

## **SQUASH BC and Point-A-Rally (PAR) Scoring**

### **WSF moves to 'PAR' Scoring Worldwide**

The WSF Moves To 'PAR' Scoring Worldwide in one of the most radical changes in the sport in recent times. The new scoring system will take effect worldwide, across all areas of the sport, from 1st April 2009. While PAR scoring has been used on the men's professional circuit for many years – and was more recently introduced by the women's tour - 'hand-in-hand-out' scoring to nine points a game has been practiced globally by recreational players for many decades.

However, some words of caution advised that instead of making this the only available scoring system - and forcing it on all at every level - there was merit in allowing it be adopted by choice. The Management Committee of WSF worked on this and presented delegates with an amended motion allowing both scoring systems to remain side by side in the rules, and this was what was overwhelmingly voted through.

Thus from 1st April 2009, the principal scoring system for Squash will change to PAR to 11 (going to two clear points if 10-all is reached). Already used in both PSA and WISPA Tour events – and, as such, seen regularly on TV – PAR scoring will now extend to all WSF championships, and all Major Games in which squash is featured, e.g. Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Pan-American Games, World University Games, World Games, and others.

### **SQUASH BC ADOPTS Point-A-Rally (PAR) Scoring**

Squash Canada has forwarded the motion passed at the World Squash Federation meeting in October 2008 to Squash BC. This motion reads as follows:

- *Rule 2 shall record the rules of PAR to 11; effective April 1, 2009*
- *Appendix 7 shall record that as an alternative to the scoring in Rule 2 is that hand in hand out scoring to 9 and to contain those rules*
- *Appendix 7 shall also record PAR to 15*

Based on the information we have received from Squash Canada, effective April 1, 2009, Squash BC will be following our International and National Squash Federations in adopting “PAR 11” as the official scoring method for all Squash BC events including tournaments and leagues. Either of the two secondary scoring methods mentioned in Appendix 7 may also be used. Matches using any of these three scoring systems may be used for ranking purposes.

Organizers of sanctioned events prior to April 1, 2009 will have sole discretion to utilize the any of the three approved scoring systems.

## **Possible Questions on Scoring**

*\*Our Sanctioned league uses international scoring to 9, do we need to change mid-season?*

No immediate change is needed, all three scoring systems are still sanctioned.

*\*Do the results for tournaments and leagues played with international scoring still count towards my ranking?*

Yes, the results still count the same.

*\*Does this mean all play needs to be PAR 11?*

As of and prior to April 1, 2009 all play does not need to be PAR 11, international scoring to 9 is still an option for tournaments and leagues as is "PAR 15.

*\* If the scoring is not stated on an entry form or tournament information, what will be used?*

Tournament organizers will be encouraged to put the official tournament scoring system on entry forms. If unclear which method will be used, please contact the tournament organizer.