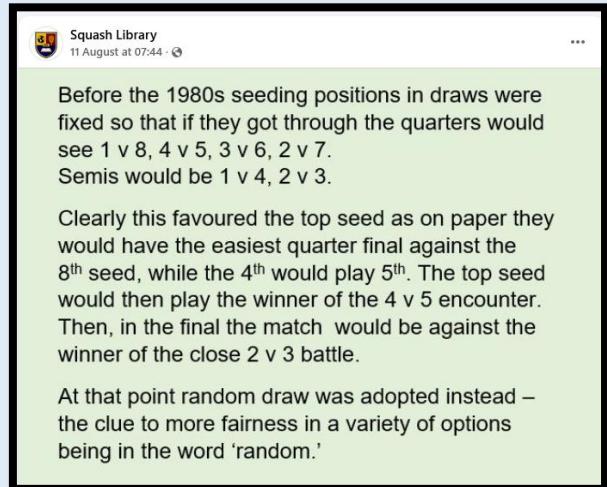
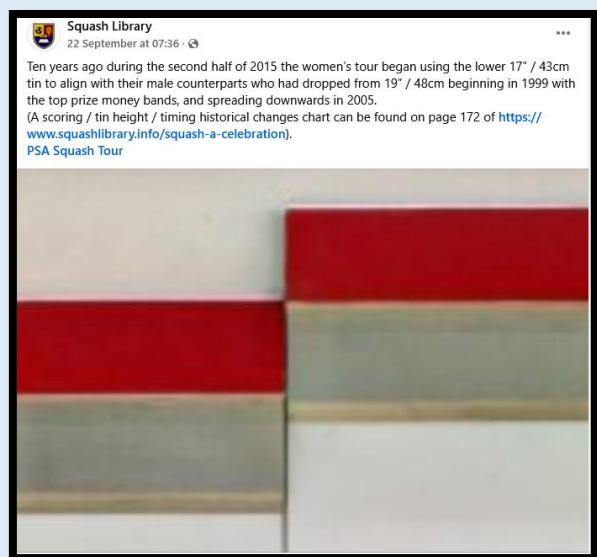
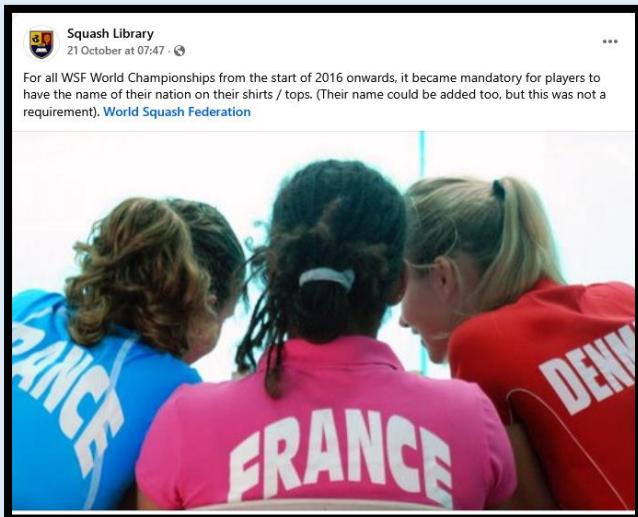


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## 2025



**Squash Library**  
26 March at 07:52 · 

In the 1980s Dr Eric Farr started his TeleSquash format. 'I want to shorten the rallies, increase the number of winners, speed up the scoring and put life into the spectating,' he said. Farr (pictured), a lecturer at Aberdeen's School of Agriculture in Scotland had coached Peter Nicol supporting father Pat Nicol in his early years. He then promoted events at the local Aberdeen Squash Club to show off his format.

In TeleSquash the maximum number of strokes per rally was limited to 15, game scoring was to 15 with a two-point clear lead required. Top players such as Nicol, Jansher Khan, Peter Marshall and Chris Dittmar competed for the prize money while Farr compiled the statistics.

