

Q3 How could future tournaments be improved to encourage more participation?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Toarnament structure is fine. Provide a quality experience, eg. good food.	10/30/2018 8:59 AM
2	A tournament is a big commitment - you might know when your first game is, but beyond that you have to put a whole weekend on hold until you know the results of games - people seem to be "time poor". Consider changing the format so people know their game times and refing comiements as early as possible, then people can plan their weekend accordingly.	10/29/2018 11:05 PM
3	There are a significant number of players who prefer the blue dot to the yellow in colder temps - and sometimes in warmer temps. I would play tournaments that offered a blue dot option. Why not offer both? Look for other formats that are short and to the point; it seems everyone is "busy" these days. Consult Jason M from Midland; a man with ahead full of ideas.	10/29/2018 9:39 PM
4	Many of us now work weekends so timing is a factor both in time on and off courts for games and availability for tournaments	10/29/2018 7:03 PM
5	Have spot prizes, shot of the day, match of the day.	10/29/2018 2:59 PM
6	Hold them over a longer period I.e. Tuesday- Friday evenings. Or over two consecutive Thursday & Friday nights. Make some the best of 3 games with consecutive matches	10/29/2018 10:08 AM
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8	Reduce entry fee to no more than \$25	10/29/2018 7:28 AM
9	Spot prizes. One game a day. Locals playing earlier in the week if necessary. Creche for small children perhaps?	10/27/2018 9:28 AM
10	I'm a low grade so I sent play tournaments as I don't like reffing people on the highest grades. There is also a lot of sitting around at tournaments-if that could be reduced that would be great	10/27/2018 8:17 AM
11	Try some one day tournaments. Try Age Groups ... Under 30, 30 - 50, Over 50.	10/26/2018 5:09 PM
12	I've never been to one before as I am a new member, but... I reckon suggesting/emailing to players who might be interested could be an idea.	10/26/2018 4:11 PM
13	Run event on Saturday night e.g quiz night's Advertise tournys at club nights and interclub Have mixed draws Have serious doubles tournaments	10/26/2018 2:53 PM
14	Not sure - people seem to be very busy these days, but having an inviting social atmosphere and drinks available, and room for families to hang out might help.	10/26/2018 2:48 PM
15	More advertising, use social media to get people to encourage other people to participate.	10/26/2018 11:08 AM
16	I don't yet have an answer for this one yet...	10/26/2018 11:07 AM
17	Only have games in the am or pm so the whole weekend is not taken up.	10/26/2018 10:55 AM
18	More hype ahead of registration cut off to encourage entry. Make tournaments into more of an event which the whole family can attend. Perhaps offer coaching or "have-a-hit" type sessions on a free court during the tournament?	10/26/2018 10:05 AM
19	In Nelson we have found that 8 draws played over Friday/Saturday have been very popular and well attended . people like to keep Sunday free, and they like to have a couple of drinks on Sat night and not worry about playing next day. Also less expensive in terms of accommodation especially for families who will travel back home on Saturday. 8 draws means finals are played around 6pm - Our club puts on a BBQ dinner and we make food is available while final is playing - more people stay to watch finals, have a drink eat dinner together, kids are welome - very social. we also make free food available on friday /SAt lunch - donated by members, helps keep cost down for travellers.	10/26/2018 9:58 AM

20	School squash competitions are the obvious places to get new recruits for tournaments. It should be inter school competitions and higher prize money to lure the next generation through targeting the under 20 year old with the best prizes or incentives	10/25/2018 10:39 PM
21	Always a hard one. We all enjoy going to Kaikoura as they are so welcoming, Fred everyone well and are very accommodating. We pride ourselves at MCOB for doing the same.	10/25/2018 7:38 PM
22	Difficult. . I really don't know.	10/25/2018 7:04 PM
23	Maybe running some tournaments in 2 groups...or promoted that way...ie: like A and B Grade and others??Maybe a serious and social tournament style running side by side?	10/25/2018 5:15 PM
