



SQUASH CANADA DOUBLES NATIONAL REFEREE QCP PROGRAM

The newly revised QCP (Quality Control Program) will consist of a four-member committee made up of Canadian National Referees who are currently active and possess a very firm understanding of the Hardball Doubles Rules, as well as the ability to referee a doubles match of the highest playing level. Throughout the playing season, a member or members of this committee would attempt to personally view each of the existing Canadian NRs to ensure they are upholding the standards required of a National Referee. It is recognized that the assessing of NRs from provinces other than Ontario is a more difficult task, and the committee might consult with regional NRs for input on the abilities of NRs in those regions.

If, after completion of the above observation assessments, the committee feels that an existing NR is deemed not to be up to the expected standard, a minimum of two members of the QCP committee (or two regional designates outside Ontario) would attempt to assess the specific NR at the same time to determine if the NR is up to the required level of a Canadian NR.

If after the QCP Committee assessments, it is felt that the assessed NR is not performing at the NR level, the committee could demote the NR to a PR level immediately. For the individual to re-attain his/her NR level, they would be required to undergo the National Refereeing upgrading process, which entails obtaining five recommendations from National Referees and National Examiners. At least two of the recommendations must be at the "A" (very difficult) level. The candidates must give a minimum of 10 correct decisions in each match, of which a significant number are deemed to be difficult. The candidate must also display overall rule knowledge, keep the score correctly, as well as possess the ability and competence to referee at the NR level. At least one of the recommendations must be given by a National Examiner and this must be an "A" recommendation.

Note, another situation could arise where an existing NR or NE or player writes to the QCP Committee (with an explanation) if they feel one of the current NRs or NEs is not performing up to the National Referee standards. Upon receiving two such complaints about the same NR, the QCP Committee would discuss and document the complaints. If appropriate, the NR should be contacted by the QCP Committee for an explanation. If three separate complaints are received from three separate NR/NEs, after viewing three separate matches, the QCP Committee could decide to demote the NR/NE to a PR (Provincial Referee) status. This decision cannot be appealed.

To protect the credibility of our National Doubles Referee Program, any NR who reaches the age of 75, and wishes to stay in the program, must undergo an observational assessment and be passed by two NR/NEs during an "A" match. Failure to pass the assessment could result in the QCP Committee demoting the NR/NE to a PR (Provincial Referee) status.

Ex-NR's who are NE's should be encouraged to stay in the program as assessors, or as instructors who deliver the Certification Clinic and/or Rules Clinic.

The four-person committee approved by the Squash Canada Officiating Committee are: Tim Mallory, Tony Swift, Molson Robertson & Leslie Freeman.