

SQUASH CANADA
Hardball Doubles Committee Terms of Reference (2025)

	Hardball Doubles Committee
Mandate	The Hardball Doubles Committee (HDC) is a standing committee of the Board of Squash Canada. It is responsible for furthering the advancement of hardball doubles in Canada. It is a decision-making committee.
Key Duties	<p>The Committee will perform the following key duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and enhance Squash Canada’s doubles events, programs, and standards in collaboration with Provincial/Territorial squash associations (P/Ts); • Set and maintain standards for the training and certification of doubles officials in Canada. • Increase the number of certified doubles referees in Canada across all levels; • Monitor the rules of North American hardball doubles squash and make recommendations for changes to those rules to Squash Canada’s Board of Directors for final approval by the World Squash Federation; • To actively promote and develop doubles squash in Canada, including competitive opportunities, which may include assisting with active recruitment of participants for doubles events; • Refine and promote the doubles officiating certification program, and on an ongoing basis, review certification assessments of doubles officials.
Authority	<p>The Committee will exercise its authority in accordance with the By-laws and such additional provisions as are set out in these Terms of Reference and will do so without interference from the Board.</p> <p>The Committee, with approval from the Board, may establish sub-committees or Task Forces to deal with specific issues in relation to the mandate of the Committee.</p>
Composition	<p>The Committee will be composed of seven (7) to nine (9) voting representatives from Squash Canada’s member Provincial/Territorial squash associations. Representatives include one representative per province/territory with active doubles courts (s), a minimum of one (1) national examiner-level (NER) doubles official and one national level referee (NR), and a minimum of two (2) women. Squash Canada reserves the right to seek up to two (2) appointed representatives to satisfy these requirements. The HDC will also have the following non-voting members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) Squash Canada staff member; • One (1) Squash Canada Board of Directors liaison. <p>The Chair of the HDC will be a committee member and elected by the voting HDC members.</p>

	Members of the Committee will serve terms of two years, which may be renewed by the Board. The Board may remove any member of the Committee at any time and for any reason.
Meetings	The Committee will meet by telephone or in person, as required. Meetings will be called to order by the Chair.
Resources	The Committee will receive the necessary resources from Squash Canada to fulfill its mandate. The Committee may, from time to time, receive administrative support from Squash Canada.
Reporting	The Committee operates independently of management and the Board. Status reports at a meeting of the Board, or full reports at a meeting of the Members, shall be presented by the Chair.
Approval and Review	The Board will review these Terms of Reference on a regular basis, with input from the Committee as required.
Other	