

LYG Squash 2027

Entry Information & Rules



Event Overview

Dates and Venues:

Qualifiers – Sunday 31st January 2027 at The Wimbledon Club

Finals – Saturday 6th March 2027 at Harrow Leisure Centre

Approx. Timings: 9:00-16:30

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Entry Information

Squad Entry Deadline: Please contact your BTO.

Squad Size: Minimum 5 (minimum 2 girls) – Maximum 10 (minimum 4 girls).

Competitions: Mixed team competition.

Eligibility Criteria: Any player who has represented their county in the same season at county level or who have Squash-levels above 1000 are not permitted to take part in this competition (this will be checked) when squads are named prior to the qualifiers and the finals.

Age Categories:

Age Category	Oldest Age Group	Youngest Group
16 years or younger	Players must be 16 or younger on 31/8/2026	N/A

Replacements: Each borough is permitted two replacements. Replacements are where you can bring an undeclared competitor to replace a registered competitor not attending on the day. Any replacements must be in line with the eligibility criteria. All replacement details must be provided at registration on the day. No additions will be allowed even if a borough does not have the maximum squad number.

Full Rules & Regulations

SQU 1 The London Youth Games Squash competition will run in accordance with rules of World Squash

https://www.worldsquash.sport/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/250901_World-Squash-Rules-of-Singles-Squash-2025-V1.2.2.pdf

[The England Squash code of conduct](#) will apply to everyone involved in this event.

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SQU 1.1 Should any rules listed below contradict those outlined by World Squash, these rules will supersede those.

SQU 1.1.1 The London Youth Games Squash competition will follow the **Transgender participation in squash** Policy as outlined by England Squash.

SQU 1.2 It will be at the discretion of the Competition Director and LYG personnel as to the application of these rules, and any subsequent decision made as a result will be final.

SQU 1.3 The Tournament Organisers reserve the rights to alter or amend the playing schedule if necessary and make decisions on any matters arising during the tournament, including any matters not covered by the tournament regulations.

SQU 2 Age Category:

To be eligible all players must be within the below age categories:

Age Category	Oldest Age Group	Youngest Age Group
16 years or younger	Players must be 16 or younger on 31/8/2026	N/A

SQU 3 Eligibility Criteria

SQU 3.1 Competitors are not permitted to enter this competition if they are ineligible. No exceptions will be made.

SQU 3.1.1 It is the responsibility of competitors/parents/team managers/Borough Team Organisers to ensure all competitors details are entered correctly at the time of submission, and that they are eligible to compete for their borough under [the London Youth Games Rules](#), and in accordance with the age groups outlined for the competition.

SQU 3.1.2 In the instance a competitor is found to be ineligible, they will be disqualified from the competition entirely, and the borough will receive a deduction of 5 points penalty.

SQU 4 Squad Size Boroughs are permitted to bring a minimum of 5 competitors to the event of which a minimum of 2 must be girls.

SQU 5 Kit & Equip

WSF certified or British Standard BS7930.1 protective eyewear is mandatory for participation in this competition. Eyewear must be always worn by all junior players while on court. This includes appropriate prescriptive protective eyewear or iMask in front of spectacles

SQU 5.1 Players will not be permitted to compete without appropriate eye protection.

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SQU 5.2 Single yellow dot squash balls will be used throughout the competition.

SQU 5.3 Participants are required to bring their own rackets. Managers are responsible for ensuring all team members have rackets.

SQU 5.4 Players must wear clothing suitable for sport and clean non marking trainers. No dirty shoes or Astros will be permitted.

SQU 6 Competition Format All five players will compete as ONE borough team. Each match will consist of 5 rubbers (each played by a different player).

SQU 6.1 Players are not permitted to compete in more than one rubber per match.

SQU 6.2 Any player from the squad declared on the day can play in any match, as long as players are ranked in order of merit, and in line with **SQU 6.1**. You must nominate the teams playing order at the beginning of the competition and each match. Each player must play in strict order of merit.

SQU 6.2.1 Once a Borough has commenced playing a match there may be no substitution even in case of injury. However, any player from the squad declared on the day may play in subsequent matches in place of an injured player.

SQU 6.3 Teams must register before the day of the competition with 5 players to be considered a complete team and allowed to compete. If injuries or unforeseen circumstances occur, teams will be allowed to compete on the day with 4 players, forfeiting the 5th game/match.

SQU 6.4 Once commenced, if a team loses a player through injury or illness and has less than five players – those playing will fit the top available positions, those unfilled being conceded.

SQU 6.5 Match scoring will be point-a-rally to 11 points (win by 2 points if score is 10 all).
Matches will be best of 3 games.

SQU 6.6 Draw Format:

- Draws will be dependent on final number of entered teams, but every effort will be made to ensure all teams play as many matches as possible on the day. Draws will either be round robin, monrad or inclusive.
- Round Robin groups (number and size of group may be changed on day if withdrawals).
- Top 8 teams to progress to quarter finals – first in each pool + best runners up as needed (subject to entries).
- Finals will be played after completion of Round Robin Groups.

SQU 7 Competition Rules

SQU 7.1 The competition will be run in accordance with the rules of World Squash (see previous link)

In particular please note:

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SQU 7.1.1 Lets - Any service or stroke deemed a let shall not count and the server shall serve again from the same box.

SQU 7.1.2 A Let may be allowed if:

- The striker refrains from hitting the ball owing to a reasonable fear of injuring the opponent.
- The striker, on the way to playing the ball, incurs sufficient interference to impede their access to the ball when the striker would have otherwise played a good shot.
- The referee is asked to decide an appeal and is unable to do so.
- If the receiver is not ready and does not attempt to take the service.
- The ball breaks during play.
- An otherwise good return has been made, but the ball goes out on its first bounce.
- The ball touches a receiver, then the ball is effectively 'not up'.

SQU 7.5 Points A player wins a stroke if:

- The server fails to make a good serve.
- The opponent fails to make a good return of the ball in play.
- The ball in play touches the opponent or anything carried or worn by the opponent whilst on the way to the front wall.
- A player drops the racket or calls out or in any other way distracts the opponent, and the referee considers this to cause the opponent to lose the stroke.
- The ball hits the ceiling or any object outside of the court.

SQU 8 Overall Scoring Points will be awarded for each game to give a borough's round robin placing.

SQU 8.1 The following points will also be awarded:

- 2 points for a match win.
- 1 point for a match loss.

SQU 8.2 Group positions are ranked on:

- Points accrued (2 for a win, 1 for a loss) – see above
- If teams are drawn = count back on games difference.
- If teams are drawn on games difference countback on points applies.
- If 3-way tie = count back the points.

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SQU 8.3 Incomplete competition: If the competition is cancelled or suspended, the following steps will be used to calculate the final result.

- The furthest completed stage of competition will be used to countback.
- Any teams tied on position will be separated based on the rules above which determine group positions, using averages.
- The minimum competition required to determine a result is a completed stage.

SQU 9 Qualification, Medals & Trophies Medals and trophies will be awarded at the final as follows:

SQU 9.1 Overall Borough medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed teams.

SQU 9.2 A salver will be awarded to the overall winning borough.

SQU 9.3 The top eight teams from the qualifier will go through to the final **on Saturday 6th March 2026** at Harrow Leisure Centre.