

The Inter County Championship (ICC) 2017/18

England Squash have created some new rules for this year:

- Girls are eligible to play in the ICC boys teams. This rule has been created to allow girls the chance to play where their county cannot raise enough players to field a team.
- Removal of the U11 Festival. The Under 11 National Championships will now be part of the main English Junior National Championships.
- ICC Junior Finals will be part of one big weekend: all hosted together at one venue.
- There will be no ranking points awarded for any county competition for the forthcoming season in order to provide equal opportunities to all junior players.
- For the full explanation and background on this decision, please read the [ICC ranking changes](#) paper (PDF). We will encourage players to represent their county and this competition should be about pride of that representation and not seen as an opportunity to collect extra ranking points.

Please visit the England Squash website for full details:

<https://www.englandsquash.com/competitions-and-events/junior/changes-to-the-junior-pathway-for-201718>

Buckinghamshire have entered the following teams in the ICC 2017/18:

U11 Boys (This is a team of 3 players)

U13 Girls (This is a team of 3 girls)

U13 Boys (this is a team of 5 players)

U15 Girls (This is a team of 5 girls)

U15 Boys (This is a team of 5 players)

U17 Girls (This is a team of 5 girls)

U17 Boys (This is a team of 5 players)

U19 Boys (This is a team of 5 players)

Eligibility to Play for Buckinghamshire in the ICC 2017/18

To represent Buckinghamshire in the ICC for the 2017/18 a player must:

- 1) Live or have been born in Buckinghamshire.
- 2) Under the required age on the final date of the ICC tournament (the 3rd weekend – Finals).
- 3) Have an in date England Squash membership.

This date is: Sunday 14th January 2018.

ICC Match Dates

(We have assumed that girls will continue to play matches on Saturday and Boys on Sunday as per the last two seasons).

- Round 1: October Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th 2017.
- Round 2: November Saturday 18th and Sunday 16th 2017.
- Finals: January Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th January 2018 (assumed boys and girls both days).

ICC Team Selection

The Coaching Team will deliberate directly after the County Closed Tournament to compile an initial order of merit for each age group that we are entering a team for in the ICC Tournament.

This Merit order will form the basis for the team order for stage 1 of the ICC Tournament (October 14th and 15th). This merit order will be influenced by:

- 1) Player availability and eligibility for the ICC age groups.
- 2) The County Closed finishing positions. Players are encouraged to enter the County Closed at the age group they will be competing in at the ICC.
- 3) Recent head to head match results in National Bronze, Silver and Gold events as well as in the Bucks (adult) League.
- 4) Coaches Knowledge.

Prior to ICC Stage 2 (November 18th and 19th), the team order will be reviewed based upon:

- 1) Head to Head match results in National Bronze, Silver and Gold events as well as in the Bucks (adult) League, post Stage 1 ICC.
- 2) Player Performance at stage 1.
- 3) Coaches Knowledge.

Prior to ICC Finals (January 13th and 14th). The team order will be reviewed based upon:

- 1) Head to Head match results in National Bronze, Silver and Gold events as well as in the Bucks (adult) League, post Stage 2 ICC.
- 2) Player Performance at stage 2.
- 3) Coaches Knowledge.