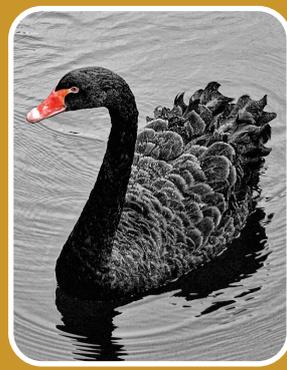




# SWAN



SQUASH WA NEWSLETTER : FEBRUARY 2025

## AUSTRALIA DAY OPEN



*Congratulations to our 2025 Australia Day Open Champions*  
**Pascale Louka & Oscar Curtis**



Welcome

SQUASH WA WEBSITE



The 2025 tournament season has commenced with the running of the Australia Day Open in Kings Park. **Pascale Louka** bounced back into form with a 3-1 win over Hannah Slyth and **Oscar Curtis** was too strong for David Ilich winning his final 3-0. Congratulations to you both.

The production of this edition of the SWAN has encountered some minor setbacks which we hope to rectify in the next edition. A write up for the Australia Day Open is still in the pipeline plus the rankings and statistics will return next month. Our sincere apologies.

This month however, we are introducing a Caption Competition. You can win \$20 if you submit the funniest caption! Check out page 9.

A number of coaches assisted **Josh Blakey** with conducting a Futures Clinic whilst some helped **Tim Cowell** hunt for hidden gems in the Talent Squad Program. Thank you to everyone who gave of their time to help.



**Rebel Junior Sports Star**

**Daniel Marsh (Squash)**, Iona Anderson (Swimming), Mahli Beardman (Cricket), Mia Kretzer (Skateboarding), Spencer Harrison (Golf), Taylah Preston (Tennis)

**Hyundai Sport Initiative of the Year**

LGBTQIA+ Allyship in Sport Program (UWA Sport), **School Programs Free Squash Initiative (Squash WA)**, Sensory Convergence Container (WA All Abilities Football Association)

**Organisation of the Year**

Football West (Football), Rugby WA (Rugby Union), **Squash WA (Squash)**

## Squash WA : Administration



Leigh-Anne Kaye  
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Serena Richardson  
Engagement Officer



Roxy Edery  
Administration



Josh Blakey  
Junior Development Officer



David Ilich  
State Centre Manager



# Behind the Scenes

with Leigh Kaye

*It's a short and sweet one from me as we have a very demanding workload in the office this month!*

- *There are a number of grant applications and acquittals due.*
- *We're preparing for the Club Forum on Wednesday 19 February. Please ensure at least one representative from your club registers.*
- *Setting up and running pennants and league through Revo has unearthed a few creases which require ironing out, and plenty of support to clubs accordingly.*
- *We're getting the necessary items and reports together for the AGM which is coming up on 26 March – please save the date!*
- *Promoting the West Coast Open using every channel at our disposal (link and flyer further down).*

*If you haven't yet signed up for the latter, please do so soon. It will be your last chance to play in a Perth Metro tournament until the WA Open in June!*

*Rankings and membership statistics have been omitted this month but will be back for the March edition.*

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Cottesloe Beach, WA

— 2025 —

### WEST COAST OPEN

AND  
NEW YEAR'S BASH  
(JUNIOR-SILVER)

FRI 14 - SUN 16 FEBRUARY  
AT THE SQUASH FACTORY, WANGARA

TOURNAMENT REFEREE:  
LUKE JAMIESON  
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# 2025 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

## JANUARY

- 22-23 Summer Talent Camp\*\* Belmont
- 24 Summer Futures Talent Clinic\*\* Belmont
- 25-26 Australia Day Open Next Gen (Kings Park)

## MARCH

- 8 Marmion Junior Classic B Squash Factory
- 11-16 Australian Open TBC
- 21-23 South West Open S Bunbury

## MAY

- 2-4 Geraldton Open B Geraldton
- 16-18 Broome Invitational Broome
- 17 Marmion Junior Teams Squash Factory
- 30-1/6 Golden Open PSA C-6 B Kalgoorlie