His research showed that the rally lengths under TeleSquash rules were comparable with the lengths in county league squash. The games were shorter, the game scores closer, the last games were closer and a higher number of rallies end in winners. Under TeleSquash rules there was a nick every 3.7 rallies.

This short-lived initiative was taking place as the men's tour was moving from HiHo to PAR15 scoring and a lower tin in 1989, before going down to PAR11 in 2004.

[PSA Squash Tour](#)



**Squash Library**  
20 February at 07:58 · 

A calculated move! When ISPA (now PSA) was formed in 1974, rankings and seedings were decided by committee. Then in 1979, a move to computer calculations using points for rounds reached, the size of event, and using an average, was evolved. Here: <https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources>, on the library website, are the original details with examples for members at the time.

[PSA Squash Tour](#)



**Squash Library**  
25 March at 08:00 · 

The 2018 Canary Wharf Classic in London was the first ranking PSA Tour event to be played using a best-of-three games format. Rounds before the semi-finals used best of three, with the last two rounds reverting to best-of-five. [PSA Squash Tour](#)

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## 2024

**Squash Library**  
30 September at 08:27 · 

A major rule change for the pro game came in 35 years ago in 1989 when ISPA (Men, now PSA M/W) proposed ed this. (Full rule change details from 1920s to present are in 'Squash Then And Now': <https://www.squashlibrary.info/squash-a-celebration> for details. [PSA Squash Tour](#)[World Squash Federation](#)

**As from January 1989 all ISPA tournaments should be played with a lower tin 43cm (17in) as opposed to the present 48cm (19in), with American scoring [PAR], players having only one serve and that the cut or service line should be abolished.**

**(All except the service line abolishment came into effect)**

Squash Library  
8 May at 08:36 ·

20 years ago this month PSA piloted the scoring move down from 15 to 11 points per game at the 2004 Super Series Finals in Broadgate, London. At the time the PSA Chief Executive Gawan Briars said, 'There has been major interest on this issue over the last few years, with other associations wanting scoring harmony in the professional divisions, promoters wanting a system which they consider is more attractive to their customers, and broadcasters (and now possibly streaming) wanting a more abbreviated game to suit the 'one hour' viewer attention span.

The first event to use it was the Hong Kong Open in August that year.

[Squash - PSA World Tour](#)[Hong Kong Squash](#)

## 2023

Squash Library  
18 April at 08:34 ·

Highly ranked players disrupting draws by being unseeded when their rankings dropped having not competed in many months due to long term injuries or possibly pregnancy was dealt with by the Women's Tour (WISPA) with the introduction of Pegged Ranking in 2003. This enabled players to resume at a seeding level reasonably close to their one at the time they stopped, and so avoiding impacting those they would play against too. It was later also added by the Men's Tour (PSA). The Library has uploaded full Tour Rules going back to the 1980s at [www.squashlibrary.info/psa-tour-guides](http://www.squashlibrary.info/psa-tour-guides), so the details can be viewed there.

[Squash - PSA World Tour](#)

Squash Library  
15 March at 08:27 ·

The first Canary Wharf Classic in 2004, before the event joined the PSA Tour, featured a final played best of seven games to nine points. James Willstrop (ENG) beat Thierry Lincou (FRA) 9-7 9-5 5-9 4-9 10-9-2 in 87 minutes. Willstrop (foreground) also won in 2007, 08 and 13, Lincou prevailed in 06.

## 2022

Squash Library  
30 December 2022 at 08:45 ·

On this day in 1987 ISPA (now PSA) initiated moves towards changing the rules for scoring, tin height and serve for the Men's Tour. With the exception of abolishing the service line they were implemented.

[Squash - PSA World Tour](#)

### INTERNATIONAL SQUASH PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

**PRESS RELEASE** Not for use until NOON December 30th 1987

**ISPA BOARD PROPOSE RULES SHAKE-UP**

Professional squash is poised to debate the need for rule changes for its own events following a recommendation from the Board of the International Squash Players Association which goes before the membership at the Association's annual meeting in Spring 1988.

