



Squash Policies for SEA Team Nationals 2022

To ensure SEA competition spaces are accessible, inclusive, and fair, the following policies will be implemented for SEA Team Nationals:

Student participation

- Any student enrolled in an SEA member program is eligible to participate in any SEA sanctioned tournament, irrespective of what type of school (public, charter, parochial, independent, boarding, magnet, private) they attend.
- Students over the age of 19 may represent their high school team if they are still in secondary education and currently practicing with their high school team.
- Middle school athletes may play up in the high school divisions. This policy aims to increase access to competitive opportunities in case the athlete's member program cannot field a full team of 5 players.
- Teams are highly encouraged to have 5 players. Four players will be accepted. Teams may include two alternates, ranked on the ladder as positions 6/7.

Spot allocation

- SEA allocates spots by considering the percentage of a member program's total enrollment, the percentage of entry requests submitted, and the need for fair representation of multiple programs across the SEA network.
- SEA member programs that operate distinct sites are not allowed to enter mixed-site teams in SEA Team Nationals.

Competition and participation: gender identity

- Female athletes may compete on boys' teams, but male athletes may not compete on girls' teams.
- Boys' teams may not have more than two female athletes per team.
- Transgender athletes may compete in tournament events/teams in accordance with their gender identity, irrespective of the assigned sex listed on their birth certificate or other identification records.
- Member programs who have transgender athletes competing in SEA events should notify SEA of the athletes' participation..

Competition and participation: officiating

- SEA athletes are required to pass their age-appropriate referee certification to provide meaningful experiences and a fair environment to all competing in SEA National events. Programs should ensure that students fulfill their responsibilities as referees and markers. SEA abides by the refereeing standards set by US Squash (<http://www.ussquash.com/officiate/>). For guidance in how to teach students to officiate, see the [SEA Best Practice Guide on Teaching Officiating](#).