



# CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

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## **SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **A. INTRODUCTION**

The ASF Championship Regulations are divided into the following Sections:

SECTION 1 contains information applicable to all ASF Championships. This should be read in conjunction with one of the following Sections 2 to 8.

SECTION 2 contains extra information which applies specifically to Asian Individual Championships.

SECTION 3 contains extra information which applies specifically to Asian Team Championships.

SECTION 4 contains extra information which applies specifically to Asian Doubles Championships.

SECTION 5 contains extra information which applies specifically to Asian Masters Championships.

SECTION 6 contains extra information which applies specifically to the Asia Cup.

SECTION 7 contains extra information which applies specifically to Asian Games and other Sub-regional Games.

SECTION 8 contains extra information which applies specifically to Asian Junior Super Series events.

### **B. CHANGES TO REGULATIONS**

Changes that are fundamental in nature will be subject to ASF AGM approval.

Changes that are only technical in nature may be made by the ASF Championships Committee, subject to prior approval by the ASF ExCo.

### **C. DEFINITIONS**

**ASF** is the Asian Squash Federation.

**ASF Championships Committee** is a Committee appointed by the ASF President. The Committee shall have the primary role of reviewing the ASF Championship Regulations and shall from time to time give advice to the ASF ExCo on the execution and administrative matters related to these Regulations.

**ASF ExCo** consists of the President, Secretary General & Hon. Treasurer.

**ASF ManCom** consists of the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary General & Hon. Treasurer.

**ASF Office** is the secretariat of the ASF.

**ASF Seeding Committee** is appointed by the ASF President to seed teams and individuals for a Championship.

**ASF Technical Delegate** shall be appointed by the ASF ExCo and shall act as the principal contact with the Host Association for a Championship.

**CAP** is the Championship Adjudicating Panel nominated by the ASF Technical Delegate and endorsed by the ASF ExCo. The CAP adjudicates on all appeals raised on-site at a Championship.

**Championship** refers to a single event. "Championships" is used when two events (such as Men's and Women's) are treated as a joint entity.

**Championship Director** is appointed by the Host Association and endorsed by the ASF ExCo to schedule matches and courts, and is accountable to the Host Association for the efficient conduct of the Championship.

**Championship Referee** is appointed by the Host Association in consultation with the ASF Referees Director and endorsed by the ASF ExCo. The Championship Referee allocates match officials and makes final decisions on matters arising in matches on court that relate to the Rules of the Game.

**Closing Date** is the day specified in the Entry Form when Championship entries close.

**Gender** Words importing only the masculine gender shall be interpreted to include the feminine gender.

**Host Association** is the MNA whose tender to host a Championship has been accepted.

**Matches** are between individual players.

**MNA** is a Member National Association of the ASF.

**OCA** is the Olympic Council of Asia.

**Team Officials** accompany competing teams and individual players and are responsible for their management, preparation and wellbeing onsite.

**Organising Committee** is formed by the Host Association and charged with ensuring that the Championship is administered and co-ordinated effectively with the ASF.

**PAR 11** is Point-A-Rally scoring to 11 points

**PSA** is the Professional Squash Association.

**Squads** are Teams plus reserves nominated for the Championship.

**Start Date** is the first day of scheduled play in the Championship as specified on the Entry Form.

**Teams** are players nominated to play in a specific Tie.

**Ties** are between opposing teams.

**WADA** is the World Anti-Doping Agency.

**WSF** is the World Squash Federation.

## **D. TENDERING FOR AND ENTERING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**D1.** The following ASF Championships are played with the following frequency:

- Asian Individual Championships – played every 2 years in “odd” years
- Asian Team Championships – played every 2 years in “even” years
- Asian Junior Individual Championships – played annually
- Asian Junior Team Championships – played every 2 years in “odd” years
- Asian Masters Championships – frequency to be decided by the ASF ExCo
- Asian Doubles Championships - frequency to be decided by the ASF ExCo
- Asia Cup – frequency to be decided by the ASF ExCo

**D2.** Championships normally will be scheduled to be held in the following timeframes and shall not last for more than five days. For more than five days, prior approval from ASF ExCo is required.