24	Need to see how other clubs that have successful tournaments. Too many people disappear as so as they have played and ref. Make them more fun, have a function after the tournament, few drinks meal theme etc.	10/25/2018 5:02 PM
25	Weekend only game times.	10/25/2018 4:40 PM
26	Beginners events too	10/25/2018 4:05 PM
27	The decline of women in squash is disappointing & a lot of women I speak to do not want to play or lose points to juniors who are not graded correctly	10/25/2018 2:51 PM
28	More fun masters tournaments. These are the people with free time and we do not want to be whipped by juniors all the time.	10/25/2018 2:28 PM
29	Physical prizes (for everyone) more even pools. Stop playing with blue dot balls as it isn't done anywhere else in the country, try and market it to other clubs, make it a weekend away for them. Just be more mindful of the lower grades. The A&B graders aren't the only ones that matter	10/25/2018 1:44 PM
30	Again, there needs to be an incentive to make people play in tournaments. Prize money needs to be increased, better prizes in general (Perhaps prize packages, could Squash Canterbury find sponsors from Wilsons? Salming? Etc.) Recognition of achievements needs to be pushed out to the community (more than just an email that people may or may not read) having referees and markers who aren't playing in tournaments, makes gamesmanship harder.	10/25/2018 1:16 PM
31	Ensure that they competitive but also fun. eg. tournaments that include the whole family no matter what grade you are. Also cost of entry can really affect a lot of people entering as it gets costly if you are doing the circuit with a family.	10/25/2018 11:44 AM
32	no comment	10/25/2018 11:25 AM
33	The decreased influx of new players could be the one factor that could be addressed. Secondly, I would certainly question how the players placed in the teams. Some the difference among the team players is around 1000 pints. It doesn't seem to be helpful either.	10/25/2018 11:12 AM
34	Get squash buddies to people that not certain about competing or still learning to help them get to that level	10/25/2018 11:00 AM
35	unsure	10/25/2018 10:10 AM
36	1. Run some age banded divisions like the World Masters was in 2008. 2. Have a section that doesn't carry grading points - just the glory of winning?	10/25/2018 10:01 AM
37	keep people more in the loop	10/25/2018 9:44 AM
38	Encourage players to travel. Nelson players regularly travel to ChCh tournaments, but it is very rare for the opposite to happen. Encourage J grade divisions in tournaments, creates a far more social atmosphere and gets parents involved. If numbers aren't too high, hold two day tournaments and 8 draws, so have Sunday off. Heating, make the facilities warm and comfortable.	10/25/2018 9:42 AM
39	Courtesy car to get people home after drinks	10/25/2018 9:37 AM
40	The aging been there done that. More social events mixing grades and sexes on a points system. This is also abetter way to introduce new players to the club members and the sport..	10/25/2018 9:25 AM
41	No comment	10/25/2018 9:20 AM
42	Flexibility in game times. People seem hard pressed to commit to anything these days so maybe facilitate people playing games vs selected competetors at anytime through the week and calling in score. Pizza and beer/wine for lower grades while they watch a upper grade member they have been tagged to on registration??	10/25/2018 9:14 AM

43	It is a cliché but people are just too busy- I play both our local tournaments and like to play a few others but with work family and life it just is too hard. Again if squash is a major part of your life you make it happen.	10/25/2018 9:11 AM
44	Tough one as on the whole tournaments are run so well. A drawcard is prize-money. When we heard a Wellington tourney had \$200 winners each division our kids were that much keener. Where does this money come from and is it correct motivation however?	10/25/2018 9:01 AM
45	promote all tournaments	10/25/2018 8:05 AM
46	Be more friendly male an effort to get to know your opponent.	10/25/2018 7:20 AM
47	Encourage van loads to travel away as groups to tournaments. Maybe find a sponsor for free van hire. Good accommodation rates? More celebration of the game. Food supplied from the hosting club. Create a Canterbury tournament circuit - supporting all the club opens.	10/25/2018 7:17 AM
48	Increased awareness through fliers advertising	10/25/2018 7:15 AM
49	Unsure	10/25/2018 7:14 AM