The Board is suggesting that as from January 1st 1989, all I.S.P.A. tournaments should be played with a lower tin (43cm (17")) as opposed to the present 48cm (19"), with American scoring, players having only one serve and that the cut or service line should be abolished.

During 1987, the French Open, Canadian Open and U.S. Open operated these rule changes and will continue to do so in 1988.

Said I.S.P.A. chairman, Stuart Davenport, "We have known for some time that rule changes are necessary in order for squash to move forward, to have more spectator appeal and to recognise that to-day's players are so much fitter than their counterparts of yesteryear.

"The I.S.P.A. Board believes that now is the time to grasp the nettle and set an example to the rest of the squash world. But our members will have the final say.

"Personally I believe that the lowering of the tin is the biggest single factor that can help break the pattern of long matches and that American scoring will help the game to be followed and understood by a much wider public.

"I feel the International Squash Rackets Federation will welcome our initiative and view it as an opportunity to see whether changes, if approved, should eventually be implemented for the rest of squash."

**EFFECTS OF PROPOSED CHANGES**

**Lowering of the tin:** Has the effect of 'lengthening' the court and will see players drawn more out of position. The skilful player can attempt more winners and the drop shot will become an even more potent weapon that it is today.

**American scoring:** The system suggested is a simplified version of that used in the USA. Games are to 15 points with a point awarded to the winner of every rally. At 14/14 the non-server will have the option of one point (sudden death) or playing to 17 points.

**One serve/no cut line:** The abolition of the cut or service line halfway up the front wall, above which players currently have to serve, will enable players to develop an attacking serve. Having only one serve will cut out time wasting and speed up matches.

Squash Library  
5 November at 08:51 ·

Frenchman Thierry Lincou beat Nick Matthew (ENG) 11-4, 11-8, 11-10 in the Hong Kong Open final on 5 Sept 2004. He didn't just win the title, he had the distinction of becoming the first player to win a Tour title in the newly introduced 11 point format. The Men's Tour reduction from 15 was contentious at the time – see [www.squashlibrary.info/features](http://www.squashlibrary.info/features) for background.

Hong Kong SquashSquash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library  
17 September at 12:09 ·

Seven years ago in September 2015, the tin height for Women's Tour matches was dropped from 19"/48cm to 17"/43cm, and so aligning with the Men's Tour. This change took place after the two Tours had merged at the start of the year. [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)

Squash Library  
25 October at 08:49 ·

In March 2004 PSA announced that Men's Tour Point-A-Rally game scoring to 15 points would be dropped to 11. This was the subject of much debate at the time which you can see at [www.squashlibrary.info/features](http://www.squashlibrary.info/features), (courtesy: [www.squashplayer.co.uk](http://www.squashplayer.co.uk)). It appeared in 2004 issue 6 of the Squash Player Magazine, including views of great champions, Jahangir Khan, Geoff Hunt and Jonah Barrington. [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)[Squash Player Magazine](#)

Squash Library  
12 August at 08:59 ·

At the WSF AGM in 2018 the following was agreed for some Juniors: "A player who is under 17 years of age on the final day of an event may subsequently exercise a different qualification reducing the gap of three years to one year in the requirements of K2 and K4. (A player may only make one change using the reduced time period, and thereafter would be required to conform to the three year period in respect of exercising an eligibility.) Full WSF Championship Regulations at [www.worldsquash.org/world-championship-regulations-2/](http://www.worldsquash.org/world-championship-regulations-2/). [World Squash Federation](#)

Squash Library  
22 October at 08:40 ·

This week in 1994 the men's Grasshopper Cup in Zurich, Switzerland used tennis scoring in an experiment. Players involved included Jansher Khan, Brett Martin, Rodney Eyles and Peter Marshall.

