



Refereeing-its place within Squash

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Refereeing can work with you to help your players, and coaching can help refereeing

The more we understand each other and work together, the better for our sport, its players and our Olympic profile

How can refereeing attract people to:

- Dress differently to everyone else
- Be abused by spectators, parents, coaches and players, then
- Pay them nothing for their efforts





Problems for referees:



Parents
Coaches
Players
Referee position





How can Administrators help refereeing?



- Encourage grant applications
- Nominate referees for awards
- Include referees on committees
- Thank referees
- Plan and budget for referees
- Closer seating





How can coaching help refereeing?



- Stamp out poor behaviour
- Learn illness, injury and blood rules
- Don't coach during play (competitive)
- Provide only constructive criticism to referees
- Help referees with tactical knowledge
- Refrain from public criticism of referees
- Encourage parents to respect referees



Please teach your players

The rules:

- Plan to hit the ball - then move
- Don't cheat
- Thank the referee and marker
- Play the ball
- Don't exaggerate swing to "fish" for strokes
- Don't block
- Admit to poor behaviour
- Don't use the referee as an excuse for losing





Advice for referees



- Accept negative feedback without argument
- Listen - don't offer a defence
- Don't approach players or coaches immediately after a match
- Ask for advice
- Watch players practice
- Read the rules regularly



Competencies

- ❑ Know the rules, correct decisions, consistency
- ❑ Understand player movement, swing interference, a winning shot
- ❑ Demonstrate good match management, composure
- ❑ Good communication with the players





Advice for prospective and existing referees



Matches are for the players
Referees are there to assist, not control
Not noticed? Then you've done a good job!



*Remember squash is only a game
There are more important things in life
If we lose the sense of fun then it's time to
find some other enjoyable activity*



We all need to share our knowledge and experiences, because the more we understand each other, the better it is for the players and the sport

Thank you