## JULY

- 5-6 WA State Jnr Individuals G\*\* Belmont
- 7-8 WA State Jnr Zone Teams G\*\* Belmont
- 10 Winter Futures Talent Clinic\*\* Belmont
- 18-20 WA State 35+ Champs\*\* Belmont

## SEPTEMBER

- 2, 3, 8 Trans-Tas Masters Belmont/Mirrabooka
- 5-13 Aust. Masters Champs Mirrabooka
- 13-14 Cambridge Junior Teams Cambridge
- 19-20 Vic Park Open Vic Park
- 26-28 Country Week Teams\*\* Mirrabooka
- 28-1/10 Aust. Junior Champs IND P TBC

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Stars Gala and Awards Night\*\* TBC
- 14-16 Great South. Wheatbelt Teams Katanning
- 22-23 Squashathon\*\* Mirrabooka
- 28-30 Cambridge Open PSA-3 -B Cambridge

## FEBRUARY

- 14-16 West Coast Open S\*\* The Squash Factory
- 15-16 Australian Doubles Open QLD
- 28-2/3 Esperance Open PSA-Sat B Esperance

## APRIL

- 13-17 Australian Junior Open P VIC
- 22 Autumn Futures Talent Clinic\*\* Belmont
- 23-24 Autumn Talent Camp\*\* Belmont

## JUNE

- 5-8 WA Open Intl. PSA-C6\*\* TBC
- 6-8 HEAD Junior Classic S\*\* TBC
- 19-24 Aust. National Championships QLD
- 20-22 South West Masters Teams Busselton

## AUGUST

- 1-3 FeNaClING Teams Dampier
- 8-10 Ice Cold Winter Teams Mirrabooka
- 13-14 Interschool Competition\*\* Mirrabooka
- 22-24 Leschenault Classic Teams Leschenault

## OCTOBER

- 1-3 Aust. Junior Champs TEAMS P TBC
- 8 Teachers Games Mandurah
- 9 Spring Futures Talent Clinic\*\* Belmont
- 24-26 Busselton Invitational Busselton
- 31-1/12 WA Closed S\*\* Belmont

## DECEMBER

- 7 Belmont Junior Classic Belmont



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\*\* Squash WA-run events | JUNIORS: Bronze Silver Gold Platinum

'Open' denotes an adult tournament which may or may not include Junior divisions

World Squash Day - Saturday 11 October 2025

v1.6 Jan 2025

25-26 January



Australia Day Open : Royal Kings Park 25-26 January 2025			
EVENT	Winner	Runner Up	Third
Mens Open	<i>Oscar Curtis</i>	<i>David Ilich</i>	<i>Lewis Christie</i>
Mens Div 1	<i>Fawer Ocampo</i>	<i>Jacob Curry</i>	<i>Ashton Clement</i>
Mens Div 2	<i>Bryn Holland</i>	<i>Ryan Callegari</i>	<i>Mark Rukuata</i>
Mens Div 3	<i>Ferris Xu</i>	<i>John Tetlow</i>	<i>Tom Grieve</i>
Mens Div 4	<i>Emilio Chiarenza</i>	<i>Ryan McGrath</i>	<i>Onnie Biswas</i>
Masters Div 1	<i>Greg Laurence</i>	<i>Stuart Wilkinson</i>	<i>Paul Ratcliff</i>
Masters Div 2	<i>Paul Griffith</i>	<i>Edward Gatti</i>	<i>Kieron Finlay-Mulligan</i>
Masters Div 3	<i>Dennis Heathcote</i>	<i>Ryan McGrath</i>	<i>Lou Cotter</i>
Ladies Open	<i>Pascale Louka</i>	<i>Hannah Slyth</i>	<i>Joannah Hitch</i>
Ladies Div 1	<i>Leigh Barnes</i>	<i>Sydney Ennis</i>	<i>Michelle Hodge</i>
Ladies Div 2	<i>Joey Scott</i>	<i>Kayla Clarke</i>	<i>Evie Clark</i>
Ladies Div 3	<i>Vera Bruce</i>	<i>Ella Clarke</i>	<i>Olivia Lynch</i>
Masters Div 1	<i>Emma Handreck</i>	<i>Erin Zolnier</i>	<i>Kim Duffecy</i>
Masters Div 2	<i>Debbie Shahar</i>	<i>Christine Reston</i>	<i>Di Cook</i>
Junior Novice D1	<i>Ethan Shahar</i>	<i>Miranda Clarke</i>	<i>Leo Ferguson</i>
Junior Novice D2	<i>Hugo King</i>	<i>Harrison Hitch</i>	<i>Evie Callegari</i>





