

Bluenose Squash Classic



Tournament Background

- The Bluenose Squash Classic has established itself as a top professional squash event in Canada and North America
- Largest Canadian stop on the international Professional Squash Association (PSA) circuit
- Hosted annually in Halifax at Saint Mary's University for 10 years and consistently attracts the top-20 squash athletes from all over the world

Bluenose Youth Development Program

- PSA players who were eliminated from the tournament conduct a workshop for young players
- The program takes place on the morning of the finals
- There are usually 4-5 PSA players conducting the sessions, meaning the ratio of PSA player to youth is 3:1
- Free to participate



Who Participates?

- Nova Scotia Canada Games Development Team
- Youth taking lessons/programs in the province
- Going forward, the Nova Scotia Provincial Team



Benefits

- Professional-grade training and drills
- Exposure for Squash Nova Scotia and it's youth athletes
- Building a sense of community within Squash by building relationships between pro athletes and amateur athletes
- Inspires youth participating in the workshop to pursue Squash at a high level by training with the most elite players



Going Forward

- Continue to include this as part of the Bluenose
- Potentially invite other Atlantic provincial teams to attend event and in addition to the PSA workshop host a youth clinic/camp either before/after the tournament

Questions??