Asian Championships (Individual or Team) – April ~ May

Asian Junior Individual Championships – June ~ July

Asian Junior Team Championships – Jan ~ Feb

Asian Masters Championships – as agreed with the ASF ExCo

Asian Doubles – as agreed with the ASF ExCo

Asia Cup – as agreed with the ASF ExCo

The actual dates within the above timeframes will be determined by the ASF ExCo in consultation with the Host Association. The timeframes may be altered at the discretion of the ASF ExCo dependent on circumstances.

**D3.** The Entry Fees for ASF Championships are as follows:

- 4 or 5-Day Individual Championships - USD280 per player/official for 5-night accommodation with breakfast on twin sharing basis for 4-day event, or USD330 per player/official for 6-night accommodation with breakfast on twin sharing basis for 5-day event. Each men’s/boys’ and women’s/girls’ team shall only redeem for their officials MAXIMUM TWO rooms with the rates stated above respectively. (The team shall be responsible for paying the room-rate difference for any SINGLE occupancy.)
- 4 or 5-Day Team Championships - maximum USD1650 for 3 rooms for EACH men’s/boys’ and women’s/girls’ team respectively for 5-night, or maximum USD2000 for 3 rooms for EACH men’s/boys’ and women’s/girls’ team respectively for 6-night accommodation with breakfast on twin sharing basis.
- Special room rates for any additional rooms for officials or supporters of the MNAs to be provided by the Host Association.
- Entry Fees stated above refer to the specified number of match days which may vary if the number of match days in a particular championship is different.
- For other Championships, entry fees shall be determined by the ASF ExCo before MNAs are invited to submit written requests to host the championships.

- D4.** MNAs are invited to submit a written request to stage a Championship to the ASF Office 2 weeks before the ASF AGM, **two years** ahead of the scheduled year of the event.
- D5.** All requests received by the ASF Office mentioned in D4, will be checked and, if compliant with the Regulations, requesting nations will be invited to make a short presentation at the following AGM, during which one will be accepted (after a vote if necessary) for each Championship. MNAs may also make their requests at any AGM for hosting any event two years in advance.
- D6.** If no compliant tenders for an event have been received by the timelines defined in Rules D4 and D5, then the process will be repeated the following year. If compliant requests have still not been received, then the ASF ManCom will take whatever action it deems necessary. All MNAs will be advised when a host has been found and has been accepted for a Championship.
- D7.** If an MNA withdraws from hosting a Championship once allocated the event, the ASF ManCom will decide on the necessary action to be taken including barring them from hosting another event for a stipulated period of time.
- D8.** At least **12 months** before the Start Date, the ASF Technical Delegate shall be appointed, who will act as the principal contact with the Organising Committee of the Host Association.
- D9.** At least **6 months** before the Start Date, the Host Association will negotiate and agree with the ASF Technical Delegate the invitation, schedule, arrival/departure points, venues, entry fees and prize monies (if applicable) for the Championship.
- D10.** At least **3 months** before the Start Date, the ASF Office will send Entry Forms to all MNAs. Those currently ineligible to compete will be advised of their ineligibility.
- D11.** At least **6 months** before the Start Date, MNAs may request alterations to the Championship timetable in writing to the ASF with a copy to the Host Association. The ASF ExCo will make a decision within one month. The decision will be final.
- D12.** The ASF ExCo reserves the right to withdraw Asian Championship status from any event if entries do not match the status of the event or for any breach of these Regulations.
- D13.** 25% of the Entry Fee must accompany each ASF Championship entry, with the remaining 75% being paid no later than **30 days** before the Start Date. If payment is late then a 20% late entry fee will be automatically added to the respective payment. If the latter is not paid as specified, the initial 25% will be forfeited and the Entry shall be cancelled. The ASF ManCom may waive these penalties in exceptional circumstances.

Entry fees may either be paid direct to the Host Association in local currency or else to the ASF in US dollars. If paid to the ASF at the time of fixing the entry fee the equivalent amount in local currency will be calculated and ASF will remit this value notwithstanding any change in exchange rates. Fees are exclusive of any bank charges which are payable by the MNA entering a Championship or by an Individual entering a Masters Championship.