Points were scored at 15, 30, 40, and Game, except that at deuce (40-all), advantage was played and then game. A player served one complete game, then the service changed hands. A set was won by the first player to win 5 games. The match was won by the first player to take two sets (i.e. 2-0 or 2-1). Matches were the best of three sets.

Analysis of the rallies showed that they were of similar length to PAR, but crisis points occurred more often. The three in squash (point, game, match) were increased to four (point, game, set and match).

Player reactions were mixed, while Jansher Khan said that he simply played and let others worry about the scoring!

After the pros and cons were debated the trial was not extended.

[Squash - PSA World Tour](#)

2021

Squash Library

17 November at 09:04 · 

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The Canary Wharf Classic 2018 was the first ranking PSA World Tour event to be played using a best-of-three games scoring format. The PSA M70 event in March saw all round of sixteen and quarter-final matches played under the best-of-three format, while the semi-finals and final reverted to traditional best-of-five scoring.

The best-of-three scoring system had earlier been trialled in the season-ending World Series Finals. **Squash - PSA World Tour**

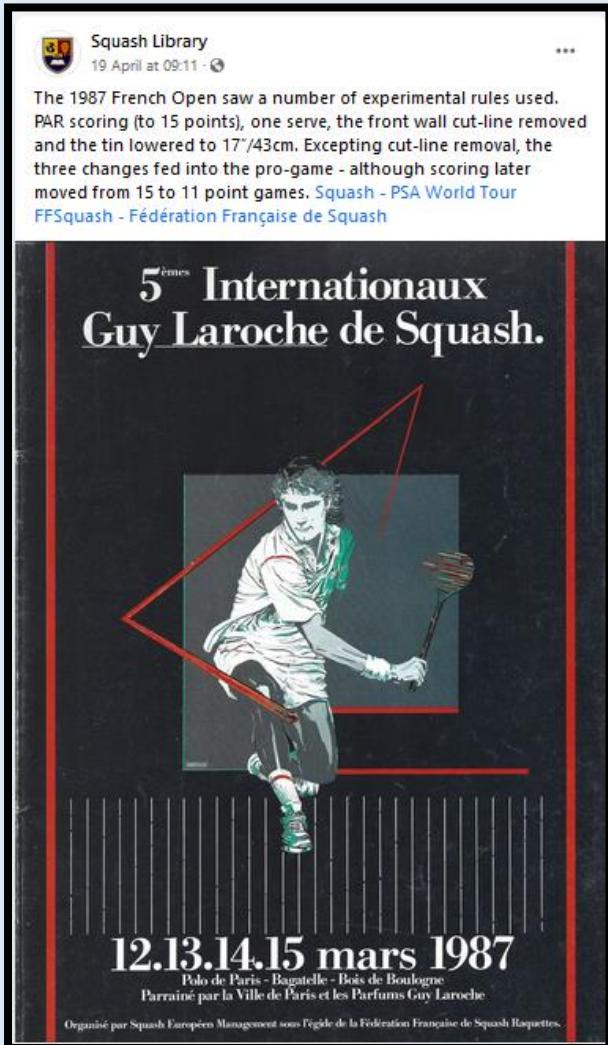
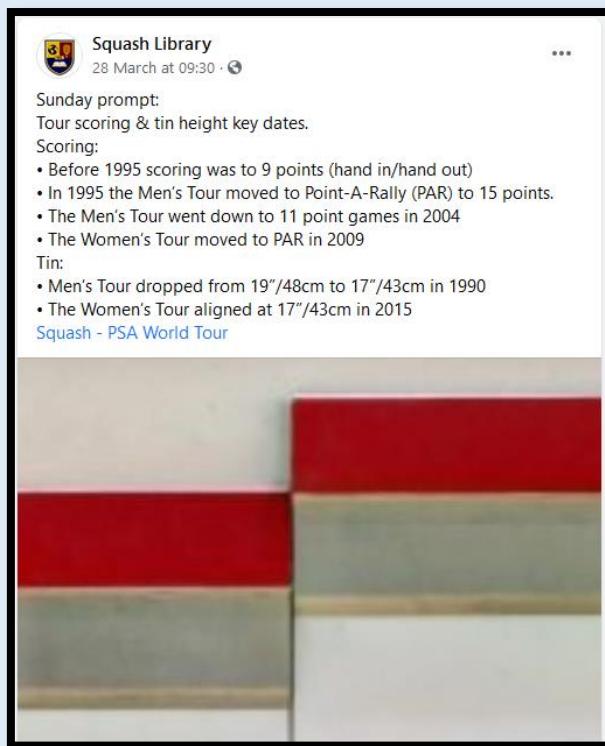
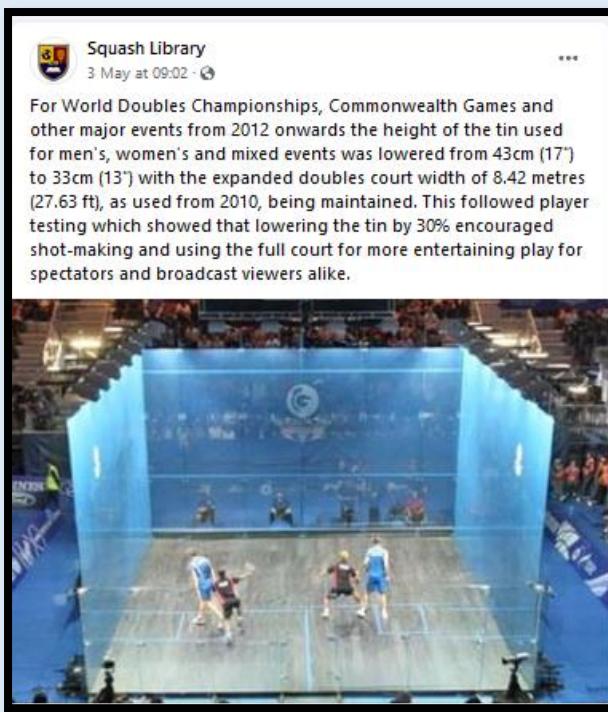
 Squash Library  
4 October at 09:08 · 