# Australia Day Open in Kings Park

25-26 January



Masters Mens Div 3



Masters Ladies Div 2



Masters Mens Div 2



Masters Ladies Div 1



Masters Mens Div 1



Masters Mens Div 1



Mens Div 4



Ladies Div 3



Ladies Div 3



Mens Div 3



Ladies Div 2



Mens Div 2



Ladies Div 1



Ladies Open



Ladies Open

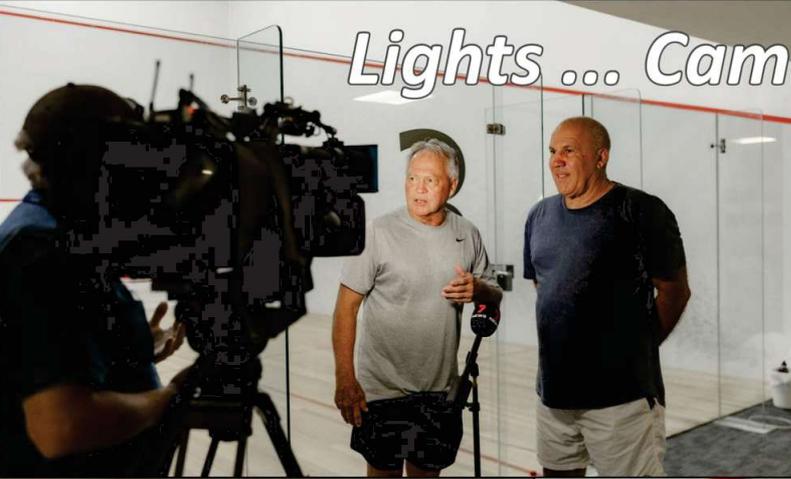


Mens Open

## Thank You



Lights ... Camera ... Action !!!



Australia Day Open in Kings Park



# NOTICEBOARD




**Pennants and League are BACK!**

Scan the QR code to find your event and jump back into your favourite sport!



Monday Pennants | Monday League | Tuesday Pennants  
Wednesday Day League | Sunday Junior League

IT'S TIME FOR YOUR SCHOOL TO ENTER THE

# 2025

## HEALTHWAY INTERSCHOOL SQUASH COMPETITION

3 person teams | Round Robin competition  
Point a rally scoring | Timed squash



**SQUASH WA**   

Wednesday 13 August: Junior Girls Years 7-9 | Junior Boys Years 7-9  
Thursday 14 August: Senior Girls Years 10-12 | Senior Boys Years 10-12  
Venue: Squashworld Mirrabooka, 1/42 Mirrabooka Avenue  
Cost: \$8 per student. No registration fee.  
Registration: [schoolsportwa.com.au](http://schoolsportwa.com.au) by Monday 28 July.  
More information: [engagement@wasquash.asn.au](mailto:engagement@wasquash.asn.au)





# Bits & Pieces: Caption Competition

with Serena Richardson

We have started a caption competition on social media where we post a photo and award a **\$20 Belmont Racquet Shop voucher** to the person who writes the funniest caption. Below are our December and January winners!



*“Hey can you believe I dropped my trophy?”*



*“If you ever put a picture of my face on a shirt again there is going to be hell to pay”*

## February Caption Competition



For those of you not on social media, you too can take part. Email [engagement@squashwa.asn.au](mailto:engagement@squashwa.asn.au) with your caption for our February



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Thanks Mike Gendres!

