

## Junior Bronze, Silver and Gold Tournaments

Junior Bronze, Silver and Gold Events have been put in place to create opportunities for our Junior Athletes to meet, train and compete with other Junior Athletes in Alberta. The events give our Juniors the opportunity to meet and learn from a variety of qualified coaches in Alberta. Ultimately the goal is to create an atmosphere in which our Juniors are comfortable, develop long lasting friendships and a love for squash while developing their on-court skills and confidence.

Each event is designed for players at specific skill levels as outlined below.

### Bronze Series Events

Introduction to playing tournaments for players who can serve and hold a basic rally including players who are playing silver tournaments. These events are lots of fun and are a great steppingstone to silver and gold events. There are typically 6 Bronze series events scheduled in Calgary and 4 in Edmonton each season.

- \* Age guideline 7+
- \* Understand the basic rules of the game.
- \* 2-3 Hour Events
- \* Activities will include fun games

Players put into groups of 5-6 in approximate level and assigned a court

- Play Kings Court for 30-45 mins (top 2 players move up, bottom 2 players move down)
- At the end of King's Court and on the court's juniors finish they are put into boxes and play one game to 11 against all the players in the box. The other players in that box are scoring and refereeing and watching the games.
- The final standings for the day are recorded based on where each player has finished after the Box Matches are completed. (IE. The top player on the top court finishes 1<sup>st</sup> and on down the line through the courts – this is where the final standings and bronze series points come from)
- Lightning Round to finish!

\* Focus on Fun and Development

Cost: \$15 (SA Member) \$25 non-members

Time: Saturday or Sunday afternoons 2-3 hours.

\*Results are not submitted for Provincial Rankings

\* Bronze Series Point System will be kept current and will be posted on the Squash Alberta website.

### **Silver Events**

These tournaments are aimed at players who are playing bronze and silver events and are looking to play more matches and are interested in becoming competitive junior squash players. These events are also appropriate for low to mid-range gold level players who want more tournament play and matches.

\* Age guideline 8-12

\* Advanced beginner to Intermediate level - Able to consistently maintain rallies. Volley and drop. Understand rules of the game and some experience in scoring match play.

\* 1 Day Events (3-4 matches)

Players are broken down into divisions based on ability (not age or gender)

- the players play best of 5 game matches
- Match Play - results submitted for Provincial Rankings

\* Focus on Fun and Competition

Cost: \$25 (SA member) \$50 non-member

Time 10am-5pm on a Saturday or Sunday

### **Gold Events**

These tournaments are aimed at players who are playing silver, gold and other competitive tournaments, are looking for more matches and are competitive junior squash players.

\* Age guideline 9 -18

\* Players are grouped by level of play and gender.

\* Players play best of 5 matches.

\* Intermediate Beginner to Advanced level - Silver level Tournament experience. Knowledge of rules, strategy and execution.

\* 1-3 Day events (3-5 matches)

\* Match Play - results submitted for provincial ranking

\* Focus on Fun and Competition

Tournaments run Friday, Saturday (Sundays if there are over 50ish entries)

Cost \$35-55 (SA Members) \$65 - \$75 non-members