

## **SECTION 8 – ASIAN JUNIOR SUPER SERIES (“AJSS”)**

### **JA Rules & Regulations / Ranking System**

The Asian Junior Super Series is a sanctioned event of the Asian Squash Federation and shall be conducted according to the ASF Championship Regulations and the Rules and Regulations of the Asian Junior Super Series

The objective of the Asian Junior Squash Super Series is to string together a series of Junior Open Events in each of the ASF Member Nations in the interest of developing the game, and to produce an Asian Junior Ranking which will be used as a reference for seeding purposes in the Asian Junior Championships and events in the Super Series.

Only Junior Open events, sanctioned or organized by ASF Member National Association (MNA) and the event conducted in accordance with the published guidelines, may be accredited as an Asian Junior Super Series Event.

For the purpose of encouraging more participation in the AJSS, the MNAs in Asia will be sub-divided into two sub-regions (AJSS Appendix VI) namely the West Asia Region (Zone A) and the East Asia Region (Zone B) that players must participate in both sub-regions in order to obtain valid ranking points.

#### **JA1. Role of the ASF**

1. Granting and terminating event status.
2. Governance of the event.
3. Provide guidance to the Host Association on seeding for the event.

### **JB Guidelines to Qualify as an Asian Junior Super Series Event**

#### **JB1. Age Groups**

The Super Series will be run for juniors under the age of 19, 17, 15, 13 and 11 years and the age cut-off date will be the final scheduled day of the event. Each player can enter only ONE division in his / her age category or in a higher age category, if so desired.

Age categories may be combined due to low entry levels at the discretion of the organizer. If age categories are combined, participants will receive ranking points for the higher age category played.

#### **JB2. Entries**

The Asian Junior Super Series shall be opened to all juniors of any nationality provided the player is not banned by the Asian Squash Federation. Only entries duly endorsed by the respective MNA shall be accepted.

### **JB3. Event Registration**

Only applications (AJSS Appendix I) signed by the respective MNA and sent to the ASF Secretariat with the following registration fees four months before the commencement of the event will be considered for inclusion in the Asian Junior Super Series.

Platinum Event ----- US\$300

Gold Event ----- US\$200

Silver Event ----- US\$100

Application for event status and registration shall be sent to the ASF Secretariat four months prior to the start date of the event. ASF will only publicize the event when the registration fee is fully paid. The event organizer is not allowed to advertise with the name Asian Junior Super Series until a formal approval is issued by the ASF. Invitation for entry shall be made at least three months prior to the start date of the event.

Each MNA may host two Platinum events and/or two Gold events in any calendar year. If more than two events are qualified for the Platinum status and/or more than two events are qualified for the Gold status in a country, then the MNA of that country shall recommend to ASF the event(s) to be granted the respective status. There shall be no limit on the number of Silver events held in any country in a year.

### **JB4. Status of an Event**

An event will be granted either a Platinum, Gold or Silver status based on its previous year's record on participation with the following guidelines:

Platinum ----- 400 and above participants from at least six countries

Gold ----- 200 and above participants from at least three countries

Silver ----- Below 200 participants or any new events

Any ranked event failing to meet the above criteria will be downgraded accordingly for its next event. The status of the event will determine the ranking points awarded to the players as shown below.

Besides the above mentioned ranked events the annual Asian Junior Individual Championship (AJIC) would also be an event on the Asian Junior Super Series. The status of this Championship will be higher than the Platinum event.

### **JB5. Format**

A circuit format is recommended.

### **JB6. Match Scoring**

PAR-11 will be used. All matches will be played to the best of 5 games. World Squash Singles Rules will be applied throughout the tournament.

## **JB7. Ranking Points**

Points shall be awarded as per options as detailed in AJSS Appendix II, III and IV.

*(Points will not be awarded for draw with less than 8 players or players coming from less than two MNAs.)*

## **JC Asian Junior Ranking**

The Asian Junior Ranking will be updated every two months and uploaded on the ASF website ([www.asiansquash.org](http://www.asiansquash.org)). The ranking will be used as reference for the seeding of the Asian Junior Championships or any other event in the super series.

### **JC1. Calculation of Award Points for Ranking**

After each tournament, points will be awarded to players depending on the draw size and the status of the event - AJIC, Platinum, Gold & Silver (AJSS Appendix II, III, IV). Points will be included in the ranking calculation when the next bi-monthly update is done.