50	Shorter versions to complete in a day with a bouncy ball to make it more enjoyable and playable for a wider range of people. People need to see more top level squash and link with how to access it easily on a flexible instant basis.	10/25/2018 7:14 AM
51	Inter club nights are pretty long for kids, perhaps shorter formats?	10/25/2018 7:12 AM
52	Maybe welcome packs? Probably too expensive unless we have sponsors support this	10/25/2018 6:07 AM
53	people dont always have time to spend a couple of days - spread the tournaments over a number of smaller format events leading to a final's event on a weekend. People need to have more predictability around their squash games as it is now competing directly with many entertainment options. Ofcourse still have some traditional tournaments but use the smaller ones to draw people in.	10/24/2018 11:28 PM
54	Better publicity so people are aware oof them and possibly reducing entry fee	10/24/2018 11:21 PM
55	The entry fee prohibits me from participating...\$20 used to be affordable. Also running over weekend limits other commitments which prevents some from entering.	10/24/2018 11:12 PM
56	Get back to giving prizes not just money.	10/24/2018 10:42 PM
57	??	10/24/2018 10:37 PM
58	More of a social event, maybe no Sunday games	10/24/2018 10:36 PM
59	I don't know about other players, but I have never considered myself good enough to participate. Maybe advertise what level player they are open to.	10/24/2018 10:35 PM
60	More frequent, maybe some more 8-draw instead of 16-draw, Friday-Saturday tournaments instead of ones that take the whole weekend	10/24/2018 10:35 PM
61	shorter tournaments (8 draw, with exception of major chch tournaments), advertising the entries/advertising having a limited amount of spaces.	10/23/2018 8:57 AM
62	The most successful tournaments are those in remote places where most players are away from home and stay around the club hosting usually having some sort of social evening on the Saturday night. We need to find a way of involving people socially more so as to make a pleasant environment at our tournaments.	10/23/2018 8:54 AM
63	I'm guessing for younger players a big incentive to play is the prize at the end if they win. Better sponsorship if that's possible	10/23/2018 7:15 AM
64	Having a mix of tournaments types. Our tournaments are suited to players who are prepared/are able to give up most of a weekend to a tournament. Maybe some more local type tournaments could be held that are spread over 2 to 3 weeks culminating in a finals that occur on for example one Saturday afternoon. Preliminary games could also be held at more than one venue.	10/22/2018 11:46 PM
65	To encourage more players from other towns and district limit the tournaments to only 1 or 2 days if possible. Have some more small prizes available for participating.	10/22/2018 11:07 PM
66	Dont know Stop using 2 different types of balls. Have refs who know the rules.	10/22/2018 10:38 PM
67	Encourage social side of squash that's what attracted me to it.	10/22/2018 9:56 PM

68	Tournaments are more fun when the grades are even. If you get a good amount of lower grades that gives a good base for the higher divs. Lower graded players are often reluctant to play tournaments as they are likely to come up against juniors using tournaments to gain points. Tournaments are a quick way to lose a lot of points and require a big time commitment. I wonder if having tournaments in graded bands E, D, C, B The R18 women's tournament was a big success.	10/22/2018 7:31 PM
69	Need to attract the younger crowds more. Ideas could be nice venues, social events attached	10/22/2018 3:03 PM
70	More 18+ Ladies tournaments Bring back the C & Below Graded Tournaments Have two clubs combine to hold a tournament More Masters tournaments. Although these tournaments may draw small numbers for starters it will increase when they hear have much fun they are.	10/22/2018 10:31 AM
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72	keep the juniors separate from the masters and seniors where possible	10/21/2018 7:55 PM
73	make entry fees cheaper, spread tournaments out more which allows for older players to recover, or have more tournaments in clubs like Hoon Hay	10/21/2018 6:43 PM
74	Could run some fun multi sport tournaments giving those playing the other sports a chance to discover squash ie players would have to compete in squash, basketball and touch for example	10/21/2018 12:13 PM
