

Maidstone Squash Club – Scoring Guidelines



A match is normally the best of 5 games, but may be the best of 3 games.

Point-a-rally scoring to 11 (11 PAR or American)

Each rally starts with a serve, and the players then return the ball alternately until the rally ends.

Play must be continuous as far as is practical.

The winner of a rally scores 1 point and serves to begin the next rally.

Each game is played to 11 points, except that if the score reaches 10-all, the game continues until one player leads by 2 points.

Point-a-rally scoring to 15 (15 PAR or American)

The winner of a rally scores 1 point and serves to begin the next rally.

Each game is played to 15 points, except that if the score reaches 14-all, the game continues until one player leads by 2 points.

Hand-in/hand-out scoring (English)

The server, on winning a rally, scores a point; the receiver, on winning a rally, becomes the server without a change of score.

Each game is played to 9 points, except that if the score reaches 8-all, the receiver chooses, before the next service, to continue that game either to 9 (known as "Set 1") or to 10 (known as "Set 2"). The receiver must clearly indicate this choice to their opponent.

Best of Five means - whoever is first to win total 3 sets, wins.

In this case if Player 1 wins first set, match is not over yet because Player 2 can still win 3 sets (out of the remaining 4 sets) and win the match.

If Player 2 wins second set, match is still not over because Player 2 can still win the remaining 3 sets and win the match.

If Player 1 wins first 3 consecutive sets, then the other Player can possibly win max 2 sets, which is not sufficient to beat the 3 sets won by first Player.

If first 4 sets were split between two Players (each Player wins 2 sets), then the fifth set is played. Whoever wins the fifth set will be declared winner of the match.

Best of Three means - whoever is first to win total 2 sets, wins.

In this case if Player 1 wins first set, match is not over yet because Player 2 can still win the remaining 2 sets and win the match.

If Player 1 wins first 2 consecutive sets, then the other Player can possibly win max 1 set, which is not sufficient to beat the 2 sets won by Player 1.

If first 2 sets were split between two Players (each Player wins 1 set), then the third set is played. Whoever wins the third set will be declared winner of the match.

Once a match is won there can be no further scoring of points for any additional games played.