



**To:** Squash Canada P/Ts

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**CC:** Squash Canada's Officiating Committee, Dan Wolfenden, Squash Canada Executive Director

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**Subject:** Implementation of revised Officiating Program

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As you all know, a couple of year's ago Squash Canada's Officiating Committee (SCOC) starting working on changes to the Canadian officiating program to better align with the WSF officiating classifications and requirements, moving towards a more competency-based program. The first change was the creation and implementation of the online officiating course. The online officiating course and test has become the initial certification for a Canadian referee and replaced the 'D4' officiating category with a 'Club' level referee. This was the first change made in the new vision of the 'Certification/Upgrading Process' (CUP) of the Canadian officiating program that would look to replace the A, B, C, D levels with National, Provincial, Local and Club levels. With the online officiating course fully implemented, it's now time to roll out the rest of the new program.

#### **WHAT'S NEW – WHAT'S INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTATION?**

The new program has moved from a strictly 'match assessment' based system (*for each match assessed you would either pass, fail, or have insufficient decisions*) to a system that still includes 'match assessment', but also evaluates appropriate competencies and match experience (*number of matches you referee*). The individual competencies are in line with the WSF competencies and a candidate can be given credit for them even if, overall, the match does not contain enough decisions to determine a pass/fail for the match.

**Naming & Equivalency chart:** find out how an individual will be mapped from the existing system to the new system. The mapping will be done by either the Squash Canada administration or a National Examiner (National Assessor in the new system) once a Referee has submitted their existing 'Upgrading Booklet'. The appropriate level and competency credits will be inputted into the officiating database and will be available for the individual referee to view. The marking levels (1,2,3, 4) would be rolled in to the requirements of each of the new levels and would not be considered separately in the designations.

For an overview snapshot of the equivalency chart, see the attached document, FILE NAME: Naming & Equivalency\_SC Officiating Program\_EN

*Who does this affect: ALL current officials*

**Referee Progression:** see how a referee progresses through the different levels of the Canadian officiating program and the requirements associated with each level of the progression. Coming soon!

*Who does this affect: All current and NEW officials*

**Examiners replaced with Assessors:** National and Provincial Examiners will be replaced with National and Provincial Assessors. For existing Examiners to become Assessors in the new system, they will be required to take the new '[Assessor Training Course](#)' (*for Assessors only; log in required*) and pass the associated exam. All current examiners will have until September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to successfully complete this course and so retain their current Assessor status (meaning that any assessments they perform between now and September 1, 2016 will be considered valid). Failing this, they will have until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to successfully complete the course at which point they would be required to start over and pass all usual requirements in order to obtain Assessor status again (requirements: be nominated, be assessed while assessing, and successfully complete the ATC and its exam).

*Who does this affect: current National and Provincial Examiners*

**CUP – Assessment Form:** this is the new version of the form used during assessments.

*Who does this affect: Assessors*

**Online Assessment Database:** Following an assessment (using the new CUP – Assessment Form), an electronic version of the form, as well as results of the assessment, will be uploaded by the Assessor or Squash Canada administrator to the new database located on the web at [www.squashcanadaofficial.com](http://www.squashcanadaofficial.com). Individuals will be able to log into this secure database and view their assessments to determine where they are in their progression, what their next level is, as well it allows them to keep their own log of matches they have refereed. This database will replace the 'Upgrading Booklet'.

## QUESTIONS?

There are always a lot of questions, clarifications needed when changes are made – we recognize this and as such are offering the opportunity to meet with members of the SCOC via teleconference. This will be your opportunity to

Also, taking the opportunity before us, in-person information sessions (and some hands-on training using a couple of the new tools) will be conducted during the upcoming Canadian Squash Championships being held May 4-7 at the Mayfair Lakeshore club, where many of Canada's national referees and provincial and national assessors will be present.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

As with any changes to a program there may be changes or unforeseen 'glitches' that may occur in the implementation. As implementation of the new program progresses, Squash Canada and the SC Officiating Committee will be closely monitoring and will be there to modify as needed.

What we are asking of you:

Please share this information and new tools with all officials in your province/territory;

Does your PT have a main officiating contact we should be including in program updates and information sharing messages like these? Please share their name and contact information with us – we'll be sure they never miss an update!

Sincerely,

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