- D14.** Any MNA that has entered an Asian Championship and is not a paid-up Full Member of the ASF 21 days before the Start Date will have its Entry cancelled and all Entry Fees will be forfeited. Any MNA whose team withdraws after the Closing Date and prior to or during the Championship shall forfeit its Entry Fee and shall be prohibited from entering a team in the next similar Asian

Championship event. The ASF ManCom may waive these penalties in exceptional circumstances.

- D15.** For all individuals withdrawing from a Championship, in either Individual or Team event, by an MNA less than 14 days before the Start Date and is not replaced accordingly, then his/her Entry Fee will be forfeited.
- D16.** The ASF ManCom reserves the right to approve alterations to the above timetable and the deadlines specified in Regulations E1, E2, E3 and E4 if it deems these alterations are necessary in order to assist in the smooth organisation of the Championship.

## **E. CONTROL OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

- E1.** At least **12 months** before the Start Date, the Host Association shall form an Organising Committee to meet the ASF Technical Delegate (see Regulation D8). The Technical Delegate shall ensure that Committee members are briefed on ASF Deadlines and Regulations.
- E2.** At least **12 months** before the Start Date, the Host Association shall appoint a Championship Director. The Championship Director shall be responsible to the Host Association for the overall conduct of the Championship and shall not officiate, coach or play in any match in the Championship.
- E3.** At least **12 months** before the Start Date, the Host Association shall appoint a Championship Referee.
- E4.** The Championship Referee shall arrange with the ASF Referees Director for a minimum of 3 ASF appointed referees, one of whom shall be a WSF Referee from Asia, to officiate at the Championship with the endorsement of the ASF ExCo (a lesser number may be negotiated with the ASF Technical Delegate for Asian Masters Championships). One of appointed referees shall be from a Sub-Region different from that of the Host Association and whenever possible, one from the Host Association shall be appointed. All ASF appointed referees shall not coach or play in the Championship concerned.

The Host Association will pay for all ASF appointed referees for travel via the most direct route (including ancillary costs such as personal travel/medical insurance, visa fees, any injections/medication considered necessary for travel to the host country), accommodation at the official hotel (including full meals), all transport within the host country as required and a daily allowance of US\$75 per day to cover out of pocket expenses including one day before and one day after the event dates. If accommodation at the official hotel is not possible, the hotel for the ASF appointed referees must be of an equal standard to that of the players.

The Championship Referee shall supervise the referees and markers; and be responsible for scheduling them to ensure as far as possible that neutral referees are appointed to officiate at all matches. WSF Referees will be allocated priority matches such as semi-finals and finals. Wherever possible, the 3-referee system shall be adopted for priority matches. The Championship Referee shall not officiate, coach or play in any match during the Championship. His decision shall be final for matters arising in matches on court that relate to the Rules of the Game

If there is an opportunity to develop Asian referees, who have the potential to become WSF Referees, then the ASF Referees Director should explore the possibility of assigning a qualified WSF Assessor to the championship with the consent of the Host Association, provided the standard is high enough to enable valid and relevant matches under the WSF CBTA programme. The cost of the airfare and daily allowances of the WSF Assessor shall be borne by the ASF, whilst the Host Association shall pay for the accommodation (single room), meals, airport transfers and local transport of the WSF Assessor.

- E5.** At least 14 days before the Start Date, the Championship Adjudicating Panel (CAP) shall be appointed and announced. The CAP shall be responsible for handling any appeals against team orders, eligibility or player fitness/replacement as well as any other appeals raised on site during the Championship. Its decisions shall be final.

The CAP shall be chaired by the ASF Technical Delegate and shall include the Championship Director and shall comprise of at least three other members selected from the ASF Championships Committee, ASF Seeding Committee, or person(s) with experience of this Championship who are expected to attend the event.

If a member of the CAP is from an MNA that is involved in or associated with an appeal, then the ASF Technical Delegate shall co-opt a neutral person for that appeal from the ASF Championships Committee or from one of the members of the ASF ManCom or any experienced team official in attendance.

The CAP reserves the right to refer serious disciplinary matters and the results of appeals to the ASF Disciplinary Committee as appointed by the ASF President for further sanctions.

- E6.** The ASF Seeding Committee shall be responsible for seeding of teams and individuals in a Championship as required. The criteria for seeding of teams see Regulation P1 while the criteria for seeding of individuals see Regulation M8.

