and may delay further consideration
of the application until that information is received.

2.5 SRFI will send written notice of its decision in relation to the application to
the organiser at the address specified in the application. The application may
be granted or denied, or granted conditionally. In particular (but without
limitation), SRFI may specify that particular Events must be played in
accordance with and subject to SRFI compliant codes of conduct, anti-
corruption rules, anti-doping rules and/or other rules or regulations. Where an
application is granted conditionally, the proposed Event shall not be deemed
sanctioned unless and until SRFI confirms in writing that the organiser
has demonstrated to the satisfaction of SRFI that all of the conditions have
been met.

2.6 An application for sanction made pursuant to this clause B.2 may not be
deeded approved unless and until written notice is received from SRFI that the
Event is sanctioned and (if applicable) that any relevant conditions have
been satisfied. The Event organiser should not issue any formal invitations to
participate in the Event until such notice is received.

2.7 Any sanction granted by SRFI pursuant to this clause B.2 shall amount solely
to recognition of the Event as a Sanctioned Event, and shall not amount to or
be construed as approval by SRFI of any of the safety or security or other
arrangements for the Event. Instead, those arrangements shall remain the sole
responsibility of the Event organiser.

2.8 If a proposed Event requires SRFI’s sanction under clause B.2.1[, falls outside
the scope of clause B.2.2,] and the Event organiser fails to obtain SRFI’s
sanction for the Event in accordance with clause B.2.7, then for purposes of
these regulations the Event shall be an Unsanctioned Event.

2.9 SRFI will include details of all Events that it has sanctioned in its official fixture
calendar posted on its official website, and will update that calendar regularly
to ensure that it includes details of all Sanctioned Events. In the event of any
uncertainty as to whether or not an Event is a Sanctioned Event or an
Unsanctioned Event, clarification should be sought from SRFI at the
address set out at clause B.2.3.

2.10 Subject only to the right of review reserved by the SRFI to itself under the
SRFI Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events, SRFI’s decision on an application for sanction of a proposed Event pursuant to these regulations shall be final and binding on all parties.

C. No-Objection Certificates

1. Prohibition on participating in certain Events without a No-Objection Certificate:

1.1 An Athlete whose Home National Association is not SRFI may not participate in an Event organised or sanctioned by SRFI unless such Athlete holds a valid No-Objection Certificate from his/her Home National Association for that Event.

1.2 An organiser of an Event sanctioned by SRFI may not permit an Athlete whose Home National Association is not SRFI to play in that Event without a No-Objection Certificate.

1.3 An Athlete whose Home National Association is SRFI who wishes to participate in an Event organised or sanctioned by another National Association must obtain a No-Objection Certificate from SRFI in respect of that Event.

1.4 An Athlete who fails to comply with clause C.1.3 may not participate in the Event in question.

1.5 A failure to comply with this clause may result in the bringing of disciplinary proceedings and the imposition of disciplinary consequences on the Athlete under SRFI Disputes and Grievance Redressal Committee.

2. Obtaining a No-Objection Certificate from SRFI

2.1 SRFI may from time to time issue a notice identifying Athletes and/or categories of Athletes who are deemed to have been given a No-Objection Certificate by SRFI to participate in some or all Events organised or sanctioned by other National Associations.

2.2 Any other Athlete whose Home National Association is SRFI who wishes to participate in one or more Events organised or sanctioned by another National Association must submit a written application for a No-Objection Certificate by hand or by post [or by email] to the following address:

The Secretary General
The Squash Rackets Federation of India
Khivraj Complex II, 2nd Floor
480, Anna Salai, Nandanam
Chennai – 600 035
Email: squashsecretariate@gmail.com

2.3 The written application must be submitted as soon as possible and must include the following information:

2.3.1 The name and address and contact details (phone number, email address) of the Athlete.

2.3.2 The name, date(s) and format of each Event organised or sanctioned by another National Association in which the Athlete wishes to participate.

2.3.3 Details of the countrie(s) on whose behalf the Athlete would be participating in the Event(s), including the name of and contact details of the team manager/coach.
2.3.4 Confirmation that as far as the Athlete is aware, his/her participation in the Event(s) would not clash with any commitments that he/she has made to any National Representative Team.

2.4 SRFI may ask the Athlete for any further information about the proposed Event that it considers relevant, and may delay further consideration of the Athlete’s application until that information is received.

2.5 SRFI will send written notice of its decision in relation to the application to the Athlete at the address specified in the application. The application may be granted or denied, or granted conditionally. In particular (but without limitation), SRFI may agree to the Athlete’s participation in parts of an Event as long as he/she is released from other parts of the Event for specified periods so that he/she can train/prepare for and/or participate in other Events as part of his/her National Representative Team.

2.6 An application for a No-Objection Certificate made pursuant to this clause C.2 may not be deemed granted unless and until written notice is received from SRFI to that effect.

2.7 The SRFI’s decision on an application for a No-Objection Certificate pursuant to these regulations shall be final and binding on all parties.

2.8 For the avoidance of doubt, the prohibition on participation in an Unsanctioned Event means that a No-Objection Certificate will not in any circumstances be issued in respect of participation in an Unsanctioned Event.
APPENDIX - DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

For the purpose of these Regulations the following words and expressions have the meanings set out opposite them:

**Athlete**: Any person competing in a squash event sanctioned by the WSF, ASF and / or National Association.

**Event**: This will include but not limited to all championships Leagues, Refereeing and Coaching camps / clinics / workshops involving Indian citizens or foreign citizens conducted by State Associations / NGOs / Companies / Clubs/ Colleges/Schools or by individuals.

**Effective Date**: As defined in Clause A.3.

**SRFI**: The Squash Rackets Federation of India

**SRFI Disciplinary Committee**: The Committee appointed by SRFI

**Home National Association**: The National Association for whose National Representative Team the Athlete in question plays or last played or (if he/she has not yet played for any National Representative Team) is qualified to play.

**International Event**: An Event in which National Representative Teams compete, including (without limitation) Events staged as part of a multi-sport event such as the Asian Games / Commonwealth Games, PanAmerican Games and European Championships.

**National Association / NA**: A national governing body of SRFI that has been admitted as a member of the WSF.

**National Representative Team**: Players selected to represent a National Association, including age-group, individual / team events.

**No-objection Certificate**: A document issued by an Athlete's Home National Association, certifying that it has no objection to his/her participation in an Event organised or sanctioned by another National Association.

**Regulations**: These Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events.

**Sanctioned Event**: Any Event organised or sanctioned by the SRFI in accordance with SRFI Regulations on Sanctioned and unsanctioned Events, including any Event organised or sanctioned by SRFI pursuant to clause B.2.

**Unsanctioned Event**: Any Event that is not a Sanctioned Event.