

# County Squash and Racketball Associations Network (CAN)

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Dear Colleague

The next England Squash Council meeting will be in Birmingham on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November. It will be followed at about 2.30pm by the CAN AGM, when it will be your opportunity to elect a committee for the year ahead.

We have had the opportunity put suggestions to England Squash on the format and content of the council meeting. One thing is certain: there will be fewer items and more time for feedback and discussion. A key request has been that England Squash share openly with Council its strategy for the sport and how it views the roles of all the stakeholders within that strategy. I am sure that when the agenda is issued you will agree that it will not be just a reporting exercise and that your county will want to send a representative.

As always, issues come to the fore and I will mention a few that you may wish to comment on to enable us to get a sense of how it affects your county.

**The first is Regional Forums.** CAN and England Squash will be contacting those whom we know are directly involved for their views, but, if you are not one of those, we would like to have your views on whether they have been useful or successful for your county. Or if your county has not been involved, are there reasons why?

**The second is funding for your county programmes.** The situation at present is that each Regional Forum may bid for up to £15000, of which £3000 may be used for "Talent" programmes and the remaining £12,000 is conditional on the use of England Squash's Apps – Squash 101, Squash Girls CAN, Squash 57 and Junior 101. I understand that if a Regional Forum has not or does not put in a bid then England Squash may consider bids from individual counties. How does all this sit with your county development programmes?

**The third relates to the junior tournament circuit** and in particular the experience of your tournament organisers and your junior players. You may know that it is currently the intention of England Squash to move to software called Club Locker. My understanding is that it is not compulsory this season for sanctioned events, but some of you may have used it. If you have, it would be good to have user feedback from players, parents and tournament organisers. If you have used different software it would be good also to have your comments.

**The fourth is the use and efficacy of the England Squash Apps** mentioned above. How widely have they been used by your clubs and coaches? How easily are they accessed and have there been any problems? How well do they fit in with your programmes?

Please send your comments by email to me or to Mike Clemson [mikeclemson6@gmail.com](mailto:mikeclemson6@gmail.com) and we will collate your response to share with England Squash.

Regards

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