- E7.** The ASF Technical Delegate, shall not officiate, play or coach (during matches or practice sessions) in the Championship. He shall:

- a) Make an initial Inspection Visit and arrange an early planning meeting with the Host Association's Organising Committee in order to confirm deadlines and responsibilities as well as to establish a clear monitoring process. During the Inspection Visit he will determine the suitability of venues, accommodation and transport; will advise on organisational arrangements; will ensure that the ASF Championship Regulations are applied; and will confirm that technical specifications and dimensions of all courts to be used are correct (including Tin heights - see Regulation F11).
- b) Oversee entries, draw formats and playing schedules.
- c) Chair the CAP and be responsible for communicating its decisions.
- d) Prepare a report on the Championship for the ASF Championships Committee after the end of the event.

- E8.** The Championship shall be played under the current WSF Rules of the Game and ASF Code of Conduct (see Appendix A).



- E9.** The Official Ball of the ASF will be used at the Championship. Details of the ball will be communicated to all entrants at least six months before the Start Date. The ASF Office will assist competing MNAs to acquire supplies of the Official Ball if required.

Appropriate reference to the use of the Official Ball together with the logo selected by the Supplier will be printed on all ASF Asian Championship Entry Forms, programme covers, promotional posters and ticket booking forms. The Supplier will be given the free use of a full page in the Championship Programme for a black and white advertisement relating to the Official Ball. All design and production cost of such an advertisement will be the responsibility of the Official Ball Supplier.

- E10.** Competitors enter and play in Championships at their own risks. The ASF, the Host Association or venues will not accept responsibility for injury arising from participation in a Championship. This shall be stipulated on all Entry Forms and competitors may be required to sign a disclaimer to this effect.
- E11.** All players who are under 19 years of age during the Championship must be made aware in the Entry Form that the use of protective eyewear (see Regulation G5) is mandatory whilst under 19 and is a Condition of Entry.
- E12.** Dope testing may be carried out at all ASF Championships. A notice to this effect must be included on all Asian Championship Entry Forms.
- E13.** It is the sole responsibility of all participants (including managers, coaches and supporting officials) to acquaint themselves and abide by the latest World Squash Anti-Doping Code (Appendix G) of the WSF championship regulations.
- E14.** Anti-doping controls must be carried out in accordance with WADA Rules and Directives.
- E15.** Any player refusing to undergo a doping control and any player guilty of a doping infraction proven by a positive laboratory test result immediately prior to, or during, an Asian Championship will be subject to the disciplinary actions and penalties specified in the current World Squash Anti-Doping Code.

If the doping infraction occurs during an Asian Team Championship and the guilty player has competed, the player's team will be withdrawn immediately from the event and will be placed last in the final Championship order. If confirmed only after the end of the event, the nation he/she has represented will be placed last and all other nations shall move up the final order accordingly.

If the doping infraction occurs during an Asian Individual Championship, the guilty player will be withdrawn immediately from the event. If confirmed only after the end of the event, there will be no readjustment of prizes but the guilty player will be forfeited and will be required to return any medals or prizes.

## **F. DUTIES OF HOST ASSOCIATION**

The Host Association shall organise the Championship in accordance with these ASF Regulations and any special instructions given by the ASF Championships Committee; and shall be responsible for:

- F1.** To provide staff and officials to run the Championship.
- F2.** Payment for the ASF Technical Delegate for travel via the most direct route (including ancillary costs such as personal travel/medical insurance, visa fees, any injections/medication considered necessary for travel to the host country). Accommodation (single room) at the official hotel, full meals, all transport within the host country as required and a daily allowance of US\$100 per day, including one day before and after the event dates.

To arrange and pay for an Inspection Visit by the ASF Technical Delegate at least 12 months before the Start Date plus any further Inspection Visits deemed necessary by the ASF Technical Delegate; and for his final visit for the Championship itself. The Host Association shall cover all his travel as well as all accommodation and subsistence for every visit. Daily allowance for the ASF Technical Delegate including the day before and after the visit shall be US\$100.