I have owned an engineering workshop for most of my adult life and doing that time to become obvious there was a need for an innovative, effective and environmentally friendly way to clean workshop parts.

Previous to Warthog, the only option for automatic parts washers had been a costly water-based hot wash. These are expensive to run and need constant servicing, particularly under a heavy workload. Using a water base also means fine particles in the solution can dry on the parts, which requires the use of rust inhibitors. When cleaning internal parts, after every hot wash a hot wash in degreaser is also necessary.

It became clear that a hot wash not only resulted in higher energy bills but also created its own set of inefficient processes too. Hence the beginning of my development of the Warthog Parts Washer.

I designed and built the Warthog Parts Washer to eliminate these issues. Being a cold wash it's inexpensive and easy to operate, and using a degreaser as the cleaning agent leaves your parts clean and ready to use after one wash only. Even with a heavy workload, servicing is significantly reduced with Warthog, compared to a water-based hot wash.

In addition to designing and building an effective parts washer, it was also vitally important for me to keep running costs to a minimum while still being eco-friendly. This meant a 95% organic degreaser needed to be created - and with that in mind I formulated Environment.

I designed and built my own distiller so that all used degreaser collected from workshops when servicing would be treated, reused and recycled. This process has meant a cheaper degreaser for the client and an environmentally sound product as my waste generated from the distilling process is collected and recycled.

Testimonials:

"We use two Warthog Washers, 1200 and 600 in our workshop. The washer is easy to use and has sped up the turnaround time on the dirty jobs. They are reliable and are made in Australia."  
- Ben Galbraith, Director, Galbraith Mechanical Services, Waverley

"We have three workshops in our business and they all have a Warthog 600. The parts washer is a ripper and works well cleaning everything. We save money as the machine is automated and my staff can work on something else while the parts washer is cleaning. The machine is a low cost option compared to other products on the market."  
- Adam McGrath, Service Manager, Mowers Galore

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**LITTLE BROWN RABBIT**

If you have the opportunity ... please support our sponsors in the spotlight! They support our sport in so many ways.

Little Brown Rabbit Photography started in 2015, shortly after owner Michelle's daughter Eleanor turned one.

Michelle's work and business is constantly evolving to keep up with safety regulations, new techniques, etc. but with the same core principles at heart: classic imagery, a heartfelt welcome and authentic service.

Michelle has a natural ability to make clients feel like they're old friends, and make newborn toddlers love her. She photographs connection and emotion. Michelle's main clients are pregnant mums and their families, newborn babies, older babies and families, but loves to include pets in all her photoshoots.

Michelle's ideal client is someone who desires classic, timeless, heart-inspired art of their family. The experience should be fun and relaxing, and Michelle goes out of her way to make sure it is.

Next time you want some simply MAGICAL photos taken of your loved ones, throw your business Michelle's way and support one of our awesome supporters of squash!

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Richard Gray (affectionately known as Graily), started Brickstruct in 2017. Brickstruct is a provider of all aspects of bricklaying services, specialising in feature work. Anyone who knows Graily will vouch that he is an exceptional craftsman with a sharp attention to detail. So next time you need some beautiful brickwork completed, please throw your business his way and support one of our awesome supporters of squash!

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Patrick Depireux (affectionately known as Paddy), started Balmain Glass Balmain Glass (not only after ALL your glass needs including installation and repairs of windows, doors, shower screens, mirrors and more. The team at Balmain are also available after hours for emergency repairs. So next time you need some glass installed or repaired for your home or business, please throw your business Paddy's way and support one of our awesome supporters of squash!

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# 2025 WEST COAST OPEN

## AND NEW YEAR'S BASH (JUNIOR-SILVER)

FRI 14 - SUN 16 FEBRUARY  
AT THE SQUASH FACTORY, WANGARA



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# AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS PERTH

SQUASHWORLD MIRRABOOKA  
SEPTEMBER 5TH - 13TH 2025

TRANS TASMAN TEST SERIES 3rd, 4th & 8th  
INDIVIDUALS 5th-7th  
TEAMS 9th -13th

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ESPERANCE SQUASH CLUB PRESENTS...

