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BSC General Rules & Policies

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Rules and Constitution

Members may view a hard copy of the Rules & Constitution of the Barbados Squash Club (the "Club") at any time by asking the Bar Attendant ("BA") on duty, or a PDF can be emailed on request. At any time, members may inspect the Members List held by the BA.

Members are invited to offer feedback to the MC, especially if there are concerns or "suspect" activities. Only then can the issues be dealt with properly and fairly.

The Club's objectives are simply to foster, develop and encourage the game of squash on this Island. The Barbados Squash Club is operated to provide a facility for its members to play the game of squash and enjoy an amicable and social environment thereafter.

Membership & Subscription Renewals

Membership types include Full, Life, Honorary, Student, Junior, Temporary, Visiting and Non-Playing members. Please note the following:

- Annual subs are due 1st January each year.
- Accounts will be deactivated if not paid before 1st March.
- Full and Life members can choose to pay for courts in two ways: pay-per-court (PPC) and limited all-inclusive (AIC) terms. Pay-per-court members must keep their accounts in credit in order to book a court. AIC members pay upfront for an annual allocation of court credits at a discounted rate. Spouses and children of AIC members may also join as AIC members at a further-discounted rate.
- Only the primary adult member of the "Full" or "Life" types have voting rights at the BSC.
- Membership types other than Full and Life members can only pay for courts via PPC.

General Booking Rules

The club is open seven days a week and the hours of operation vary by the day of the week. Courts booking are for 45 minutes and are designated as either Prime time or Non-Prime time.

These rules apply to all members:

- BAs are required to monitor players on court and ensure that rules are not being abused. BAs are expected to report all irregular activity to the MC, including court usage.
- The MC reserves the right at all times to retrospectively deduct court fees from members who have used courts without properly booking or declaring use.
- Court bookings should reflect the names of players using the court unless special circumstances can be verified by BAs. At least one of the members in the booking should be on court unless special circumstances can be verified by BA.
- ALL players on court MUST be eligible to play within the time slot - this speaks to both Juniors and Coaches who are restricted from using courts during prime time.
- Courts must be paid for in advance before commencement of play. If booked via the OBS system, then this rule is generally enforced.
- BAs shall not switch on court lights unless the court is properly booked and paid for in advance.
- Payment for courts over the bar is not permitted except during Club Nights or other special events. Only OBS top ups will be accepted at the bar and a receipt issued for the top-up.

Prime-time Courts

- Prime-time restrictions are critical to ensuring that adult members have a fair chance to book courts during popular after-work hours. Adult membership represents the majority of the membership, and bookings are highly competitive as a result.
- All prime-time court bookings should have TWO names, unless special circumstances allow and can be verified by the BA.
- It is the BA's responsibility to ensure that the courts are used only by eligible players, that booking discrepancies are communicated to the players and also reported to the OBS administrator.
- Prime-time is in effect as follows:
 - Monday to Thursday: 4:45pm to 7:00pm all courts (three sessions per court)
 - Friday: 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm courts 1 and 2 (four sessions per court) and 4:45 pm to 7:00 pm on court 3 (three sessions)
 - Sunday: 9:15am to 11:30am all courts (three sessions per court)
- Club Night rules or other special events will naturally override prime-time rules.
- Only one prime-time court per day can be booked or used by a Member, unless one of the following exceptions apply:
 - If there is an unbooked court available, the BA can reserve it as a second court for a member within 1 hr of the court time. The member's account will later be debited the cost of the court.

Coaching Rules

- Quality, qualified coaches are a tremendous asset to the club as they help bring in new members, improve the standard of play and more.
- From January 2017, only certified coaches will be considered for a coaching license. This includes all current BSC licensed coaches.
- Only BSC authorised coaches are permitted to coach at the club.
- The cost of courts is discounted for coaches and is currently \$10 per court.
- Regular members are NOT permitted to promote their services as a coach at the BSC unless they are a registered coach.
- Coaches must book courts using only their coaching account prior to using the court.
- Coaches may coach a first-time player for up to 1 month before that player MUST join the club. It is the coach's responsibility to inform the student up front of this requirement.
- No coaching sessions are permitted during prime-time periods.
- Members who book in their name with the intention of being coached in prime-time should beware! Such bookings would be in violation of rules for both coaching and prime-time court usage.
- Violation of ANY of these rules without the direct consent of the MC could result in the withdrawal of coaching and/or membership privileges for a duration to be determined, or permanently if it continues.

Visitors (non-members)

Visitors (overseas and locals) to the club are allowed to play and must contact the club in order to make a booking. A fee of \$40 is charged per court for visitors to the club who are not members. In the OBS, the special VISITOR designation is used to reserve the court by the BA who MUST collect funds (and issue a receipt) prior to play.

If a visitor is invited to play with a member, then a \$20 fee is charged for part of the court, the remainder being paid by the member's account. Thus, if a member invites a (non-member) friend to play, the member is ultimately responsible for paying the \$20 fee. Please ensure that you receive a receipt for any payment.

The visitor must also sign in the Visitor's Book, and the member is responsible for any debts or damages incurred by that visitor.

A visitor is allowed to play twice in one month for one month only before being required to join the club as a member.

Club Night Fees

All participants at Club Night will be charged \$10 against their OBS account. Non-members can pay \$10 cash at the bar as a way of trying the game, but are limited to 2 sessions per month. Participants must sign the club night register in order to play.

Club night member participants get a \$10 deduction from their account, and the transaction text should read “Club Night 3-Mar-2015” as an example.

Juniors under 16 years are not allowed to play during Club Nights since this time is viewed as a Friday night social for adult members and is for a mature audience only.

Tournaments and Events

The Club will continue to host and allow the hosting of squash tournaments and events from time to time which may impact on each member’s ability to book courts.

Efforts will be made by the Management Committee (the “MC”) to space out tournaments so that there are at minimum 3 weeks clear between such events.

BSA Team Training

In cases where the MC has approved the block-booking of courts for national team training or other purposes, the BSA (or other group) will be charged a pre-arranged rate per court and invoiced directly.

The MC will always strive to minimize disruptions to members during the busiest playing times.

Bar Tabs

There is no credit allowed for purchases at the Bar unless previously arranged with the MC. All members are expected to settle their bar purchases on the day. The Club exercises some flexibility, under exceptional circumstances, but there is no extended credit for bar purchases.

BAs have been instructed to strictly enforce this rule.

Review of Rules

The MC is committed to monitoring the success and failures of these rules over time and will occasionally amend them with the goal of improving the system and court availability. Any new rule amendments will be posted at the club, and the old rules removed to avoid confusion.

The Management Committee