

#### **Article 4. Player On-Site Offences**

On-site refers to any official tournament area. This includes but is not limited to the tournament venue including on-court, the tournament hotel, tournament functions, tournament transport, tournament media conferences and tournament ceremonies.

##### **A. Non-Appearance (No Show)\***

This is also known as a 'no show'. If a player enters a tournament and fails to withdraw or inform PSA of his/her withdrawal, or if they withdraw within one hour of the draw or after the commencement of the tournament, the player will be issued with a spot fine, in way of an immediate suspension from all PSA Tour tournaments for 45 days. A player 'no show' will incur a disciplinary zero score and the tournament will count as played towards their PSA World Ranking.

PSA reserve the right to waive this action in exceptional circumstances including but not limited to *Involuntary Initiated Withdrawal (Medical)* on-site and/or in conjunction with section E. *Repeal of Withdrawal Penalties & Fines*.

Any additional singular *Player Commitment and Entry Offence or Non-Appearance violation* within this code will be penalised in accordance with *Aggravated Behaviour*.

##### **B. Punctuality**

Any player not ready to play within 15 minutes after their match is called shall be fined up to a maximum £250 GBP. Where the lead referee allows a discretionary relaxation of this time limit, the penalty may be waived.

Where a referee defaults the player from a set match time that player scores zero points towards their PSA World Ranking and the tournament counts as played. For a second offence in any 12-month period, the player shall be fined up to a maximum £500 GBP.

##### **C. Dress and Equipment**

###### **On-Court\***

All players must dress and present themselves for play in a professional manner and abide by the rules set forth within section 6.4 *Clothing Regulations*. This includes, but is not limited to, clean and customarily acceptable squash attire, eye guards for players aged U19 and distinctly different coloured clothing.

Any player who violates this section will face a spot fine of up to £250 GBP and will be ordered by the match referee, promoter or PSA official to change their attire or equipment immediately. In addition, in any tournament, refusal to change may result in immediate default. In this tournament, the player scores zero points towards their PSA World Ranking and the tournament counts as played.

###### **Off-Court**

All players must dress and present themselves in a professional manner when off-court in tournament areas and abide by the rules set forth within section 6.4 *Clothing Regulations*. Tournament areas include, but are not limited to the tournament venue, tournament hotel and tournament functions. Players attending tournament functions must adhere to any dress-code set forth by the tournament promoter.

Any player who violates this section will face a spot fine of up to £250 GBP.

For a second offence in any 12-month period, the player shall be fined up to a maximum £500 GBP.

##### **D. Leaving Court\***

A player shall not open the court door or leave the court during a match without the permission of the referee. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a spot fine of up to a maximum £250 GBP. In addition, the player may be defaulted thus leading to zero points towards PSA World Ranking.

For a second offence in any 12-month period, the player shall be fined up to a maximum £500 GBP.

#### E. Best Efforts

A player shall use their best efforts to win a match when competing in a tour-sanctioned tournament. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine of up to a maximum £1,000 GBP, up to a 6-month membership suspension and/or zero points towards a player's PSA World Ranking.

For a second offence in any 12-month period, the player shall be fined up to a maximum £2,000 GBP.

#### F. Failure to Complete Match

A player must complete a match in progress unless they are reasonably unable to do so. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £1,500 GBP, up to a 3-month suspension and/or zero points towards their PSA World Ranking.

#### G. Media Conference

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player must attend the post-match media conference organised immediately or within 15 minutes after conclusion of each match whether the player was the winner or loser, unless such time is extended by the tournament promoter for a good cause.

Players will be required to make themselves available for TV interviews whilst at the tournament by PSA's media partners. In the event that a player fails to make themselves available at the appropriate time the player will be in breach of this section of the PSA Code of Conduct.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £750 GBP.

For a second offence in any 12-month period the fine shall be up to a maximum of £1,000 GBP.

#### H. Ceremonies

A player participating in the finals of a tournament must attend and participate in the finals' ceremonies after the match unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to a maximum of £750 GBP.

