Playing High School Squash at the National Tournament by John Steers Elon

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The Justi Cup honors the nation’s top high school boys’ squash team and is awarded annually at the conclusion of the National High School Championship tournament. Named after Melinda Justi of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Justi Cup began in 2005, when Ms. Justi organized and started a national tournament for high school [squash](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Squash_%28sport%29) teams. The initial tournament fielded 16 schools’ teams in one division. Today, as a testament to the sport’s growing popularity, the national tournament fields both boys’ and girls’ teams from more than 150 schools in several divisions. The Justi Cup remains the top boys’ team award, while the trophy for the nation’s best girls’ high school team is the Patterson Cup.