



Jumbos Squash News

Vote to Fold CSA Under US Squash Corporate Umbrella will be Held *Tufts will Vote 'No'*

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Dear Friends of Tufts Squash,

This year's College Squash Association (CSA) national team championship tournaments will include an historic vote. I am writing to share my position on this issue.

At both weekends of this year's Team Championships, CSA Members will be asked to vote on a proposal to dissolve their respective organizations and fold them into one unified organization under a corporate entity sheltered by US Squash.

Men's College Squash Association and Women's College Squash Association are currently two separate organizations. And each group will need 75% of the member organizations to vote in favor of this proposal for it to be enacted. Listed at the end of this letter are the voting members of each group.

I, on behalf of Tufts University Squash, will oppose this proposal.

First, this very concept was brought up to coaches at our annual meeting this past June, and it was soundly rejected.

Coaches, instead, overwhelmingly supported a proposal introduced by Trinity College's Wendy Bartlett. We spent two days discussing how to implement the Bartlett plan. It called for an independent Board to govern the CSA and a newly created Executive

Director's position to manage day to day affairs. I supported this proposal then and remain in support of it now. The Bartlett plan modernized CSA's structure and protected its independence.

Second, I believe it is best for sports leagues and associations to have separate leadership and remain as independent as possible from governing bodies. Their interests are not always aligned, and conflicts of interest are nearly impossible to avoid. For example, the Professional Squash Association fiercely protects its independence from World Squash Federation, though the two have some shared interests.

US Squash has an important role in growing participation in the sport of squash. And they coordinate a wide variety of events and programs to that end. College Squash Association should be focused on governing the teams, players and member schools that participate in college squash.

There are many college coaches who have business relationships with US Squash. Some earn money by hosting US Squash junior tournaments or benefit by hosting junior tournaments at their college facility. Other college coaches also work for US Squash training their regional and national squads.

I would expect each and every one of these coaches to abstain from voting
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Thank you to the generous Friends of Tufts Squash who are supporting the team in the 2016-17 season.

*Jeremy Aronson (A'14)
Ann Bellinger (A'15)
Anne Bellinger (P'15)
Bellinger Family (P'15)
Bhatnagar/Garg Family (P'20)
Paige Dahlman (A'15)
Frederico Grego (A'92)
Jafry Family (P'19)
Shayan Haque (E'02, EG'05)
Dan Joseph ('88)
Elliot Kardon (A'15)
Susan Kelly (E'85)
Ron Litman (P'19)
Donald Megerle
Dorothy Meggitt (P'15, P'19)
John Morris
Jonah Peppiatt (A'08)
Geoffrey Porges, M.D. (P'19)
Raskopf Family (P'19)
Branwen Smith-King
Tirmizi Family (P'20)
Trehan Family (P'19)
Marten Vandervelde (A'08)
James Vineburgh (A'66, P'97, P'04)
Udolf Family (P'18)
Patrick Wang (A'96)
Wind Family (P'20)*

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Thank you to the Banner and Wind families for feeding the teams at recent matches.

Thank you to the Trehan, Udolf, Chiulli, and Deveaux families for hosting the players during our intersession training in Connecticut.

CSA Vote (cont.)

due to a conflict of interest. How could they possibly be expected to vote impartially knowing that their vote may impact their income or recruiting? To my knowledge, not one coach has indicated this decision publicly. And this makes me even more convinced of the need for clear separation between the two entities.

Third, I am extremely concerned with US Squash's strong arm tactics to force this vote. As I indicated above, this concept was considered at last year's annual coaches meeting. And it was rejected.

For years, there have been whispers that the current US Squash CEO has been seeking a path to push CSA under US Squash's wing. Shortly before this current squash season began (and after the June annual coaches meeting), US Squash's CEO communicated an ultimatum to the College Squash leadership. CSA had two choices, either reorganize under the umbrella of US Squash or US Squash would plan to stop all support services for CSA. US Squash is currently a vendor for College Squash. CSA pays US Squash annually for services, such as tournament management, maintaining player rankings/ratings, online recording of match results, and bookkeeping services.

And yesterday, I read a communication from the current Men's CSA President confirming discussions to have the new Executive Director be a US Squash employee.

This isn't separation. This is consolidation.

For me, the question remains: Why is US Squash playing hardball to force College Squash under its umbrella?

Finally, I have not received enough information to cast a vote to disband the groups and place them under US Squash's umbrella. I am writing this letter on Monday morning, February 13, 2017 and will be asked to vote this week to radically change the governance of college squash. As of this writing, I have no idea who the proposed Board of this new group could be. I have not seen a full set of proposed by-laws. And I have not received current CSA Executive Board Meeting Minutes indicating how they ultimately came to this decision (what other proposals were considered/rejected, what other organizations were considered/rejected, and why US Squash is the one group to manage this transition).

