

Although it is not appropriate for Squash Wales to take action for individual minor incidents of misbehaviour, or non compliance within the rules of the game, the Governing Body is determined to uphold standards of behaviour within the sport. The Governing Body fully supports referees in their officiating of matches where their decision to act on individual cases of misconduct results in the imposition of a penalty award. A match referee is there to control the match, officiate, maintain order, enforce the rules of the game and encourage continuous and fair play. Any player that attempts to bring the game into disrepute through inappropriate behaviour will be reported for misconduct under the Conduct Report Procedure, which will be progressed by the National Governing Body.

It is essential that every Squash Wales member completes and returns a Conduct Report Form (see over) to Squash Wales when conduct penalties have been imposed regardless of the EVENT or LEAGUE or CALIBRE of the player concerned.

### **THE SYSTEM**

Players will accumulate penalty points for each of the following conduct offences. A player may not appeal against a referee's conduct decision:

***Warning = 2 points***

***Stroke = 3 points***

NB (1) Only the most serious infringement in a single match shall be used for the purpose of points accumulation.

NB (2) The Referee Review Panel reserve the right to award any number of points for an offence if the above is not deemed appropriate. ([Referee Review Panel Terms of Reference](#))

### **AUTOMATIC BANS**

Players will invoke an **automatic ban** for the following conduct offences.

***A game awarded against: Two weeks (Commencing from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday after the offence)***

***A match awarded against: Four weeks (Commencing from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday after the offence)***

A ban will run over the competitive league match period recognised by the National Governing Body. Automatic bans will commence from the second Monday following the offence. The Referee Review Panel will adjudicate before the end of the ban to review the Conduct Report Form. The Panel MAY recommend that the ban be extended following the review and will pass the recommendation to the Squash Wales Management Committee to enforce. The player concerned will receive notification of the ban period from Squash Wales. Automatic bans may NOT be appealed.

The accumulation of 7 points by a player within a calendar year will be considered by the Referee Review Panel and appropriate action taken based on the severity of the conduct e.g. abusive language towards others, particularly a referee, and aggressive behaviour will be considered high severity.

If a player commits a Conduct offence after a match has ended the details of their actions will be forwarded to the Referee Review Panel for their recommendation to the Squash Wales Management Committee of any action which should be taken based on the severity of the conduct.

If a player is subject to two bans in a two year period, a further sanction may be made by the Squash Wales Management Committee upon the recommendation of the Referee Review Panel.

A ban would prohibit a player from competing in any Squash Wales ball sanctioned or recognised event or squad or County/National League event during the period of the ban.

**SQUASH WALES CONDUCT REPORT FORM**

**To be completed by the Match Referee or any person who wishes to report an incident.**

Player Involved:	Opponent:
Players Team:	Opponents Team:
Referee:	Marker:
Event/League:	Witness:
Date of Incident:	Venue:

Most Severe Conduct action taken:

Warning  Stroke  Game  Match

\*\* Code Reference(s) .....

Details (where the offence is verbal please quote what was said as accurately as possible):

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Other conduct actions taken:

Tick all appropriate: Warning  Stroke  Game  Match

\*\* Code Reference(s) .....

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| <b>A. Non Appearance</b>             | <b>F. Abuse of Racket or Equipment</b>  |
| <b>B. Verbal Obscenity</b>           | <b>G. Physical Abuse</b>                |
| <b>C. Visible Obscenity</b>          | <b>H. Continual opposition of calls</b> |
| <b>D. Verbal Abuse</b>               | <b>I. Late on Court</b>                 |
| <b>E. Abuse of Ball or Equipment</b> | <b>J. Other</b>                         |

Referee Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Forms to be forwarded to Squash Wales, Sport Wales National Centre, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, CF11 9SW within four days of the incident. When a game or match is awarded against a player a Squash Wales representative must either be notified at the event or by midday of the following day.**