- F3.** To nominate candidates for the Championship Director and Championship Referee for ASF ExCo's approval at least 12 months before the Start Date.
- F4.** Preparation and maintenance of the squash venue(s) for the Championship, including all facilities. A maximum of two venues may be used for a Championship unless approved otherwise by the ASF Championships Committee.
- F5.** To obtain, brief and supervise team liaison officers as appropriate.
- F6.** To organize and manage accommodation (with breakfast) for players, officials, official media and guests. MNAs will be advised on the Entry Form of the rates agreed by the ASF Technical Delegate for all official hotel accommodation.

Competing MNAs shall be entitled to book extra accommodation for additional players and accredited team officials, up to a stipulated deadline, not more than three months before the Start Date. Single rooms shall be made available where possible with the extra cost advised on the Entry Form. Competing MNAs shall pay the full Entry Fee irrespective of whether or not their representatives stay at the official accommodation.

- F7.** The Host Association shall provide a maximum of 15 complimentary room-nights with breakfast at the Championship Hotel for the ASF appointed officers attending the Asian Championships.
- F8.** Making meal arrangements as appropriate for players and officials (ensuring that suitable food is available for vegetarians and non-eaters of specific meats). The Host Association will be responsible for payment for all official meals/functions.
- F9.** Meeting players and officials on arrival. Arranging and paying for official transport from the specified arrival point to the official accommodation and from the official accommodation to the specified departure point.

- F10.** Organising and paying for transportation for the players and officials (e.g. courtesy cars, mini-buses, coaches) between official accommodation and venue(s).
- F11.** If newly built courts completed after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 are to be used then they must be listed in the WSF worldwide directory of Complete Court Accredited (CCA) courts if they are to be considered for hosting matches recognised by the ASF. This specification is not applicable for courts in existence before 2013, where normal adherence to WSF specifications will apply. It shall be ensured that all courts used have unsealed floors and have been built to WSF specifications. Tin heights must be 48 centimetres (19 inches) except for the Asian Men's Championships and accompanying plate events where 43 centimetres (17 inches) tins are mandatory. For the Asian Doubles Championships, the tin heights must be 33 centimetres (13 inches).
- F12.** Ensuring that all signage on the main court has been approved by the ASF Technical Delegate in respect of possible television and general restrictions (see Appendix B).
- F13.** Ensuring that all courts used for Championship matches with viewing through the back wall have unobstructed viewing position behind the back wall for refereeing purposes. The Championship Referee shall consult the ASF Technical Delegate in determining the locations of the match referees.
- F14.** Providing viewing facilities at no charge to competitors and accredited officials.
- Each competing team will be allocated six seats for each session (which for MNAs competing on a particular court shall be located on the front row behind the back wall).
- Two seats will be made available on the front row behind the back wall at Individual Championships for each player's coach.
- F15.** Organising and paying for reasonable practice facilities commencing two days prior to and during the Championship.
- F16.** Organising Welcome and Farewell Social Functions.
- F17.** Providing facilities required for Team Managers Meetings as well as for all ASF Meetings and associated functions.
- F18.** Organising medical, physiotherapy and related facilities. The minimum provision will be:
- i.) Trained first-aid staff on-site throughout formal practice sessions.
  - ii.) A doctor on-site throughout all matches.
  - iii.) A qualified physiotherapist available on-site for a minimum of two hours each morning and during playing sessions, and same day player access to a masseur (except when an evening request makes this impractical). Both should be at a special rate for competitors, if not free of charge. (Courtesy transport to be arranged if not available at the venue).
  - iv.) A discreet area for physiotherapists accompanying teams to set up tables (with space for a minimum of two at any time).

Where more than one venue is used i) & ii) are applicable to each venue.

