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## Scholastic Squash Reaches New Heights

The U.S. SQUASH Scholastic Squash Program (SSP), spurred by the popularity of the U.S. Middle and High School Team Championships, is growing at a record pace this season with more schools than ever before participating in U.S. SQUASH sanctioned leagues. Teams from every major squash market, with the exception of Philadelphia, now have sanctioned school leagues, with the New England Interscholastic Squash Association leading the way with 81 total teams between the boy's and girl's divisions. Other high school leagues include Buffalo, New York City, Fairwest (CT and Westchester County) Maryland and Mid-Atlantic.

Program Director Dent Wilkens explained, "It is really in the best interest of all schools to get involved with sanctioned league play. U.S. SQUASH will be rolling out a high school ranking system in January based on matches that our entered into our system. Additionally it is these results that we will use when it comes to seeding the U.S. High School Championships in February. With over 150 teams expected this year, the more information we have in our system, the more accurate the seedings will be." Wilkens added, "The discount SSP affiliate teams receive on U.S. High School and Middle School Championship tournament registration is the same as the fee for participating in a sanctioned league, so there is certainly no fiscal reason not to be involved with the program".

The 2011 U. S High School Championships, annually the largest squash tournament in the world, will take place February 11-13, in Connecticut. The "Early Entry" registration deadline is today, Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

The 2011 U.S. Middle School Championships will take place February 4th-6<sup>th</sup>, in New Haven, CT. The "Early Entry" deadline is December 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).