At the PSA AGM in 1988 (then male members only, and called ISPA), the players voted in favour of these rule changes, for example to try and reduce the length of matches via a lower tin, along with other amendments: [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)

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1. Lowering the tin from 19" (48cm) to 17" (43cm), - only for 'Grand Prix' events at that point;
2. Point-A-Rally scoring to 15 points instead of only scoring points when serving (before moving to 11 point games);
3. Increasing the gap from 90 seconds to two minutes between games;
4. Single serve rather than two (as had been put forward for the game generally).

The poster for the CIMB Malaysian Open Squash Championships 2009. It features a large graphic of a squash player in mid-swing on the left, and a large photo of a female player on the right. The background is a dark blue gradient. Text on the left includes the tournament name, dates (27-29 July 2009 and 30 July-1 August 2009), and venue (Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur and the Curve, Selangor). The bottom of the poster shows several smaller action shots of players in a triangular arrangement.





Squash Library

11 March at 08:40 ·

In 1968 after having been hit in his left eye by a racket causing loss of vision, Dr E.D. Kerr of High Wycombe in England had a metal protective mask made. His prototype was not taken up – probably because it would seem that protection was limited, especially with holes wide enough for a ball to pass through. (As from 1 January 1999 WSF mandated that all Juniors and Doubles players were required to wear protective eye-guards during competition play).