For a second offence in any 12-month period, the fine shall be up to a maximum of £1,000 GBP.

#### I. Audible Obscenity

Players shall not use an audible obscenity within the precinct of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £1,500 GBP for each violation.

For the purpose of this rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the Referee or spectators.

#### J. Visible Obscenity

Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £1,500 GBP for each violation.

For the purpose of this rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his hands and/or racket or ball that commonly have an obscene meaning or import to reasonable people.

#### K. Abuse of Ball

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger, hit, kick or throw a squash ball within the precincts of the tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to a maximum of £150 GBP for each violation.

For the purpose of this rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting/throwing a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

For a second offence in any 12-month period the fine shall be up to a maximum of £300 GBP.

#### L. Abuse of Racket or Equipment

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a racket within the precincts of the tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match/warm up. Violation of this section will result in a code of conduct breach and players will be subject to a maximum fine of £500.

For the purpose of this rule, abuse of rackets or equipment is defined as intentionally, dangerously and violently destroying or damaging a racket or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the court during a match out of anger or frustration.

#### M. Verbal Abuse

Players shall not at any time, verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to a maximum of £1,000 GBP with the possibility of suspension of the player for up to 12 months.

For the purpose of this rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty, is derogatory, is insulting or is otherwise abusive.

#### N. Physical Abuse

Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to a maximum of £1,000 GBP and the possibility of suspension of up to 12 months.

For the purpose of this rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of an official, opponent, and spectator or other person.

#### O. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £1,000 GBP and the possible suspension of the player for up to 12 months.

For the purpose of this rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport but that does not fall within the prohibition of any specific on-site offence contained herein.

In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement having or designed to have an effect

prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament and/or the officiating thereof and shall include failure to complete all promotional activities associated with the player commitments (see section 5 *Player Commitments*).

#### P. Dangerous Play

Players shall not at any time engage in any play or action which may or which actually does result in an injury to the opposition player through unnecessary or avoidable contact. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a maximum of £1,000 GBP and the possibility of suspension of up to 12 months.

For the purpose of this rule, dangerous play includes physical movements which impede the opposition player's free movement around the court and ability to have to an unrestricted attempt to play the ball for fear of heavy contact and or injury.

#### Q. Deliberate Distraction

Players must not deliberately distract an opposition player whilst a match is in progress. Violation of this section will result in a code of conduct breach and players will be subject to a maximum fine of £500.

For the purpose of this rule, a deliberate distraction is defined as an intentional and or aggressive action, including but not limited to shouting, making gestures and dropping of the racquet with the intention to distract the opposition player during the match.

#### R. Defaults\*

A player may be defaulted by any PSA tournament promoter, official lead referee, PSA Chief Executive, PSA Chief Operating Officer or PSA Head of Operations for any violation of this code. If a player appeals such default, then either the PSA Chief Executive, PSA Chief Operating Officer or PSA Tour Director may overrule such decision if either is available within 15 minutes of the default. Where the PSA representatives identified are not available within 15 minutes, the official lead referee is permitted to make the final decision regarding the default. The final decision with regard to the default shall not be able to be appealed.

Any player who is defaulted as herein provided may be fined up to £1,000 GBP in addition to any or all other fines levied with respect to the offending incident.

The player involved, however, may still appeal to the PSA board after the tournament.

#### S. Cumulative On-Site Offences

If any player has received fines for two or more offences within a three-year period totalling more than £1,000 GBP, the association have the power to levy a further fine of up to £500 GBP for the further offence such fine to be in addition to the fine that is appropriate for the breach of that further offence.

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If any player has received fines for two or more offences within a three-year period totalling more than £2,000 GBP, the association have the power to levy a further fine of up to a maximum of £1,500 GBP for the further offence such fine to be in addition to the fine that is appropriate for the breach of that further offence.