# ESPERANCE OPEN '25 SQUASH TOURNAMENT

28th February - 2nd March



ENTRY REGISTRATIONS OPEN IN JANUARY

Contact the Esperance Visitor Centre for any accommodation queries



Please keep in mind that matches will be scheduled and commence from 5pm on Friday.

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# TEACHER'S GAMES

6-8 OCTOBER  
MULTI-SPORT EVENT

THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR A SCHOOL HOLIDAY GETAWAY IN BEAUTIFUL MANDURAH!

- ✓ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- ✓ HEALTH AND WELLBEING ACTIVITY

SQUASH COMPETITION ON 8 OCTOBER  
SAVE THE DATE  
WELCOME FUNCTION TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

CAN I PLAY??  
SCHOOL, TAFE OR UNI

- TEACHERS
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- GARDENERS
- CLEANERS
- EDUCATION ASSISTANTS
- CHAPLAINS
- NURSES
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# 2025 Futures Clinic

with Josh Blakey

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*I was excited to be asked to run another Futures Clinic as part of Squash WA's Pathway Programs. I was also thrilled to see 26 juniors aged from 6 through to 12 years of age signed up, and knew we were going to need a good group of assistant coaches to make sure each participant got the most out of the day.*

*For this clinic, the assistant coaches and I worked on instilling in the juniors the importance of playing a volley and knowing when to use one in a game.*

*At the start of the day, we observed many of the juniors struggling to hit even one, but by the end of the day they were confidently playing volleys during gameplay.*

*Thanks to the help of coaches Hannah Slyth, Sydney Ennis, Lockie Jamieson, Luke Jamieson Jnr, Charlie Richardson and Nic Whittaker, the juniors all seemed to progress well throughout the day and have plenty of fun in the process.*

*Special thanks to Kellie Thomas for preparing a healthy morning tea and lunch for all the hungry juniors (and coaches)!*

*I can't wait to see how well they've all improved next time.*







The six nominations from the squash community were:

1. Derek Nunn – Vic Park
2. Josh Blakey – Marmion
3. Katy Scott – Belmont
4. Michelle Jones – Mirrabooka
5. Ryan Eaton – Mirrabooka
6. Sue Hillier – Vic Park

And the winner was ... **Michelle Jones!** ... and here's why:



Michelle Jones is part of the very fabric of Mirrabooka Squash Club. She is not only the club's Vice President and merchandise coordinator, but also finds time to be a Thursday junior program coach.

Having achieved her Level 1 coaching accreditation some time ago, Michelle runs a fortnightly Girl's Squad to help Mirrabooka's young ladies refine the basics in a fun, supportive, and inclusive environment.

While Michelle may never coach high-performance athletes or travel with a state team, her impact on the future of our sport is undeniable. Over the past year, she has focused on what our sport desperately needs: grassroots development. She's been reaching the kids who aren't already involved in squash, those whose parents may not be familiar with the sport.

For decades, our sport has been in decline, largely because there aren't enough coaches like Michelle – coaches who are passionate about introducing squash to new audiences.

Michelle dedicates countless hours to nurturing young players. Her contribution goes beyond just her club; she also coaches under the Squash WA banner, bringing energy and enthusiasm to Junior Tournament Tours, Squashathon, and school programs. Her commitment to fostering the next generation of squash players is exactly the kind of leadership our sport needs to not just survive, but thrive.

Michelle's passion and dedication are reshaping the future of squash by making it more inclusive and accessible. She is the kind of coach who plants the seeds for long-term growth in our sport. Michelle creates opportunities for kids to experience and fall in love with squash, just like our squash family has.

What Michelle does has a profound knock-on effect on our sport. She has shown a genuine commitment to squash, and helping young people reach their full potential.



