

# **BUCS SQUASH INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**HOSTING REQUIREMENTS 2025-26** 

#### Status

The BUCS Squash Individual Championships offer a competitive platform for club level and elite players. Each year over 300 men and women compete over three days. Previous competitors have included world top 10 ranked players, though the competition format accommodates a range of players via its graded categories from A (top 16 players) to grade D (female club/novice players) and grade H (men's club/novice players).

## Format

A three-day event (Friday to Sunday) with:

Men's: A-H Grade [including plate competition for 1<sup>st</sup> round losers (Monrad for A grade)]

Women's: A-D Grade [including plate competition for 1<sup>st</sup> round losers (Monrad for A grade)]

## Dates

BUCS is seeking bids to host the BUCS Squash Individual Championships for 2025 and 2026.

It usually takes place on the first weekend in December, subject to fitting with the wider squash calendar.

#### Host Venue

The event requires a minimum of 15 courts for the first two days of competition (Friday & Saturday) and 6 or 7 courts for the finals on Sunday. A main / show court can be either glass-backed or all-glass and must have seated spectator capacity for at least 60 people.

Due to logistics of running the event and for student players and coaches to get between venues, there is a preference for 2 venues rather than 3. However, the distance and transport between venues will be a consideration.

Based on previous events, approximately 475 matches are played across the 3 days, 250 on Friday, 200 on Saturday and 25 (finals only) on Sunday. A copy of the match schedule for 2024 is available on request.

The bid should include a venue plan of the court layouts, including indications of spectator capacities for each court.

## Venue Access Times

Competition Day	№ of courts required	Competition times	Access Times
Friday	Minimum of 15	10am to 9pm	8am to 10pm
Saturday	Minimum of 15	9am to 9pm	8am to 10pm
Sunday	6/7	9:30am to 5pm	8:30am to 7pm

Access will be required to the venues on the Thursday for branding installation and registration set up.



## Timetable for Bids

Tuesday 3 December 2024	Bid Questionnaire available to complete	
5pm Friday 7 February 2025	Deadline for submission of Bid Questionnaire	
March - April 2025	Anticipated decision on host venue	
Approximately 6 months prior to the event	Event date and venue announced publicly	
Approximately 8-10 weeks prior to the event	Event Information published and Entries Open	

To see information from last year's event, please click here

All bids must be submitted via email using the bid questionnaire to <u>erin.simmonds@busc.org.uk</u> by 5pm Friday 7 February 2025.

If the applicant wishes to host for 2026-27 as well, please indicate this in your application. The opportunity to host the second year will be reviewed, by using the BUCS event evaluation matrix, after the 2025-26 event.