



Junior U19 
Squash Academy

JOHN CORNFORTH COACHING



"For dedicated squash players who are ready to elevate their game to the next level..."

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Devoys Squash Academy Squads Overview and Philosophy

The Devoys Squash Academy provides a structured pathway for Junior U19 players to develop and excel in their sport. The Academy will be fully managed and supervised by the **Devoys Resident Coach - John Cornforth** who will personally lead all training and coaching sessions.

Our squads cater to various skill levels, offering players the opportunity to grow both on and off the court. All Academy members will be assessed and given a Squash NZ Grade (if required) allowing them access to competitive squash activities throughout NZ. Academy members will be encouraged and supported to participate in competitive tournaments with a focus on the District Graded Eliminations Competition held in July each year.

Academy numbers are limited and written application is required for acceptance. Academy members must be full financial members of Devoys Squash & Fitness. Participation in the Academy calls for a positive commitment and attitude for players to want improve their squash game and progress to the next level. This positive attitude is a cornerstone of the Academy ensuring all parties give and receive the very best both on and off the court. Membership of the Academy should be seen as a privilege with expectations and commitment setting this group apart as our elite development group setting example to the squash community.

Below is an overview of the academy squads, their focus, and eligibility requirements:

Future Stars – J Grade

The Future Stars squad is tailored for juniors passionate about learning and improving their squash skills.

Eligibility:

- Strong interest in skill development.
- Commitment to growth and improvement.

Focus:

- Players are encouraged to participate in tournaments to challenge themselves and track their progress.
 - Competing in tournaments allows players to improve their grading and gain valuable experience.
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Development Squad – E2 to D1 Grade

The Development Squad is designed for players dedicated to advancing their squash skills.

Eligibility:

- Regular participation in tournaments.
- Commitment to continuous learning and improvement.

Focus:

- Building a strong foundation of skills while progressing steadily.
 - Players reaching a **C2 level** will be considered for promotion to the **Elite Squad**.
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Elite Squad – C2 and Above

The Elite Squad is for advanced players who have achieved a C2 grading or higher.

Expectations:

- Regular participation in coaching sessions, tournaments, and interclub competitions.
- Players serve as role models, exemplifying the academy's values of sportsmanship, respect, and dedication.

Commitment:

- Attend all major junior fixtures, representative tournaments, training camps, and challenges.
- Represent the Academy with integrity both on and off the court.

What's included in the Academy?

- **Training:**
 - Two sessions per week over 8 weeks of the school term with your squad (times to be confirmed). 16 sessions in total.
 - Sessions are 45 minutes.
- **Exclusive Benefits:**
 - Option to purchase an exclusive Academy T-shirt at cost price.
 - 10% Discount off tuition fees at Numberworks n Words, Tauranga
 - Exclusive offers and giveaways from Head
- **Tournaments:**
 - Opportunity to attend two tournaments and travel as an Academy Squad to compete with tournament guidance and coaching throughout the event by the Devoy Resident Coach – John Cornforth:
 1. **Te Puke Easter Open – 18/20 April**
 2. **BOP Junior Open, Whakatane – 26/27 July**
(Details on extra costs for accommodation will be provided closer to the dates. Fundraising initiatives will help minimize expenses.)
- **Cost**
 - **\$175 per school term** for two sessions per week for 8 weeks – 16 sessions in total
- **2025 Academy Dates – actual days and times to be confirmed**
 - Term 1 – week commencing 10 February
 - Term 2 – week commencing 5 May
 - Term 3 – week commencing 21 July
 - Term 4 – week commencing 13 October



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