75	8 Draws a good, no games Sunday, otherwise takes up whole weekend. Better planning so less overlap of events.	10/21/2018 10:08 AM
76	Sponsorship for advertising and potentially prizes. I used to like to the 16 draw system with the potential if 4 games and over the whole weekend, not starting during the week to finish Saturday.	10/21/2018 7:57 AM
77	More age group tournaments, Masters etc	10/20/2018 3:23 PM
78	wider abilities	10/20/2018 2:58 PM
79	Reduce cost will that work, make some part of event non competitive, include doubles section, reorganize tournament setup	10/20/2018 1:09 PM
80	Don't know the answer to this	10/20/2018 12:12 PM
81	Don't know	10/20/2018 11:56 AM
82	I just need to know in advance when they r on. A tournaenrts email alert a month before a torunaenr wpuld be rrat, but not for all of them! I dont need to hear about junior ones. But burnside ones senior admaster ones. Perhaps on the webate we cud choose which categoies we wat to haveemailed to us. As thenewsletters have alot of stuff to read to fjnd the tournaets coming up bit. We need the info in the title of an email diret to us for the tournaments we choose to look out for. Ad someyears i am just too busy. Thursday to Saturday is best for me. Sat/sun is too much.	10/20/2018 10:22 AM
83	I think this also comes down to awareness. It would be great if on isquash when you logged in that upcoming tournaments in the South Island were more obviously displayed.	10/20/2018 9:45 AM
84	See above.	10/20/2018 9:38 AM
85	Not sure	10/20/2018 9:19 AM
86	Atmosphere, social setting. Essentially re iterating my previous answers. Everytime I travel to a tournament outside of Christchurch I have an awesome time. It's very social and in a certain sense the social side of things is far superior to the squash.	10/20/2018 9:13 AM
87	Run over 2 days. With a social event on the Saturday night	10/20/2018 9:07 AM
88	Make separate groups for beginners intermediate etc players	10/20/2018 8:55 AM
89	The problem is a lack of events esp in 2nd half of the season. During April-June tournaments were so full that they were closing off early and people missed out. The question is out of touch with reality.	10/20/2018 8:44 AM
90	Increase the prize money given for participation across all of the three tournaments.	10/20/2018 8:24 AM
91	not sure sorry - more media advertising about them?	10/20/2018 8:21 AM
92	Market the youth	10/20/2018 8:11 AM

93	Reduce the time commitment of a tournament. ie, friday night - Sat only. People are time poor and need a day of their weekend for leisure. Local tournaments can be run over several weeks, ie, every Monday night for 4 weeks. Be flexible and creative with tournaments. Players are chasing point and game to improve, but this is only a fraction of players in the game. Others just want regular interclub. Reduce the entry fees. \$40 for an average player is alot to be gifting to the Open winner. Most people are playing for games, to meet new people and points, not prizes. Try a few \$10 tournaments....	10/20/2018 8:11 AM
94	For the non super competitive group have a more fun / social tournament aimed at them linked back to maybe an adult coaching programme	10/20/2018 8:00 AM
95	Perhaps have some fun tournaments adults play with old style racquet Shorten to condense to finish on Saturday	10/20/2018 7:48 AM
96	More activities	10/20/2018 7:29 AM
97	Tournaments are long. They take up three days. They require travel. I for one haven't got a spare three days lying around unless I plan in a tournament. I think many families are possibly in more complicated situations as they have multiple kids wanting to do many sports and many tournaments. Is there too many tournaments? Are people suffering from Torunament fatigue. Could tournaments be midweek. The midweek thing is the biggest appeal to squash for me.	10/19/2018 9:32 AM
98	Timing.	10/19/2018 9:30 AM
99	More sponsors should be encouraged so that price money is available	10/18/2018 9:08 PM
100	Have a fun grade without points over just one day and have posters up at clubs	10/18/2018 6:08 PM
101	get an age group between juniors and masters	10/18/2018 2:41 PM
102	Function on the Friday or Saturday	10/18/2018 12:26 PM
103	I have helped out at a few tournaments where I saw people bringing in take away food, as fast carbs were not available. Clubs need to have quick food readily available. A lot of people were disappointed with the lack of choice. Perhaps get people to bring a plate	10/17/2018 11:35 PM