PROUDLY PRESENTS

**MARMION JUNIOR CLASSIC - B**

**SAT 8TH MARCH 2025**

@ The Squash Factory, 18 Garino Rise, Wangara



**Ability-based Junior Tournament**

**Bronze AJST Event**

**PLUS "CLASSIC CUP DOUBLES"**

(Saturday afternoon after the individuals)

Enter via Revo: [www.revolutionise.com.au/msctsf/events/268493](http://www.revolutionise.com.au/msctsf/events/268493)

Tournament Director and Referee: Sue Cowell

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# Coaches Corner: Talent Squad Program

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with Tim Cowell

22-23 January



*Our Talent Squad program kicked back into action this year, with our Summer camp taking place on 22 and 23 January at the State Squash Centre.*

*The camp was an opportunity to see how the juniors had gone over summer, as well as a chance to see some others on the fringe of selection do their thing for us to see. A call out to junior coordinators was put out for any other juniors they felt might be potential starters in the program, so thanks to their assistance for recommending a few.*

*The first part of the camp was the fitness testing, some had already completed them whilst for the others it was to get a base of results to work off.*

**2 x 5 minute Court Sprints** - Our version of a time trial. The repeat is to see what their recovery is like, seeing the difference between both sets. Most of them were fairly consistent.

**'Y' Test** - A quick movement test to check their agility, features change of direction and movements done on the court Horizontal Jumps - 2 feet and single feet. Testing not just power but balance when landing.

**Push up Test** - Not your traditional do as many as you can in 30 secs or 1 minute, rather seeing what their range of movement is like and keeping form. Walls and benches were used to get better depth of movement.

**Sit Up Test** - Again, not a quantity test, but if they could perform certain degrees of difficulty, highlighting where their core strength is at.

**'Long Lunge'** - Squash requires a lot of lunging and the more flexible we are, the greater our reach can be, however that also requires strength which is what this can test. Some struggled for flexibility, whilst we had a few quite flexible but lost balance. Hold the lunge for 20 secs and see what distance you can hold.



# Coaches Corner: Talent Squad Program

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with Tim Cowell

*The next round of testing was the solo skills tests. 2 minutes to get as many repetitions as you could. Tests included the backwall drive, service box drives, short line volleys, drop shots and sidies. Solo is a great way of improving technique as glaring problems are hard to hide if you are trying to progress more reps consistently.*

*When it came to the drills and strategy based part of the camp, the motto was a simple: back to basics. The players have the idea in their mind of what shots to play but lacked the skills to execute it well enough. A focus back into a good, strong position and hitting more accurately started to unlock these, especially when getting back into game based activities late in the camp.*

*This was evident big time in the serve and return of serve session, where only a couple of courts were able to progress into a rally, whilst others found they returned the ball into the middle of the court far too often. The solution here is to try and get them moving their feet more on the return of serve to get into position (something spoken about in this column once or twice before).*

*A big thanks to our coaching contributors over the couple of days, with Sue Hillier, David Fear and Eric Gray (fitness testing). Thanks to Ryan Eaton and Jason Rawling for volunteering their time, and to Christian Hetebrij for coming on board once again to offer some psychology support across the year. In particular, starting off the year with some goal setting and how they intend to try and achieve them will hopefully set our players up well for the year.*

*Off court thanks also to the office staff of Josh Blakey and Serena Richardson for their efforts with the camp. The challenge for the players now will be to go back and work on those simple skills on court, alongside the basic movements which were tested which will go a long way to getting them stronger and more efficient in the squash specific areas they need it.*





## *Officiate with Confidence Education Sessions*

*Squash WA recently delivered Code of Conduct education sessions across three different locations. **Luke Jamieson** delivered sessions at Blue Gum and Belmont, and **Neil Butler** a session at Mirrabooka.*

*A major aspect we wanted to cover was how to deal with challenging or aggressive behaviour. Over the years, many people have been driven away from our sport because of this; having turned up to get some exercise and have fun while doing it. Luke and Neil explained what steps a player and referee can take when faced with this sort of behaviour which resulted in a multitude of questions and rich discussion.*

*These well-attended sessions were engaging, informative, and well-structured. All who attended learned a lot about the importance of sportsmanship, respect and etiquette, both on and off the court. Luke and Neil did a great job in making the content relevant to all players, regardless of skill level.*

*This series will be repeated before each pennant/league season, so if you missed out on one of these, there will be more chances to attend. Those who may have thought of questions after attending (or just have a question in general) are encouraged to contact the office to be put in contact with either Luke or Neil. Your question might even feature in next month's SWAN!*

**SQUASH WA** 

# LEVEL 1 COACHES COURSE

**Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 April 2025**  
Delivered by Level 2 Coach Paul Kershaw

- Learn how to prepare a player to compete successfully in a club or tournament environment.
- Make a difference to someone else's squash journey.
- Nurture your own development.
- Visit the Squash Australia website to get started!

