U.S. SQUASH Junior Update

September 2011

Dear Junior Squash Player or Parent,

Please read the following newsletter for some importation information and reminders regarding junior squash.

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2011 Battle of the Border

Congratulations to the U.S. Junior National Team for their outstanding victory over the Ontario Junior Squad! The U.S. Squad convincingly won the match with an overall score of 16—8 matches. In addition to all of the squash during their trip, the team also had the opportunity to visit Niagara Falls and explore the local community. Congratulations to the U.S. Junior National Team!

Age-up Policy Going into Effect

During the next rankings calculation on September 19th, the new Age-Up policy that was announced on June 15th, 2011 will go into effect and will apply to players both going forward and retroactively. On September 19th, when a player ages up, tournaments from the younger age division will be brought up to the higher age division with 40% of their original value. As a player plays tournaments in the higher age division, tournaments from the lower age division will be removed from their tournament points average until a player has 4 tournaments in the higher age division. At that point, a player's tournament point average will be calculated purely based on the higher age division. Please visit the Junior Guidelines for the full text regarding this policy.

Online Referee Exam

Please note that in order to maintain a U.S. SQUASH Ranking, all junior players must have passed the written exam or the Online Referee Exam by **September 30th, 2011**. If a junior player has not taken either exam by September 30th, the player will be removed from their division's rankings list until they have successfully taken and passed the Online Referee Exam. Players can check to see if they have passed the exam by going to their profile and following the same steps outlined in the next column.

To take the Online Referee Exam, follow these steps:

1. Go to www.ussquash.com
2. Type in your name and search for your player profile in the top right search box ("search for players…")
3. Select your profile
4. On the "Home" tab of your profile, click "Logon and take the exam" in the bottom left corner
5. Log in to the U.S. SQUASH Website
6. Click "Take the Exam"

Tournaments Coming off Records

A quick reminder that tournaments will only stay on a player's record for 10 months. Now in September 2011, players are starting to see September and October tournaments falling off of their tournament records. Please take this into consideration when looking at your tournaments tab on your player profile.

Junior Calendar Almost Complete

As many of you have seen, the majority of the 2011-2012 Junior Tournament Calendar has been posted online. The calendar, compiled with sanctioning levels and dates, is almost complete and we encourage junior players to look to the calendar to plan their season.

Court Use

As Junior Squash continues to expand, so does the need for courts across the country. Looking to the 2011-2012 season, please be aware that some sanctioned junior tournaments may be played on 20' converted racquetball courts in addition to the standard 21' international courts to meet the growing demand of sanctioned tournaments.

JCT—West Coast, JCT—New York, 2011 U.S. Junior Open Championships

Registration is open for the JCT – West Coast Tournament taking place in Seattle, WA from October 21-23, 2011. Please go to the JCT – West Coast tournament information page to sign up today!

And, keep your eyes posted for the JCT – New York Tournament and 2011 U.S. Junior Open Championships as registration for both of these tournaments will be opening by 5:00pm EST on Friday, September 16th!