



## Doubles Officiating Newsletter – June 2019 (UPDATED)

Another very successful squash season, from an officiating perspective, has come to a close and the intent of this newsletter is to review the past season and to keep certified doubles squash officials “in the loop” with respect to doubles officiating.

In the 2018-19 season, the Doubles Squash Officiating Committee reviewed and dealt with the following items:

- 1) On Squash Canada (SC) website there is a section on doubles officiating. Link: <http://www.squash.ca/en/doubles-officiating>. There are several items on the doubles officiating site that are useful reference materials for NEs, NRs and Provincial Referees. Items include: Doubles Squash Officiating Administration Manual, Quality Control Program, Assessment Form, Scoresheets, Referee tips, Line of Thinking, List of NEs and NRs and the “turning rule”. Tony Swift provided an article on “Fair Play” that is excellent to remind us to be good sports. It is also on the website. The Doubles Rules are already on the SC website under "Rules of the Game".
- 2) There was a further update to the Doubles Squash Officiating Administration Manual (February 2019). This document is now on SC doubles squash officiating website. Administration Manual includes information on our Quality Control Program (QCP).
- 3) Committee member Mark Warren is working on a handout outlining some of the key differences between singles and doubles. Should be ready in the Fall of 2019.
- 4) Committee member Bart Sambrook prepared a turning example from the back of the court that is being reviewed by the officiating committee. It will make a great handout for tournament participants and especially helpful for new doubles players coming from the singles game.
- 5) Committee approved 15 ft hash marks from the front wall prepared by committee members Mark Warren and Tim Mallory. Document was sent to provincial associations on Squash Canada letterhead. The hope is that clubs with doubles courts will put the hash marks in to assist referees and judges on front third of the court calls. There will be further review when SC and US Squash meet to discuss any rules and court specification updates.
- 6) Brian Covernton, Jorge Rabacal and Karen Levine (PR from BC) will draft a summary of key points (“cheat sheet”) to assist assessors in evaluating candidates for PRs and NRs. Draft to be submitted for committee approval.
- 7) Clinic materials (PPT, exam and handouts) are being reviewed to see if updates and revisions are appropriate.

Three certification clinics were held this past season:

Tony Swift (Ont NE) did a rules certification clinic on Nov 18, 2018 with 22 participants at the Toronto Cricket Club? Robert Dube and Tom Nederpal became National Examiners (NEs) as they assisted Tony with the clinic.

Greg Desaulniers and Brian Covernton conducted a clinic at the Vancouver Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club on January 12 in Vancouver, BC with 14 participants.

Brian Covernton did a Certification clinic at Multnomah Athletic Club (Portland, Oregon) on October 18 with 31 participants

Leslie Freeman and Tim Mallory did a rules clinic at the Toronto Cricket Club in October 2018 with 33 participants (based on January 23, 2019 minutes).

Burlington Ontario held a clinic as well.



Our new Provincial Referees for 2018-19 include:

Yasmine Franchi (BC)                      Karen Levine (BC)

National Referee:                      National Referee  
Brian MacLean (BC)                      Jeff Anderson (ON)

There were 2 new National Examiners this year as well:  
Robert Dube (ON)    Tom Nederpel (ON)

With respect to our National Championships, Mark Warren and Cathy Tuckwell were the Tournament Referees (TR) for the 2019 Canadian Doubles in April in Toronto at the Granite Club. Jorge and Mariette Rabacal were the Tournament Referees (TR) for the Canadian Mixed in April 2019 in Calgary hosted by the Calgary Winter Club. The officiating went smoothly at both tournaments. Thanks to Mark, Cathy, Jorge and Mariette and to the many officials who worked at these tournaments.

For next season, Squash Canada plans to have a dialogue with US Squash to see if they might adopt our Doubles Officiating Program. Our program has been in operation since 2003 and to my knowledge US Squash has not yet developed a doubles officiating program.

Squash Canada, with the support of the Doubles Officiating Committee, plan to work with US Squash through a sub committee to review and update doubles rules if necessary. Any recommended changes would need to be approved by Squash Canada and US Squash before going to WSF for final approval.

I would like to thank the members of the Squash Canada Doubles Officiating Committee for their dedication to ensuring doubles officiating in Canada continues to make significant progress. Committee members this season:

Jorge Rabacal (Calgary), Ruth Castellino (Vancouver), Nathan Hall (Winnipeg), Bart Sambrook (Montreal), Laurie Krol (Toronto), and Mark Warren (Toronto), Tim Mallory (Toronto), Robin Clarke (Toronto) and Brian Covernton (Vancouver), Chair.

Representing Squash Canada on the Committee was Geoffrey Johnson (Squash Canada Programs Manager).

The success experienced by doubles officiating would not be possible without the time and effort put in by all those involved in the Squash Canada Doubles Officiating Program. We hope for your continuing support in the coming seasons.

I would also like to thank all our officials who refereed tournament and league matches during this past season.

Sincerely,

Brian C Covernton, Chair  
Squash Canada Doubles Squash Officiating Committee