- F19.** Providing a dope testing programme and organising a minimum of four random dope tests if required – see Regulations E12 to E15.
- F20.** Scheduling of Ties and day to day running of the event.
- F21.** Controlling the provision of Official Balls for practice and use in each match.
- F22.** Ensuring that any prize fund and its breakdown have been approved by the ASF Championships Committee at least six months before the Start Date. Prize money must be shown in US dollars and, if payable in local currency, must be denoted accordingly on the Entry Form. Competitors will be advised if local taxation is to be deducted from prize money.
- F23.** Arranging computer generated match administration and results collation, transmission and display services to include:
- Draw formats
  - Court schedules
  - Orders of play
  - Referee allocations
  - Match display cards with national flags
  - Scoreboard projection of major matches for public viewing (optional but recommended)
  - Internet linkage
  - Public display board kept up-to-date in main venue during each day and at main hotel at the end of each day's play
  - Detailed results to be sent to the ASF Office and MNAs within four weeks of the completion of the Championship.
- F24.** Displaying the current ASF Championship Regulations on a central notice board and making copies available for Team Managers if requested.
- F25.** Producing a Players Manual.
- F26.** Ticketing and seat allocation.
- F27.** Providing Press facilities commensurate with Asian Championship status to include Home Country promotion, e.g. to media and clubs.
- F28.** Ensuring that the ASF retains international television rights for the event. The Host Association may retain the rights for transmission within its own country and keep any resultant income but must ensure that its contract with the host television company provides free feed of all coverage to the ASF who may market programmes Asian wide. The ASF and the Host Association will share any net profits from the latter on a 50/50 basis.

- F29.** Collecting entry fees from participating MNAs and following up with any outstanding payments.
- F30.** Paying to appointed ASF Technical Delegate, Referees and Officials, upon their arrival at the venue.
- F31.** Providing trophies to winners as per Regulation J3.

#### **G. DUTIES OF COMPETING MNAs**

*These Regulations do not apply to Individuals competing in the Asian Masters Championships.*

- G1.** MNAs shall indicate to the ASF and Host Association about their intention of participating in the championship at least 8 weeks before the Start Date.
- G2.** MNAs will be responsible for transporting their players and officials to the specified arrival point and from the specified departure point as designated by the Host Association.
- G3.** MNAs must pay their entry fees on time as mentioned in the Entry Form.
- G4.** MNAs must ensure that their players and officials pay all expenses prior to leaving the Championship. If unpaid expenses, deemed legitimate by the ASF ExCo, remain unpaid by a visiting MNA for more than one month, the ASF reserves the right to prohibit that MNA from entering a team at the next similar Asian Championship event.
- G5.** MNAs through their Team Managers must ensure that all their Doubles and Junior players (under 19 years of age) wear protective eyewear (manufactured to an approved national safety standard) properly over the eyes at all times during practice and match play. It is the responsibility of the individual player to ensure that the quality of the product worn is satisfactory for the purpose. The list of WSF Certified Eyewear allowable at the time of participation can be viewed on the WSF website.

#### **H. DUTIES OF THE ASF**

**The ASF shall:**

- a.** Appoint a Technical Delegate who shall nominate members of the CAP.
- b.** Confirm the appointment of the Championship Director nominated by the Host Association.
- c.** Confirm the appointment of the Championship Referee nominated by the Host Association.
- d.** Appoint WSF Referees from the Asian Region and ASF Regional Referees who have the potential to become WSF Referees.
- e.** Invite WSF Assessors, wherever possible, if the championship standard is high enough.
- f.** Invite international media representatives
- g.** Supply address lists of MNAs, press agencies and photographers

- h. Provide ASF and ASF sponsors' logos
- i. Help the Host Association prepare Entry Forms
- j. Distribute the Entry Form to all eligible MNAs
- k. Control entries
- l. Do the seeding; and make the draw for individual events with MNAs invited as witness
- m. Assist with the scheduling of matches and allocation of referees
- n. Ensure that perpetual trophies (which cannot be won outright) are available for presentation to winning teams or individuals

## **J. TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

- J1.** The ASF Championship trophies, which cannot be won outright, shall be available by the Start Date and shall be presented with any prizes which the Host Association may wish to present at the conclusion of the Championships – see Appendix E for Protocol.
- J2.** An MNA or Individual that “holds” a trophy shall be responsible for engraving it and returning it clean and undamaged to the Host Association by the Start Date of the next Championship. Should any trophy be damaged in any way whatsoever, the ASF shall be entitled to arrange for it to be repaired and to recover the cost of such repair from the MNA or Individual responsible. The holder shall be responsible for the insurance of the trophy whilst in his possession.
- J3.** All medals except the perpetual trophies by the ASF will be provided by the Host Association and shall be awarded to all members, coach and manager of the squads that finish 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy to both losing semi-finalists) in team events and to individuals who finish 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy to both losing semi-finalists) in individual events. There shall be no play off for third position in both the team and individual events.
- J4.** Prize money may be paid at the discretion of the Host Association.

