

BENEFITS OF AFFILIATION

As new personnel join Club Committees, and at the time when affiliation levies are invoiced, the question often arises as to what value clubs receive through affiliation. Below are some of the range of services provided through Squash Bay of Plenty and Squash New Zealand.

- Player access and involvement in the National Grading System – which enables players to measure their progress and matches them with players at a similar level
- Eligibility to play in tournaments around NZ (over 500 tournaments and 33 National events)
- Provision of a Tournament Schedule so clubs can advertise their tournaments and players can plan their entries
- Eligibility to play in senior and/or masters interclub competition
- Eligibility to play in District and National Teams Event – Superchamps
- Eligibility to be selected for district and national squad and representative teams – Junior, Senior and Masters teams are sent to National Events
- Coaching programmes for promising juniors. Approximately sixty juniors are selected for the Regional Squad Programme in which they receive expert group coaching and support. Top juniors are selected for National programmes.
- Refereeing programmes to support and train district and national referees.
- Provision and development of playing, coaching and refereeing resources
- All players, referees and coaches have a clear pathway to becoming a top squash representative in their areas – right through to international level.
- Employment of a CoachForce Officer (CFO) whose primary role is to encourage growth of the game at junior level and provide support to clubs and their coaches. The CFO delivers our Coach Development programmes. Our CFO is always available to clubs to assist with coach development.
- Employment of a Regional Manager (full time) who generates additional income, coordinates the interclub and Superchamps events, arranges district representative teams, manages the finances, leads policy and planning activities, administers Kiwi Squash, and deals with day to day administration.
- Sponsorship of the BOP Open enabling it to be part of the National programme for elite players.
- Sponsorship & support of other regional events including BOP Masters, BOP Junior Open, BOP Regional Graded Championships, BOP Doubles, District Eliminations.
- Coordination & promotion of the Junior 900 series. Squash BOP provides support to host clubs and arranges series sponsorship and prizes.
- Support for club tournaments.
- Access to Squash BOP and Squash NZ websites to view grading information, promote tournaments, and a wide range of other resources.
- Promotion and marketing of the game generally
- Access to Charitable trust funding – some Trusts require evidence of affiliation to a national & regional body
- Access to Sport New Zealand and other national funding used for development of the game, or for high performance programmes.



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The Board currently consists of 6 representatives from around the Bay, and they are responsible for guiding and supporting our staff to deliver our strategic outcomes. Squash BOP employs one full time manager, and one full time CFO. Volunteers support through referee management, statistician work, selecting and managing of district squads, governance through membership of the Board, and support of district activities and events.

Our annual income is approximately \$180,000 – of which approximately \$45,000 (25%) is from member affiliation levies. Squash BOP allocates its resources on a non-profit basis in line with our strategic priorities.

Affiliation Levies

In order to be affiliated, clubs must pay levies to Squash Bay of Plenty and Squash New Zealand.

Squash BOP has an annual court levy of \$450 + GST per court, plus a Grading List Levy of \$20 + GST per graded player. 60% of the levy is due by March 20, with the balance due by 20 July.

Squash New Zealand has a Senior Equivalent Member (SEM) of \$26.70 + GST, and a Grading List Levy (GLL) of \$12.75 + GST per senior, and \$5.40 + GST per junior. Contact Squash NZ for more information regarding their levies and how they are calculated and collected.

Affiliation is often seen as a cost, but it should also be regarded as an investment in the future of the game. Levies bring some direct benefits to your club and players and, in common with most sporting organisations, some funds are used for the development of our sport as a whole. While these benefits are less tangible to the average club member they are enormously important for the future growth of squash.

If you would like any further information, please contact our staff or Board members

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