## Additions to the Squash Canada Championship Hosting Standards Relating to U11 Category the Canadian Junior Championships

Squash Canada piloted the addition of a U11 category for the 2018 Canadian Junior Squash Championships. As a position statement:

Squash Canada is opposed to early specialization at this age group – rather, it encourages young players to be physically active with other activities to acquire balanced physical literacy at this stage in their development.

The U11 category will be a national championship in all respects, but remains under evaluation for the future.

Special regulations specific to the U11 category have been approved as below.

## 5.11 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR THE U11 CATEGORY

## A. Athlete Eligibility

All competitors must be 9 or 10 years of age as of the last day of tournament play. Provincial/Territorial Associations (PT) may propose an 8 year-old to the event along with supporting rationale as to competitive background. Squash Canada will make the final determination as to whether it is appropriate for the 8 year-old to participate. It will be at Squash Canada's sole discretion whether such proposal is accepted or denied.

It is strongly recommended that players play in their respective provincial/territorial junior open <u>or</u> closed event preceding the Canadian Junior Championships.

## B. Scoring

Matches will be played best of five games, point a rally to fifteen (15) points. At 14-all players must win by two clear points.