104	Ensure that environment is friendly, welcoming, reasonable prizes are given and cost efficient food is available for travelling players. Being aware of travel times for out of town players. Consider reducing entry fees and reducing prize money so more affordable. Costly to pay entry fee, accommodation and travel say for a family of 3-4.	10/16/2018 8:40 PM
105	For people travelling to competitions maybe getting bulk accommodation rates. The tournaments we have entered have been awesome.	10/16/2018 5:26 PM
106	n/a	10/16/2018 4:01 PM
107	I have seen an increase in players playing in the junior tournaments. More junior tournaments would be good.	10/16/2018 2:28 PM
108	Advertising in schools local papers don't rely on emails to junior members guardians. Needs to be the members themselves. Mid day starts /finishes for out of town events to allow for travel and less accommodation	10/16/2018 2:13 PM
109	I suggest a bonus 20 points should be awarded to players who enter tournaments and complete all their three or four games. This offsets some of the disappointment of losing all your games or gives a bonus if you win all of them. Older players are often reluctant to play up and coming juniors who are on a rapid trajectory and can lose huge amounts of points to them.	10/14/2018 9:23 PM
110	?	10/14/2018 12:38 PM
111	bigger prizes, fun games nights, dinner, celebrity, have something to do or watch after the dinner, raffles, chocolate wheel.	10/14/2018 10:28 AM
112	Part of the problem here is the general ageing of squash players, so playing in tournaments is hard on the older body. Also some of the older players get disheartened when they turn up to play and their opponents are much younger. The Selection of the ball also has an effect with inter club players. Suggestions, offer a masters grade within the tournaments. Use the same ball for tournaments that is used in inter club	10/12/2018 7:46 PM
113	Advertise more Use social media. Maybe try playing tournaments during the week rather than the weekends.	10/12/2018 11:04 AM

114	Provide food Have more players in the tournament so all levels of ability have people to play against	10/12/2018 8:01 AM
115	No thoughts on this one	10/11/2018 9:38 PM
116	The recent Kaikoura 2100 was so relaxed and the hospitality was very welcoming. Maybe it was a result of so many players from christchurch making the trip up but it was quite a social weekend for both the players and parents. Perhaps tournaments need to be more relaxed? Time in this day and age is possibly becoming an issue with many other pressures on families are tournament formats right? This years 2100's were better with the different divisions split morning and afternoon whic has meant we have only been out for. Morning or afternoon and not been out all day.	10/11/2018 7:56 PM
117	Shorter formats	10/11/2018 9:15 AM
118	Make them more social and friendly and have good food like Kaikoura do ☺	10/10/2018 8:02 PM
119	Not having to ref your game	10/10/2018 6:41 PM
120	try more doubles tournaments, these are more sucessful in our tennis community as we are all getting older but still want to be active lts so much fun.	10/10/2018 2:37 PM
121	Let some of the people who are watching have a hit with them.	10/10/2018 9:24 AM
122	Video,audio ref componentcy to build confidence of calls against angry players! &there emojis	10/10/2018 7:01 AM
123	Perhaps stage some tournaments over two weekends so its not so time demanding	10/10/2018 6:59 AM
124	Make tournaments more special, introduce satellites and attract better players whilst giving young and improving players pathways to become professionals. Additionally better advertisement from club organisers	10/10/2018 5:20 AM
125	I don't know	10/9/2018 8:13 PM
126	Perhaps a regional handicap to reflect the grading of the players, for example I think Christchurch Female players are graded higher than Nelson, therefor it may be hard to get players from Chch traveling to Nelson to compete as the grading differential means a large point loss if you win.	10/9/2018 8:01 PM
127	Age appropriate regardless of skill as kids mind sets are what they are. Some kids feel when they lose they should give in and give up when playing older kids ie teens	10/9/2018 7:25 PM
128	offer great prizes	10/9/2018 7:18 PM
129	Increase prizes, increase player pools	10/9/2018 7:14 PM
130	the main problem is time	10/9/2018 6:13 PM
131	I don't know any answer to that one. In the past the tournaments I participated were fine. Again, social patterns are changing.	10/9/2018 3:48 PM
