MIDLANDS SQUASH UNION
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2026 Dave Short Invitational
INTERPROVINCIAL SQUASH TOURNAMENT
18-20th September 2026

NEWSLETTER 1

Dear Chairperson/Convenor

We are thrilled to announce that the highly anticipated 36th Dave Short Invitational IPT, will be held in Pietermaritzburg over the weekend of the **18th to 20th September 2026**

The tournament format will once again include a doubles section with each player enjoying 3 singles or doubles matches over the weekend, i.e. 2 on Saturday and one on Sunday morning.
Players can only enter either a singles or a doubles section but not both.

Entry Fee is R800.00 per player

Guests for functions are welcome and can be paid for separately.

Please kindly note that a decision has been taken to restrict entries to the first 180 players that enter due to limited space for the functions.

NEW AGE LIMIT
As this is an invitational tournament and a lot of keen youngsters want to be a part of this tournament, we have decided to open entries to all players from the age of 21 years and above.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES – 1 August 2026
Entry form has been attached to this newsletter. Please enter teams in order of strength and which section they will be playing in. The entry fee must be paid via EFT directly to Midlands Squash Union. Kindly note our new banking details at the end of this newsletter.

ACCOMMODATION:

We are currently negotiating a rate with The Stay Easy Hotel for accommodation. Will keep you posted.
The rooms accommodate 2 people sharing (shower en suite) and are available in either double or twin beds.
The hotel is situated on the Liberty Midlands Mall premises, with easy access to the various squash courts.

Please speak to the General Manager, Anetta Maharaj (anettam@southernsun.com) at the Stay Easy Hotel on 033-8976650 to make your reservation and mention you are booking for the Dave Short squash tournament held by Midlands Squash Union. Booking reference: Midlands Squash Tournament

Accommodation is also available at the following venues: Unfortunately we cannot bulk reserve rooms. Kindly contact these places early to book your accommodation.

Road Lodge Pietermaritzburg – Website booking for discounted rates.
Accommodation | Hayfields | City Lodge Hotel Group | City Lodge Hotel Group (clhg.com)
Corner Hesketh Drive and, New England Rd, Hayfields
Thorntree Lodge: Adams Road Tel: 033 396 3211
Ascot Inn - 210 Woodhouse Road, Scottsville, Pietermaritzburg
Duvet & Crumpets Guest House: Wembley, PMB info@duv.co.za – Contact Desray 082 894 8031

GUESTS

For catering purposes please could you also indicate on the enclosed form should you be bringing any guests to any of the functions? The cost of meals is as follows:

Friday night supper	R100-00 (Beef Bunny / Chicken Schnitzel)
Saturday night dinner	R200-00 (3 Course Meal)
Sunday Lunch	R150-00 (Braai with salads and rolls)

Please kindly pay this amount when paying your team entry fee and indicate what functions you are paying for and the name of your partner who is attending.

PLEASE NOTE: NO ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE ENTRY FEE.

BANKING DETAILS

Our banking details are as follows:

Bank:	Standard Bank
Account Number:	1024 451 8066
Branch Code:	051001
Account Name:	Midlands Squash Union
Reference:	Province Name

Entries and payments must be received by no later than the **1st August 2026**

Spread the word, gather your teams, and mark your calendars for an unforgettable experience!
Stay tuned for more updates as we approach the tournament date. Follow us on Facebook or check out our website www.midlandssquash.co.za for the latest news.

Yours in Squash

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