

# WSF COURT VIEWING CATEGORIES

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The WSF Accredits courts in four viewing categories: Club Courts 'CL', Competition Courts with a glass back wall 'CO', Championship Courts 'CH' with more than one glass wall and Stadium Courts 'ST' all-glass show courts that are adjustable for doubles play. *Full details are shown in Appendix 1 below and summarized in Appendix 2.*

- Any Club or other venue wishing to host competitive play will need to ascertain the level of Spectator facilities that will be necessary and comply with all the relevant requirements identified in the Appendices.
- Any Court manufacturer wishing to apply for WSF Accreditation must state the Category under which they wish to be listed and comply with all the relevant requirements identified in the Appendices.
- Accreditation for CH and ST categories can only be accepted on the basis of Complete Court Accreditation (see below).
- All courts must comply with the general requirements of the WSF Squash Court Specification

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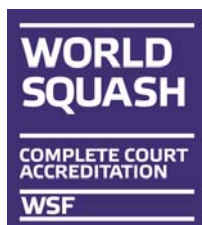
## COMPLETE COURT ACCREDITATION

Complete Court Accreditation – CCA – is offered where all the main components of the court are accredited and so the court can be assured to be of championship standard. Only new courts which are Complete Court Accredited can be considered as championship quality and thus eligible for hosting WSF World Championship, Regional, World Junior Circuit and PSA / WSA Tour events. (This specification is not applicable for courts in existence before 2013, where normal adherence to WSF specifications will apply).

CCA Companies may alternatively 'list' other new courts built that are not intended for competition use. The 'list' is not published but at a later date these courts may be upgraded to Registration via application to the WSF office.

Manufacturers wishing to apply for Complete Court Accreditation Company status undertake that all courts completed will be WSF registered or listed.

Registration page: <http://www.worldsquashcourts.org/addAccredited.aspx>



## APPENDIX 1

### **WSF CATEGORIES FOR SQUASH COURTS WITH VIEWING FACILITIES APPLICABLE FROM 1 JANUARY 2015**

There is no absolute set of standards which determine the suitability of a squash court for events viewed by fellow players, the public or a television audience. Each will require different levels of visibility and spectator friendly conditions usually determined by the level of play and associated costs.

#### **Club Courts 'CL'**

##### **General Description**

- Singles court for recreational or competitive play with limited spectator facilities.

##### **Walls**

- Glass back wall recommended but not essential with viewing behind or from gallery above, remaining walls of any suitable construction.
- Playing surface of back, front and side walls can be of any suitable finish.
- Court walls can be structural or freestanding.

##### **Floor**

- Permanent installation of any suitable material.

##### **Lighting**

- Can be fixed or suspended from the ceiling construction above.
- Recommended lighting levels to be minimum of 500 lux.

##### **Sundries**

- Fixed or adjustable height tin.
- Adjustable height tin recommended but not essential.

#### **Competition Courts 'CO'**

##### **General Description**

- Singles court for recreational or competitive play with enhanced viewing facilities and ability to stage professional competitions.

##### **Walls**

- Fixed glass back wall, front and side walls can be of any suitable construction.
- Glass walls to have surface treatment so as to maximize ball visibility for players and spectators.
- Playing surface of front and side walls can be of any suitable finish.
- Court walls can be structural or freestanding.

##### **Floor**

- Permanent installation of any suitable material.

##### **Lighting**

- Can be fixed or suspended from the ceiling construction above.
- Minimum lighting levels to be 500 lux.

##### **Sundries**

Adjustable height tin.

## **Championship Courts 'CH'**

### **General Description**

- Singles or doubles court with more than one glass wall and facilities for competitive play with enhanced viewing facilities and ability to stage professional competitions.

### **Walls**

- Glass walls, excluding rear to have their full surface treated to maximize ball visibility for players and spectators.
- Where walls are demountable it is recommended that there are replacement glass panels immediately available in the event of breakage.

### **Floor**

- Demountable or permanent installation of any suitable material.
- Floor colour to be suitable for use with a white ball.

### **Lighting**

- Needs to be partially or fully supported independent of court enclosure.
- Minimum lighting levels to be 500 lux.
- Recommended lighting levels to be 650 lux.
- If television coverage is considered likely then a minimum of 1200 lux is considered necessary.

### **Sundries**

- Adjustable height tin.
- Temperature controlled environment.

## **Stadium Court 'ST'**

### **General Description**

- As 'CH', modified as follows:

### **Walls**

- Glass side walls need to be adjustable or demountable to allow conversion between singles and doubles court. If side walls are demountable the construction detail needs to allow for dismantling and re-erection within a timescale agreed with the tournament organisers but typically shall be in the order of 6 hours.
- Freestanding 4-sided construction required.
- Front wall needs clear camera zones above the tin.

### **Floor**

- Floor markings to cater for singles or doubles play.

### **Lighting**

- Minimum lighting levels to be 650 lux or as agreed with the venue

### **Sundries**

- Adjustable height tin, including to doubles level.
- Temperature controlled environment.

## APPENDIX 2

### WSF ACCREDITATION CATEGORIES FOR SQUASH COURTS WITH VIEWING FACILITIES

	CLUB COURT CL	COMPETITION COURT CO	CHAMPIONSHIP COURT CH	STADIUM COURT ST
<b>COURT WALLS</b>				
solid back wall	●			
solid side walls	●	●		
solid front wall	●	●	●	
glass back wall	○	●	●	●
glass side walls		○	●	●
glass front wall			○	●
<b>COURT CONSTRUCTION</b>				
structural walls	●	●		
partial structural support	○	○	●	
totally freestanding			○	●
<b>COURT CONFIGURATION</b>				
singles court	●	●	●	●
doubles court		○	●	●
adjustable between singles & doubles			○	●
<b>FLOOR</b>				
permanent installation	●	●	●	○
demountable construction				●
<b>LIGHTING</b>				
ceiling mounted lighting	●	●		
fully or partially supported lighting canopy		○	●	
independently supported lighting canopy			○	●
<b>GLASS SURFACE TREATMENT</b>				
side walls		○	●	●
front wall			○	●
<b>VIEWING AREAS</b>				
Balcony	●			
back wall tiered seating	○	●	●	●
side wall tiered seating		○	●	●
front wall tiered seating			○	●
<b>SUNDRIES</b>				
height adjustable tin	○	●	●	●
front wall photography/broadcast positions			○	●

#### Key to symbols

- Required as a minimum standard
- Not required but may be considered depending on venue, type and level of play