#### T. Accommodation

The good name of squash and the competitive preparation of players should not be compromised by boorish, rowdy behaviour in hotels and abuse of hospitality in billets. Hotel or billet accommodation that is provided to a player is discretionary. Should the player breach any PSA Code of Conduct in respect of the accommodation provided to them the PSA have the discretion to disallow a player from residing in hotel and billet accommodation either for a fixed term or permanently.

A player must officially check out of the hotel when involved in a tournament and must pay their room bill (if applicable) and their own hotel extras (i.e. phone, drinks, food etc.).

The player will be liable for a fine up to £500 GBP for the failure to settle a room account. They will be liable for a fine up to £250 GBP if they should leave the hotel without paying all other outstanding expenses incurred (i.e. phone, drinks etc.). Should the player leave without checking out or informing the promoter of their departure, the PSA authorise the promoter to withdraw from any prize money owed for the cost of the room plus any/all outstanding expenses.

Should a player fail to send the information requested by a promoter or PSA within two weeks of the closing date (or alternative deadline specified by the tournament promoter), the player will lose their right to the accommodation bonus being offered.

Should a player commit a second offence in any 12 months in respect of this section of the PSA Code of Conduct the player may be suspended for up to 6 months and will have to show cause why their host accommodation and/or billets shall not be permanently withdrawn.

#### U. Tournament Function

The players are provided with a tournament planner and regular information concerning functions at tournaments. The player acknowledges his duty to attend official functions. Failure to attend tournament functions as specifically designated on the player information sheet will incur fines of up to £1,000 GBP and possible suspension of up to one year.

#### V. Anti-Corruption

All players must adhere to the PSA Anti-Corruption Player, Support Staff & Officials On-Site Guidelines. Any player that breaches these guidelines will be subject to a fine of up to £800 GBP.

#### W. Tournament Particulars

Players must abide by the rules set forth by each tournament and those documented within section 6.6 Tournament Particulars.

**Violation of this section shall subject a player to a maximum fine of £1,000 GBP and the possibility of suspension of up to 6 months. Article 5. Drug Offences**

All references to this article are to be made to the World Squash Federation's Anti-Doping Code, a common anti-doping policy for squash, signed in April 2004 between WSF and PSA. Due to the length of the code, it is impractical to repeat the language in the PSA Code of Conduct and members may, upon request, obtain a copy of the code from the WSF or PSA office.

#### **Article 6. Player Major Offences**

##### A. Applicability

The provision of this article shall apply to all players who commit to enter or who enter PSA Tour tournaments.

##### B. Anti-Corruption

No player shall engage in conduct contrary to the regulations set out in the PSA Anti-Corruption Code.

Violation of the PSA Anti-Corruption Code shall subject the player to the disciplinary process as outlined in Section 8 of the PSA Anti-Corruption Code.

The Anti-Corruption Tribunal shall have the discretion to impose sanctions up to life suspension from the PSA Tour, a monetary fine on the player arising out of, or in connection with the corrupt conduct and (in all cases) appropriate further options including, without limitation, PSA membership cancellation, the cancellation of sports results/events, demotion, points reduction, return of rewards, replay of fixtures (for example in cases of Match Official corruption) where risk of fraud has been established or identified, withdrawal of accreditation, exclusion from Match venues and/or official player areas, as appropriate.

#### C. Aggravated Behaviour

No player shall engage in aggravated behaviour which is defined as follows:

One incident of behaviour that is deliberate and particularly harmful to the success of the tournament or PSA or is singularly outrageous.

One incident of behaviour that is deemed to bring the sport, PSA, tournament or player into disrepute.

A series of two or more violations in this code which singularly do not constitute aggravated behaviour but when viewed together, establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or harmful to tour sanctioned tournaments, PSA or the sport of squash.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £10,000 GBP and suspension from play on the tour for a period up to three years.

#### D. Conduct Contrary to the Integrity of the Game

No player shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash. If a player is convicted of the violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment for which includes possible imprisonment, they may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash. In addition, if a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, they may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of squash and be in violation of this section.

Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to £10,000 GBP and/or suspension from play in tour sanctioned tournaments or squash tournaments for a period up to three years.