POLICY

SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT SEEDING

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1. Senior Singles Events
    a. The Squash Alberta Rankings/Club Locker Ratings must be used to seed players/draws for all Squash Alberta Adult sanctioned singles squash events.
    b. Seeding will be done using the current Squash Alberta Rankings/Club Locker Ratings at the time the draws are created. (This is done automatically by the Club Locker software)
    c. There will be no randomization or drawing of seeds.
    d. Each player will be seeded in their draw based solely on their ranking/rating within their division.
    e. Unranked players must be placed in draws after all ranked players are seeded. The only exception to this is if an unranked player is known to be separated from the field and this can be supported by a national ranking and/or known and recent head-to-head results with a seeded player(s) in the draw.
    f. The top 4 seeds in a draw must be protected from unseeded players in the first round of a draw where participant entries permit. An unranked player must be seeded no higher than 5th in draw (entry numbers permitting) unless very clear/undeniable evidence is present to support a top four (4) seeding. The decision will be made solely by SA and the TD. (Example: the current Canadian Senior Open Champion may be given #1 seeding if entered in an event.)
    g. The Alberta Senior Provincial Closed will be seeded entirely based on Club Locker Ratings (with no randomization of seeds) at the time the draws are created. (This is done automatically by the Club Locker software)
        - All players are required to have a current Squash Alberta Ranking/Club Locker Rating.
        - Current ranking/rating means a player must have a minimum of three (3) matches entered into the Club Locker system within six (6) months of the event start date.

2. Junior Events
    a. In Junior Gold events, seeding will be done using the current Squash Alberta Rankings/Club Locker Ratings at the time the draws are created.
        - There will be no randomization or drawing of seeds.

- Each player will be seeded in their draw based solely on their ranking/rating within their division

b. In Junior Silver events, seeding will be done using the current Squash Alberta Rankings/Club Locker Ratings at the time the draws are created.

    - As these events are more participatory and developmental in nature, the TD may shuffle players to avoid same club to club first round matches where there is minimal impact to the overall integrity to the draw.

c. The Alberta Junior Provincial Closed will be seeded entirely based on Club Locker Ratings (with no randomization of seeds) at the time the draws are created. (This is done automatically by the Club Locker software)

    - All players entered in the main age group draws, must have a current Squash Alberta Ranking/Club Locker Rating.

    - Current ranking/rating means a player must have a minimum of three (3) matches entered into the Club Locker system within six (6) months of the event start date.