Squash Library

29 January at 09:15 ·

When the World Federation was formed in 1967, the Davis Cup Tennis Regulations were adopted to cover player eligibility. At that time there was opposition expressed about allowing qualification through residence, but shortly after when squash-specific Rules were compiled the first Regulation insisted upon residence for the two years before the event date, and four of the last five years. This was changed to four years, and then in 2008 reduced to three years to gain a residential qualification. [World Squash Federation](#)



Squash Library

24 January at 08:38 ·

Washington has seen change this week, but also when the World Federation held its 1986 AGM there! The meeting reduced the top junior age from 19 to 18 (the bands became U12,14,16,18). But 2 years later U19 was reinstated, and in 1998 age groupings changed to U13,15,17,19.



Squash Library

3 November at 08:46 ·

Before Federations moved over to 'random draw' at points during the late 1970's, knock-out draws used pre-ordained seeding positions. So, for example, the number one seed would expect to meet the 16, 8 and 4 before the final. However, the 8 would have to battle past the closely rated 9, and the 4 would face 5. Then the winners would face off in another tight match. Not only would this 'protect' the top seed, but where draws tend to repeat e.g. national / local titles, the same players would meet each time. The old format:

**Top half**

**1 v 16**

**] 1 v 8**

**8 v 9**

**] 1 v 4**

**4 v 13**

**] 4 v 5**

**5 v 12**

**Bottom half**

**] 1 v 2**

**6 v 11**

**] 3 v 6**

**3 v 14**

**] 2 v 3**

**7 v 10**

**] 2 v 7**

**2 v 15**

## 2020

Squash Library  
7 November at 09:16

In early World Team Championships, seeding was based upon the previous finishing position, with the top eight seeds being placed together in two pools - so only those teams could win. This situation was resolved after 1987 when seeds were split across all pools.

Squash Library  
19 September

From 1 January 1989 the ISPA (now PSA) minimum commitment level for male players for ranking points division was raised to 14 events – it had generally been eight before. Due to an increased number of available events ISPA reported '.... The Board recognises the need for leading players to support sponsors and promoters on the circuit'. [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)

Squash Library  
3 December at 10:27

During 1998 the standard age groupings for juniors moved from Under 12, 14, 16 & 19 to become primarily Under 13, 15, 17 and 19. This reduced the possible nearly three year gap that had banded players who had just turned 16 with those close to their 19th birthday.

Squash Library  
20 November at 08:51

The great setting of Shanghai's famous Bund for the September 2015 China Open saw the first women's Tour event experimenting using the lower 17" (43cm) tin, the same height as for the Men. The test events led to formal introduction of 17" tins for Women's PSA Tour events at the beginning of 2016. [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)



## Squash Library

21 October at 08:36 ·

In 2008, WISPA (the WISPA Women's Tour, since merged with PSA), introduced a rule insisting that players had their names on the back of their playing top to help spectators and broadcast viewers identify them when on court.



## Squash Library

14 September ·

September 2015 saw the China Open start a four month PSA trial into the suitability of dropping the tin height tin for women from 19" (48cm) to 17" (43cm) – the height for the men. The outcome was tin height for women Tour events going down to 17" in Jan 2016. [General play continues at 19" for all].

PSA Chief Operations Officer Lee Beachill commented: 'We feel that aligning the tin height is an important step to take in order to achieve our goals of increasing parity and offering both men and women the same playing opportunities'.

[Squash - PSA World Tour](#)



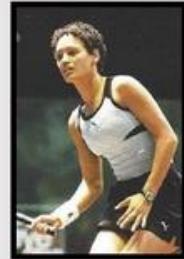
## Squash Library

27 August ·

World rankings were published every two months until the separate player associations (PSA, men; WISPA women) decided that the number of events on the calendar were enough to merit monthly rankings. That point came after January 1998 for the men, and women Jan 2001. Here are the first month gap top tens, (coincidentally, Peter Nicol's debut at number one): [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)