All juniors – whatever their nationality – who have participated in a tournament will be included in the Asian Junior Ranking list in their relevant age group. There are FIVE age groups each for boys and girls: U19, U17, U15, U13 & U11.

A player's average is calculated on a rolling 12-month basis. The ranking list is based on the total number of points accumulated per player in these events with at least one event held in the other sub-region in the previous 12 months, divided by 4. If a player has played more than 4 events in the previous 12 months, the best 4 results will be divided to obtain the average.

When a player has played in two age categories and moves to the higher age category following a birthday, the best 50% of results from the lower category will be transferred and the two records merged. Results from the higher age category will take precedence and will always be used to calculate the average, regardless of whether or not these results are the top four highest. Results from the lower age category will only be included in the calculation if the player has less than 4 results in the higher age category.

Any player making a late withdrawal for a tournament not supported by a medical certificate will receive zero points. Any player failing to turn up at any match during a tournament not supported by a medical certificate will be penalised and will receive zero points for the tournament. The tournament awarded zero points due to either reason will count as one of their 4 best results for the rolling 12-month period and will be taken into account when dividing the points to obtain the ranking average. If a player commits one of these offences for a second time within a 12-month period, they will be banned from the ASF Junior Super Series for a period of 12 months.

A player who has not participated in the Junior Super Series for a full 12 months from the finals day of the last event in which they competed will be removed from the ranking.

## **JD. Tournament Administration**

If required, the ASF may provide a software programme to the organizer at an agreed fee.

### **JD1. Tournament Officials**

The organizers shall submit the name of a Tournament Director (TD) and a Tournament Referee (TR) to ASF at the time of event registration for endorsement. The ASF may also assist in appointing TD/TR at the request of the organizer on agreed terms.

### **JD2. Venue**

Preferably, all age groups should be played at the same centre. When this is not possible it must be stated on the application form. The number of courts available for play must be sufficient for the appropriate running of the event without undue long intervals between matches. No more than 2 centres shall be used for conduct of the tournament.

### **JD3. Balls**

The WSF sanctioned balls shall be used.

### **JD4. Closing Date for Entries**

Entries shall be closed at least four weeks before the event, enabling the host MNA to prepare the seeding and draw. Entries submitted to the ASF must have players' date of birth and nationality. Written explanations with relevant document must be submitted to the Host and copied to ASF Office for late withdrawals after the closing date as disciplinary action may apply to such withdrawals.

### **JD5. Entry Fee**

The organizer shall mention the entry fee on the entry form.

### **JD6. Draws**

At the request of the organizers, the ASF may carry out the draw for the event. A minimum of 8 entries is required for an event to be sanctioned.

### **JD7. Accommodation**

Participants shall pay for accommodation which shall be arranged for by the organizers. The organizers are to negotiate for the best offer with a decent local hotel and announce the details on the Entry Form

### **JD8. Seeding**

The seeding will be solely carried out by the host MNA. It is recommended that the host MNA shall circulate the initial seeding to participating MNAs two weeks prior to the Start Date of the event for

their comments before finalizing. (For the AJIC, the ASF Seeding Committee will be solely responsible for all the seeding tasks and the decision of the Committee shall be final). The final seeding with detail draw and match schedule shall be announced at least one week before the Start Date of the event.

It is recommended that the Asian Junior Ranking valid at the closing date shall be used as a primary reference for seeding purpose. In addition, World Junior Ranking, PSA ranking are also recommended to be taken into consideration if appropriate. Players who opt to play in higher age categories can carry 50% of the ranking points of their own age category for seeding purpose at the discretion of the host MNA.

**JD9. Prize Money**

Prize money may be awarded to players at each of the Junior Opens at the discretion of the organizer.

**JD10. Event Report**

Within a week of the conclusion of a Championship the host MNA is required to submit the final placing of all players in their respective categories to the ASF (Appendix V).

An evaluation report by the organizers is to be submitted to the ASF within one month of the completion of the event.

**JD11. Summary of recommended timelines**

- Event registration & payment of registration fee ----- 4 months from Start Date
- Event announcement & invitation for entry ----- 3 months from Start Date
- Entry Closing ----- 4 weeks from Start Date
- Distribution of initial seeding to participating MNAs ----- 2 weeks from Start Date
- Distribution of final seeding, draw & match schedules ----- 1 week from Start Date
- Report to ASF on final placing of all players ----- within 1 week after event completion
- Event evaluation report to ASF ----- within 1 month after event completion