College Squash is growing. And this growth requires improvements in our infrastructure. However, this forced marriage with US Squash, which feels more like a 'takeover,' is not the answer. I remain in favor of the Bartlett Plan. Yet, I remain open to other options that protect CSA's independence.

This is a major moment in the history of college squash. I am hopeful that CSA's voting members will not bend so quickly to accept the most expedient option in front of them, but instead take a more deliberative approach in planning for the next 100 years.

Men's College Squash (MCSA) Voting Members

Women's College Squash (WCSA) Voting Members

75% of both MCSA and WCSA will need to vote in favor of the proposal to dissolve each group and form a new entity under the US Squash umbrella. Tufts is voting against this proposal.

1. Amherst College
2. Bard College
3. Bates College
4. Bowdoin College
5. Brown University
6. Colby College
7. Connecticut College
8. Cornell University
9. Dartmouth College
10. Dickinson College
11. Drexel University
12. Fordham University
13. Franklin and Marshall College
14. George Washington University
15. Hamilton College
16. Harvard University
17. Haverford College
18. Hobart College
19. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
20. Middlebury College
21. Naval Academy
22. Princeton University
23. St. Lawrence University
24. Trinity College
25. Tufts University
26. University of Pennsylvania
27. University of Rochester
28. University of Western Ontario
29. Vassar College
30. Wesleyan University
31. Williams College
32. Yale University

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11. Franklin and Marshall College
12. George Washington University
13. Hamilton College
14. Harvard University
15. Haverford College
16. Middlebury College
17. Mt. Holyoke College
18. Princeton University
19. St. Lawrence University
20. Stanford University
21. Trinity College
22. Tufts University
23. University of Pennsylvania
24. Vassar College
25. Wellesley College
26. Wesleyan University
27. William Smith College
28. Williams College
29. Yale University



Milestones in College Squash

Source: College Squash Association

Since its founding, college squash has had many milestones. Below are some of its notable events:

- 1931: The Intercollegiate Squash Racquets Association, later known as the National Intercollegiate Squash Racquets Association (NISRA), is founded. This association eventually becomes the Men's College Squash Association.
- 1932: The first men's intercollegiate singles tournament is held. Beekman Pool (Harvard University) wins the tournament. His father, Eugene, donates the Pool Trophy.
- 1942: By winning the regular season, Princeton University captures the first men's national team title.
- 1956: Men's intercollegiate squash adds a team component to its individual tournament, establishing the Four-Man Trophy.
- 1957: The United States Naval Academy becomes the first non-Ivy League school to capture the men's team title.
- 1965: The first women's intercollegiate singles championship is held at Wellesley College. Katherine Allabough of Vassar wins the inaugural event.
- 1970: Princeton University coach Betty Howe Constable, Vassar coach Betty Richey, and University of Pennsylvania coach Ann Wetzel organize the United States Women's Intercollegiate Squash Racquets Association (USWISRA), later known as the Women's Intercollegiate Squash Association (WISA). The Association eventually becomes the Women's College Squash Association.
- 1973: Princeton University wins the inaugural women's national intercollegiate team tournament (Howe Cup).
- 1980: Gail Ramsay, a Pennsylvania State University student, wins her fourth consecutive intercollegiate singles title. She is the first college player, man or woman, to win four singles titles.
- 1989: Men's college squash establishes a team tournament to decide the national title.
- 1993: Women's squash changes from the hardball to the softball.
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- 1994: Women's squash changes its scoring methods from point-a-rally to 15 to nine-point international scoring. In addition, they add referees for their dual matches.
- 1996: Men add referees for their dual matches.
- 2001: Men's college squash changes its scoring methods from point-a-rally to 15 to nine-point international scoring.
- 2002: The National Intercollegiate Squash Racquets Association (NISRA) and the Women's Intercollegiate Squash Association partner to form the College Squash Association. Men's and Women's college squash continue to operate independent of one another.
- 2002: Trinity College becomes the first non-Ivy League school to capture the women's team championship.
- 2006: Yasser El-Halaby (Princeton University) becomes the first men's player to win four consecutive intercollegiate singles titles.
- 2009: Men's and Women's college squash adopts Point-A-Rally scoring to 11 points.
- 2012: Trinity's 252 match winning streak, the longest winning streak in the history of varsity intercollegiate sports in the United States, ends.