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🏠 State Squash Centre, 144 Robinson Avenue, Belmont  
🌐 <https://learning.squash.org.au/login/index.php>

REQUIREMENTS:  
Participants must be available on both days to attend the State Centre in Belmont.  
Online modules form part of this qualification, and must be completed before attending.  
Participants must be over the age of 16 to become Level 1 accredited.  
Foundation level also available online.





# Refereeing - Let's Play Fair

with Neil Butler

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## Distraction

Often I'm asked about distractions during a game and what can be done about it. In this case I am going to include word for word Rule 12 – DISTRACTION

*12.1. Either player may request a let because of distraction, but must do so immediately.*

*12.2. If the distraction was caused by one of the players, then:*

*12.2.1. if accidental, a let is allowed, unless a player's winning return was interrupted, in which case the rally is awarded to that player;*

*12.2.2. if deliberate, Rule 15 (Conduct) must be applied.*

*12.3. If the distraction was not caused by one of the players, a let is allowed, unless a player's winning return was interrupted, in which case the rally is awarded to that player.*

*12.4. At some events crowd reactions during play may occur. To encourage spectator enjoyment, Rule 12.3 may be suspended, and if sudden crowd noise occurs, players will be expected to continue play and referees will not ask spectators to be quiet. However, a player who stops play and requests a let because of a loud or isolated noise from off the court may be allowed a let for distraction.*

In recent times there have been calls for more crowd participation during games and this has been equated to Big Bash Cricket with loud music, flame throwers, etc.

Even at tennis there are calls for more crowd involvement however in our game where the crowd is so close to the players, the crowd involvement has to be tempered.

This is particularly so when a game is about to begin, and the audience is still chatting away reasonably loudly for all to hear about "last night's meal" or "did you hear about ....", or worse, still talking on their mobile phone.

This can be distracting to the players, officials and other spectators. Yes, we need crowd involvement to show appreciation to the players for the skills that are on display.

The odd gasp here and there during a rally has to be accepted by players and officials.





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Distraction



**Attempt the impossible  
in order to improve  
your work**

*Bette Davis*

At the end of the rally, appreciation can also be shown as long as it is in the "spirit of the game".

On some occasions after a rally which has shown the true skills of both players, there is silence and I think to myself "this a hard crowd to please when most could only dream of using the skills that have just been displayed".

This would not be a distraction but a show of appreciation.



***I received the following question this month.***

***"Is there any rule that requires a referee to give an explanation for a decision?"***

*The writer provided these additional comments:*

***"I never give an explanation. An explanation invites further discussion or argument. In my younger, more tolerant days, when asked for an explanation, I would advise the player to see me after the match to discuss my reasoning. There was never a time when the invitation was accepted. If a player is intending to play competition, they should learn the rules beforehand and not expect to be tutored in the middle of a match."***

*The writer's comments are true to some extent, but Rule 3.7.11 states the Referee may give an explanation for a decision.*

*In the case of an appeal against a decision of the Marker, the Referee would state their agree or disagreement with the decision.*

*In the case of an appeal for interference the referee may give an explanation which is short, sharp and straight to the point, eg. 'minimal interference', 'winning return'.*

*Should the player wish to go on with the discussion, then this would be dealt under Rule 15 – Conduct as 'dissent to an Official'.*

