

Club Program Guide

The CSA welcomes any and all new college squash programs and encourages their growth and development. The ultimate goal is for each program to be a self-sufficient college-recognized varsity program that plays a full season of matches including participation in the end of season CSA National Team Championships. The CSA supports programs with grants as well as mentoring help by established coaches. The normal path for program development is as follows:

Emerging Teams: Colleges are encouraged to start new squash programs. Newly formed teams are invited to compete in the CSA National Team Championships in the five-person Emerging Teams Division (see [Championship Rules](#)). The CSA may waive or reduce dues and entry fees. Emerging teams are encouraged to continue to develop their programs and work towards gaining recognition as an official club program at their college or university.

Nine-Player Club Teams: Club programs may enter the nine-player divisions of the National Team Championships if they meet the requirements for selection to the tournament (see [Championship Rules](#)). Club programs must pay the CSA's annual dues and Team Championship fee each season by the specified deadline.

Matches: To be eligible for the National Team Championships, club programs must play the required minimum number of team matches (see [Championship Rules](#)). In addition, each season they must play a certain number of matches between January 1st and February 10th (see [Championship Rules](#)).

Player Eligibility: Eligibility rules are extremely complex and schools with varsity programs have compliance personnel that review player eligibility cases. In accordance with the CSA's [Eligibility rules](#), club and emerging programs may not have graduate players on their rosters.

Budget: A college squash program for emerging and club teams needs to develop a realistic and sustainable budget to support the

program.

To fund practice time, match play, coaching, travel expenses, and the CSA's annual dues and championship fees, most club programs should budget at least \$5,000.

Grants: The College Squash Association's Grant Program aims to provide both established club programs and emerging college programs with financial support to aid in their growth into strong and sustainable programs. The fund targets new development with the ultimate goal of creating self-supporting college teams that continually expose the game to new players and markets. To request a grant from the CSA, please fill out the application below;

- [CSA Grant Application](#)

Mentoring Program: Both club and emerging programs are invited to take part in the CSA Mentoring Program where an established coach is paired with a club team to provide mentoring as needed by the club at no charge. The CSA will try to match all club teams that request help with a mentor. It is up to the club team to contact and develop a relationship with the mentor coach.

Equipment: The CSA can help with equipment expenses through their corporate relationships. [Harrow Sports](#) is the official racquet sponsor for the CSA, and teams can buy racquets, bags, and team uniforms at greatly reduced prices. Dunlop balls are also available for purchase at reduced prices. Other equipment vendors also offer excellent pricing for college programs that all member teams can utilize.

Voting rights: Non-varsity programs do not have voting rights in the MCSA or WCSA.

Responsibilities: All teams that play intercollegiate matches are expected to follow all of the [rules of the CSA](#) as detailed on the CSA website.

Please contact the club program director or our Executive Administrator with questions.

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Deleted: Emerging and club programs may apply for a grant from the CSA grant fund by filling out the application. Grants are awarded based on an evaluation of a team's needs and can range from \$150-\$850. Grants can only be received two times over a five-year time span. To request a grant from the CSA, please use the form below:

COLLEGE SQUASH ASSOCIATION EMERGING/CLUB CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

The below listed criteria will be used to identify squash programs eligible for associate membership in the College Squash Association:

1. College squash team on record with their school as an official club sport
2. Club president with an underclass successor
3. Faculty advisor
4. Coach
5. Number of players
6. Potential for both men's and women's teams
7. Potential for school to make the team a varsity sport
8. Number of international courts on campus
9. International courts nearby for play
10. Budget
11. Club funding provided by school and/or fundraising by team
12. Mentor from a varsity CSA program