



MIDLANDS SQUASH UNION

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“EAT,
SLEEP,
PLAY
SQUASH”



WELCOME

Greetings, fellow squash enthusiasts! The year is young, and the courts of Pietermaritzburg are buzzing with the promise of exciting squash action. The Midlands Squash Union (MSU) is thrilled to present you with a glimpse of the upcoming events that will keep your adrenaline pumping and your racquets flying in 2024

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

We are continuing with our Development of Squash in the form of Youth Development Programs. The development roadshows are proving to be very successful and enjoyed by all ages. Dates to be confirmed and details will be sent out via email, facebook & Whatsapp.

LADDER TOURNAMENT

11, 13, 18, 20 MARCH 2024

The Midlands Ladder Tournament is a competitive ladder tournament that will be held over 2 weeks at Collegians in March 2023. This year we are looking for 16 Men and 16 ladies from 1st to the 3rd League.

REPS MEETING

19 FEB 2024

The REPS meeting was held on Monday the 19th February 2024. It was very pleasing to see that we have managed to fill up leagues from 1 to 6 and a 7th league been created to include the ladies and newer players

MASTER'S SUBSCRIPTION

Your Subscription fee for 2024 is R600 which includes the SA Masters Levy, entry into the Spring League and a Shirt (if paid before the 31 March 2024. Membership is open to anyone 35 years and older. The proof of payment and duly completed Masters form must be submitted via google docs.

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SPORTYHQ REGISTRATION

There has been an increase in SportyHQ registration fees for 2024. All players participating in any league or tournament are required to register with Squash SA at the cost of R 250.00 per annum. Most clubs have included this fee into their membership fees for the year, please check with your club first before doing an individual registration.



CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP

29 APRIL – 3 MAY 2024

The Midlands Squash Championship is a highly anticipated event, renowned for its competitive atmosphere and passionate players. As one of the major tournaments in the region, it draws participants of various skill levels, providing a platform for both seasoned players and emerging talent to showcase their skills in the different sections. This tournament is open to all Midlands players, young and old. There will be no Winter League during this week. All finals will be played at Collegians followed by the prize giving and cocktail party.

INTERTOWN

2 MARCH 2024

The first Inter Town takes place on Saturday the 2nd March in PMB and is open to all Midlands players. The second Inter Town is a Masters' event and will take place later in the year in Durban, in preparation for IPT Doubles. This is always a good measure for ours and KZN's Doubles IPT sides prior to the Tournament.

MSU SOCIAL DOUBLES

15 MARCH 2024

This was originally the Masters Social Doubles but is now been open up to all players in the Midlands region and will be held on Friday 15th March at Collegians followed by a bring and braai. This is a social tournament to encourage and provide camaraderie amongst our Midlands players of all ages.

GROWTHPOINT IPT

8-12 JULY 2024

The Growthpoint IPT takes place in Cape Town this year from **8th to 12th July 2024**. This is the highlight of our squash calendar, and we are currently putting together our best players to participate in this very competitive event.



DSIPT

6-8 SEPT 2024

The Dave Short Masters Invitational IPT is a celebration of experience, skill, and camaraderie. This tournament is specifically designed for veteran players who continue to exhibit their prowess on the squash court. It promises to be a showcase of the timeless love for the sport and the enduring spirit of competition.

Space TV has once again agreed to sponsor the 2024 DSIPT. We thank Clint for his ongoing support. The dates for the 35th Dave Short Masters IPT are from **Friday, 6th September to Sunday 8th September**. Matches will be played at various courts in Pietermaritzburg and all 3 functions will be held at Collegians, ending with the ever-popular braai on the Sunday. More details to follow.

WINTER LEAGUE

16 APRIL – 17 SEPTEMBER 2024

Cut Right Kitchens has once again agreed to sponsor Midlands Squash for 2024. We would like to thank Denis Harel from Cut Right Kitchens for his continued support of the Midlands Squash fraternity. Matches are usually played on a home and away basis, with teams taking turns to host matches at their respective venues. The prizegiving will be held on the 20 September and hosted by the 2023 club of the year, Collegians.

The hosting policy is not compulsory however, please be courteous and notify your opposition in advance if you are not hosting

It is compulsory that Juniors wear protective eye wear for all matches. This is a Squash SA rule. Results will be entered on SportyHQ and all players are encouraged to sign up to track results, logs and rankings. You can sign up by going onto the SportyHQ website www.sportyhq.com

The Men's 1st league teams playing their final fixture at one venue, Collegians, is becoming extremely successful every year. We will be doing the same this year. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more info.



MASTERS IPT SINGLES

23-27 MAY 2024

This is being held in Port Elizabeth and is open to Masters Members only. There will be no age groups this year – seeding only

MSU SPRING LEAGUE

7 October – 25 November 2024

This was originally a Masters League but is now been open to all players in the Midlands region and will be held every Monday from 7 October to the 25 November 2024 at Collegians Club This is a doubles only tournament and entries will be limited. Enter early to avoid disappointment.

MASTERS IPT DOUBLES

7-9 NOVEMBER 2024

2024 will see us travelling to Cape Town from the 8-10 November. We will keep you updated on this tournament news once we receive it.

MSU GOLF DAY

24 MAY 2024

Our annual Golf Day fundraiser will be held on **Friday the 24 May 2024** at the Maritzburg Golf Club.

The monies raised from this event, in addition to the monies raised from other fund-raising efforts during the year, are important to support the MSU's financial commitments and to grow the game of squash in the Midlands.

We have spots available for hole sponsorships at a cost of R300, R600 and R800. Your company will be able to set up branding at the area that you have been assigned to.

The cost to participate is R1400 per team, which includes green fees and an on-the-go lunch. We will also be running a raffle during the day, with prizes donated by local businesses.

We hope that you will join us for this fun and important event. To register as a team or to book a hole for sponsorship, please contact anyone of the numbers on the attached poster.

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Stay Connected:

- Visit the MSU website (<https://www.midlandssquash.co.za/>) for detailed information and registration links.
- Follow us on Facebook (@MidlandsSquashUnion) for updates, photos, and behind-the-scenes action.
- Join the MSU WhatsApp group for quick announcements and a vibrant community of squash lovers.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DjnNYKM0CqhLVRAo8n8nCS>

CONCLUSION

The MSU is committed to providing a diverse range of events for all ages and abilities. Whether you're a seasoned competitor or a curious newcomer, there's something for you on the Pietermaritzburg squash scene. So, grab your racquet, step onto the court, and experience the thrill of the game!

Remember, the journey to victory starts with the first swing of your racquet. We'll see you on the courts!

Onwards and upwards, Midlands Squash Union