## **K. ELIGIBILITY**

- K1.** An MNA is eligible to enter a team or individual in an Asian Championship provided:
  - a) It is a paid-up Full Member of the ASF and is not indebted to the ASF by its failure to pay any relevant ASF Championship entry fee; or
  - b) It has properly applied for Full Membership of the ASF at the forthcoming AGM and has paid the appropriate membership fee for the current year before the Closing Date for the Championship; and
  - c) It has not been prohibited from entering the team event under the provisions of Regulations D14 and/or G4 or for any other reason.

- K2.** A player is eligible to represent a country in an Asian Championship if he was born in, or is a citizen of, or became a naturalised citizen of, or has resided in, the country for at least three years immediately preceding the Championship.
- K3.** Notwithstanding the above, a player is ineligible to represent a country if he has represented another country in the three years preceding the Start Date in a recognised International Squash Team Championship (e.g. World Championships, Regional Championships, official Matches between MNAs) in any age group.
- K4.** In all cases where a player's eligibility is in doubt, the responsible MNA must submit supporting evidence to the ASF Office at least 21 days before the submission deadline so that the player's eligibility can be reviewed and a decision made by the ASF Technical Delegate. MNAs, Team Managers and Individual Entrants must be able to produce proof of eligibility and/or age if requested by the ASF Technical Delegate. ASF, at its discretion, may require further information to be provided in respect of eligibility or age by any available means before permitting inclusion of a player.
- K5.** Although a competitor may be phenotypically female, individuals born genotypically male may not participate as a Woman in any Asian Championships.
- K6.** Additional eligibility criteria based on age apply to Juniors – see M6, Section 2 & O1, Section 3 and to Masters – see Section 5.
- K7.** All players participating in any ASF Asian Championship, senior and junior, must be WSF Registered (SPIN - Squash Personal Identification Number) and their Registration must be in good standing at the time of entry and then at the time of actual participation.

All designated coaches attending with teams or individual players must be WSF Registered with a SPIN at the time of attendance.

## **L. CLOTHING**

The following clothing regulations shall apply without exception to all ASF Championships.

- L1.** In all matters of judgement or opinion arising from the interpretation of this clothing regulation the decision of the Championship Referee shall be final, except that he may not rule illegal or unacceptable an item of clothing or a design which has been approved by the ASF.
- L2.** Playing clothing for men shall consist of a short-sleeved shirt, shorts, socks and playing shoes. Playing clothing for women shall consist of a shirt worn with a skirt (shorts may be allowed for junior women with the consent of the Technical Delegate), or a dress, socks and playing shoes. Other garments, such as part or all of a tracksuit, may be worn during play with the permission of the referee.
- L3.** All clothing worn during practice as well as during match play shall conform to the accepted standards of decency and cultural/religious tradition of the Host Country, as adjudged by the Championship Referee.

- L4.** For any match covered by television, players' clothing shall conform to the advertising regulations published and generally applied by the appropriate television authority of the Host Country; and for all matches that are broadcast and/or streamed both players are highly recommended to wear distinctly different coloured clothing - it is highly recommended not to change the colour during a match.
- L5.** Players may wear clothing of any colour or combination of colours.
- L6.** Shirts or tops may carry:
- a. The manufacturer's normal trademark, symbol or name on one breast - the display to be contained within an area not exceeding 20 square centimetres in total and 10 centimetres in any one dimension.
  - b. Identification, in areas clearly separated from each other, on the opposite breast to the manufacturer's symbol and/or on each arm, as follows:
    - i) Three sponsors' displays - each to be contained within an area not exceeding 40 square centimetres in total and 10 centimetres in any one dimension; or
    - ii) Two sponsors' displays and one national identification badge - each to be contained within an area not exceeding 40 square centimetres in total and 10 centimetres in any one dimension.
  - c. In Asian Team Championships and Asia Cup, it is highly recommended that shirts or tops carry a national identification title as defined below.
- A national or club identification title, plus a sponsor's identification if required, on the back of the shirt or dress; the whole to be contained within an area not exceeding 300 square centimetres. The player's name may also be displayed within an area not exceeding 150 square centimetres. However, at all semi-finals and finals of ASF sanctioned events players T-shirts or dress must carry the name of the player and country.
- L7.** Shorts or skirts shall be of design normally approved and used for Squash.
- L8.** Shorts or skirts may carry:
- a. The manufacturer's normal trademark, symbol or name on one side or leg, contained within an area not exceeding 10 square centimetres in total.
  - b. One sponsor display on the opposite side or leg from that in L8a, contained within an area not exceeding 20 square centimetres in total and 10 centimetres in any one dimension.
- L9.** Socks shall be of any colour or combination of colours and each may carry one manufacturer's normal trademark, symbol or name contained within an area not exceeding 10 square centimetres in total and 10 centimetres in any one dimension.
- L10.** Shoes shall be of any colour or combination of colours and have a non-marking sole. Each shoe may carry one manufacturer's normal trademark, symbol or name in not more than two areas, not exceeding in total 10 square centimetres.