*Quite happy for the writer to contact me to discuss further.*



# EDUCATION PATHWAYS

## LEVEL 3

**Head Coach**  
International  
National  
Education sessions  
Assessor eligibility

## LEVEL 3

**Tournament Referee**  
International  
National  
Education sessions  
Assessor eligibility



## LEVEL 2

**Head Coach**  
National  
State  
Pathway Programs (Performance)  
Education sessions  
Assessor eligibility



## LEVEL 2

**Tournament Referee**  
National Team  
State Team  
Education sessions  
Assessor eligibility



## LEVEL 1

**Entry/Experienced Referee**  
State-level Tournaments  
Education Sessions

## LEVEL 1

**Entry/Experienced Coach**  
School Programs  
Club Development Squads  
Zone Squads  
Pathway Programs (Talent, Youth and Futures)



## FOUNDATION

**Apprentice/Entry Coach**  
Club Junior Programs  
Futures/Youth Clinics  
Pathway Programs (Youth and Futures)



# COACH

# REFEREE

## LEVEL 0

**Apprentice Referee**  
Club-level Tournaments  
Adult Competitions  
Junior Competitions

Contact the office for more information.

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# JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY



**Squash WA  
State Team**



**Squash WA  
Pathway Programs**

Youth > Talent > Performance

## Events

- Tournament Tours
- School holiday camps and clinics
- Squashathon

## Competition

- Junior Pennants/League
- Senior Pennants/League
- Tournaments
- National
- International

**..or just for fun!**

**Inter-club  
Zone Squads**



**Club  
Development  
Squads**



**Club Junior  
Programs**



**Open Days**



**School Programs**



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## Looking to play squash more often?

### League & Pennant Competitions

7pm or 7:30pm start time, 3x 12-14 week seasons per year, home and away style, mixed or ladies competitions available, beginners welcome!

The current options are: **MONDAY Nights**; **TUESDAY Nights** and **WEDNESDAY Day**.

Can't play every week? Got holidays planned? A FIFO worker? No problem! Just let us know what dates you can't make and we'll work around it..

We are always in need of reserves, so you don't have to wait for the next season to start playing.

<https://squashwa.asn.au/pennants-leagues/>



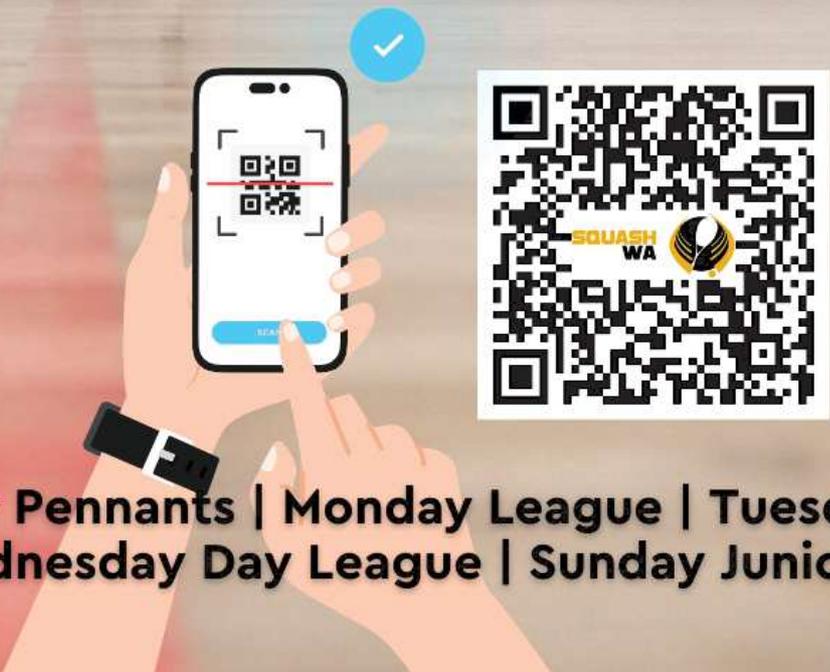
Scan here to find out more





# Pennants and League are **BACK!**

Scan the QR code to find your event and jump back into your favourite sport!



**Monday Pennants | Monday League | Tuesday Pennants  
Wednesday Day League | Sunday Junior League**



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