132	Have consistent rules around ball selection throughout NZ - I am a B1 and won't play in ChCh tournaments because I don't want to play with a blue dot - we are senior players not beginners! I also won't play in tournaments that only go to 11 - I am not an elite A grade player - as a female our rallies are not that long that we need to only play to 11. When you make the effort to put aside a weekend to play in a tournament you need to know you are going to get three good games. Ensure tournaments don't start before 9AM especially for those travelling. Keep costs down - \$40 entry fees are getting too expensive.	10/9/2018 3:37 PM
133	More Sponsorship with help from Squash Canterbury and Squash NZ plus local firms. Extend the net to gather more companies. Keep entry fees to \$30 or so.	10/9/2018 2:45 PM
134	Have some beginners tournaments! You arnt going to increase pro numbers unless they start somewhere	10/9/2018 1:55 PM
135	Not sure, i have only particiapted in a couple of tournaments.	10/9/2018 1:34 PM
136	Sponsorhip - a coordinated approach to ensure more attractive prize pool. Think big - all entrants to Canterbury events for a certain period go in the draw for a trip to?? Run a division for doubles within a singles competition. Include a novice (ungraded)division for beginners.	10/9/2018 1:05 PM

137	Have more tournaments for masters. Some masters aren't playing because they don't want to lose points to juniors looking to harvest points. Regrade those juniors quicker as they progress. 3 games over 3 days. 2 games on Saturday is hard for masters players. Emphasise the social side, encourage out people from out of town. Bring in top players, play for air fares and billet them to increase the competition.	10/9/2018 12:35 PM
138	Maybe try new format or scoring. People don't have a lot of spare to time these days. 20/20 cricket and Rugby 7's style fun and fast seems to work	10/9/2018 12:33 PM
139	games on time we can't have games running 1 hour late its silly	10/9/2018 12:27 PM
140	wider advertising, better explanation of how it works i.e. show that you will be playing similar ability players. give more idea of how long it may take (pretty tough) so people might realise it doesn't have to take up whole day/weekend	10/9/2018 12:21 PM
141	The junior tournaments are working really well because it's becoming very social and family oriented.	10/9/2018 12:14 PM
142	Streamline them so that they dont take a whole weekend	10/9/2018 12:11 PM
143	Better advertising, lower entry fees, different times during the week	10/9/2018 12:11 PM
144	More marketing	10/9/2018 12:09 PM
145	Many has gone elsewhere , no thanks to what's offered	10/9/2018 12:05 PM
146	Not much. If you get more members, you'll get more people doing tournaments. Make squash cool again	10/9/2018 11:55 AM
147	I think more people are slowly giving up squash due to other commitments and injuries. But there are not enough new players coming through to replace the people leaving. Maybe if the entrie fees are lower then more may also enter? Then it is nice when you win to get some prizes. It a catch 22.	10/9/2018 11:51 AM
148	by making them more social the most patronised and enjoyed tournaments are places like Greymouth, Hokatika, Kaikoura where they have a social event on the Saturday night, live music helps as well.	10/9/2018 11:48 AM
149	1. Make them 8 draws 2. Finish Saturday 3. Make the facilities something people want to come to	10/9/2018 11:43 AM
150	Have not been to one	10/9/2018 11:43 AM
151	Follow NZ Squash and make the top division play to 11 and use double yellow balm then make other divisions more social	10/9/2018 11:41 AM
152	Have non-graded competitions especially designed for beginners through to Juniors who just want to start off. Taylor made to match off players evenly so in turn improves confidence.	10/9/2018 11:35 AM
153	Shorter time frame and cater for different grades	10/9/2018 11:28 AM
154	mid week competitions finishing on Friday night rather than full weekends. Competitions that run over two weekends - ?	10/9/2018 11:28 AM
155	have less events but better spread reduce supply increase demand	10/8/2018 1:17 PM
156	More prize money	10/8/2018 9:51 AM
157	Women - 8 draws, 3 games. Clubs working together more - offer two host clubs for bigger tournaments so games are not starting late i.e 10pm /11pm.	10/8/2018 9:46 AM
158	just testing	10/5/2018 3:21 PM