WISPA WOMEN'S		PSA MEN'S	
Feb-01	Feb-98	Feb-01	Feb-98
1 Leilani Joyce	NZL	1 Peter Nicol	SCO
2 Carol Owens	AUS	2 Jansher Khan	PAK
3 Sarah Fitz-Gerald	AUS	3 Jonathon Power	CAN
4 Linda Charman	ENG	4 Rodney Eyles	AUS
5 Natalie Grainger	ENG	5 Ahmed Barada	EGY
6 Tania Bailey	ENG	6 Simon Parke	ENG
7 Suzanne Horner	ENG	7 Alex Gough	WAL
8 Fiona Geaves	ENG	8 Anthony Hill	AUS
9 Stephanie Brind	ENG	9 Del Harris	ENG
10 Rachael Grinham	AUS	10 Dan Jenson	AUS
11 Vanessa Atkinson	NED	11 Mark Chaloner	ENG
12 Cassie Campion	ENG	12 Peter Marshall	ENG
13 Rebecca Macree	ENG	13 Chris Walker	ENG
14 Sabine Schoene	GER	14 Paul Johnson	ENG
15 Sue Wright	ENG	15 Mark Cairns	ENG
16 Jenny Tranfield	ENG	16 Byron Davis	AUS
17 Pamela Nimmo	SCO	17 Martin Heath	SCO
18 Vicky Botwright	ENG	18 Derek Ryan	IRL
19 Maha Zein	EGY	19 Amir Wagih	EGY
20 Natalie Grinham	AUS	20 Julien Bonetat	FRA

Nationalities listed are as at the ranking list date





Squash Library  
6 August · ④

In 1978 the ISRF (now WSF) set down standardisation of age groupings. Unlike now where juniors must still be under the age on the final day of an event, (or having reached the age on the first day for masters), eligibility was determined by a player's age on 1st May of the year of the event.

So, for an Under 19 event players could be 19 years old if they were still 18 on 1st May in the year. But for Masters players, they could have reached the required age but still not be eligible if their birthday was after 1 May. This was changed to Last day (juniors) and first day (masters) in 1988.



Squash Library  
25 March · ④

After its 1973 formation, in 1980 PSA (then called ISPA) began grading men's tournaments. Top grade events were GB£20,000+ prize funds, down to the lowest (6th) GB£2,000 - £4,999 band (the move to US\$ for the Tour came later). At the same time a computer points breakdown was introduced. The divisor used was six events.

[Squash - PSA World Tour](#)

Place	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
1st	140	120	100	90	80	40
2nd	105	90	75	67	60	30
3rd	75	64	54	48	43	22
4th	65	56	46	42	37	18
5/8	45	38	32	28	26	13
9/16	27	23	19	17	16	8
17/32	10	8	7	6	6	3
33/64	3	2	2	1	1	—

All points to be divided by 6, until each player has played six ISPA graded events. After this a player's points total will be divided by the actual number of events played.



Squash Library  
12 March · ④

Historically, junior age bands were Under 19, 16, 14 & 12 until the mid-1980s when it was felt that a three year 16 – 19 gap was too large. It was decided to move to U18, 16, 14, 12 in 1985, but lowering the end of Juniors to U18 was rescinded almost immediately. Two year gaps introducing 17, 15, 13 to U19 became the standard in 1988.

## 2019



Squash Library  
21 November 2019 · ④

[Tour scoring & tin height key dates.](#)

**Scoring:**

- Before 1995 scoring was to 9 points (Hand in / Hand out)
- In 1995 the Men's Tour moved to Point-A-Rally (PAR) to 15 points
- Then went down to 11 point games in 2004
- The Women's Tour moved to PAR in 2009

**Tin:**

- The Men's Tour dropped from 19"/48cm to 17"/43cm in 1990
- The Women's Tour aligned at 17"/43cm in 2015

[Squash - PSA World Tour](#) [World Squash Federation](#) [Squash Info](#)



Squash Library  
19 November 2019 · ④

White clothing on a squash court was the rule until the late 1970s when it was loosened it to allow 'light pastel' as worn here by Geoff Hunt. This only lasted until 1983 when the World Federation dropped colour restrictions entirely (leaving national Feds / clubs to set their own if they wished).