- L11.** Tracksuits may be of any design and colour and are subject to no advertising restrictions, unless worn during play when the restrictions under L6 above shall apply to the jacket and under L8 above shall apply to the trousers.
- L12.** The wearing of headwear is permitted provided it is not so conspicuous or brightly reflective as to distract or unsight an opponent and shall not be pinned in a potentially dangerous manner. Headbands and straps for approved eye guards may carry one manufacturer's normal trademark totally contained within an area not exceeding 40 square centimetres or 10 centimetres in any one direction.
- L13.** Wristbands may carry one manufacturer's normal trademark totally contained within an area not exceeding 10 square centimetres.
- L14.** Any jewellery or watches worn by a player shall not be so conspicuous or so brightly reflecting as to distract or unsight an opponent and shall not be potentially dangerous.
- L15.** The sponsor(s) of any tournament shall have no automatic right of exposure on a player's clothing unless such exposure is stipulated on the entry form.
- L16.** Where the manufacturer of clothing is also the sponsor of the player or team wearing the clothing he shall additionally be allowed to utilise some or all of the advertising space granted to sponsors.
- L17.** MNAs are advised to ensure that their contracts with individual players specify that selection will require the use of national team kit in team events and that players' personal sponsors have no right of exposure on such kit.

## SECTION 2 - ASIAN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### **M. MANAGEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- M1. Administration.** The Asian Men's and Women's Individual Championships are organised and administered on behalf of ASF by MNAs.
- M2. Trophies.** The ASF shall provide perpetual trophies to the men's and women's winners. The remaining trophies must be provided by the Host Association.
- M3. Closing Date.** The closing dates for entries shall be 30 days before the start of the event.
- M4. Draw Size & Period of Event.** The championship will comprise a maximum draw of 64 entries played over a minimum of four days or a maximum of five days at the option of the Host Association. There shall be only one round of match on the last two days of the event and there shall be a break of at least four hours and whenever possible six hours between rounds held on the same day.
- M5. Entries.** Each MNA shall be allowed an initial maximum of two players. If there are slots available after the closing date, MNAs shall be allowed to enter two additional players, which will be allocated as follows:
- a. First on merit to players ranked in the PSA/ASF as per rankings published on or before the Closing Date.
  - b. To higher ranked players as determined by the ASF Seeding Committee.
  - c. If there are more than 64 entries, players will be placed on a reserve list and can be called upon to play if slots become available due to withdrawals.

If there are still slots available, the Host Association may enter a maximum of four additional players.

- M6. Junior Age Groups.** The following age groups shall be played: Boys and Girls under 19, under 17, under 15 and under 13. The cut-off date for all categories shall be the date of the last day of the championship.
- M7. Replacements.** If a player withdraws from the 1<sup>st</sup> Round, 24 hours before the start of an Individual event, he/she may be replaced by a player from the Reserve List; if no reserve is available a walkover shall result. The choice of replacement players and the placing of such players in the draw will be carried out by the ASF Technical Delegate at his discretion.
- M8. Seeding and Draw.**

The ASF Seeding Committee shall be responsible for seeding of individuals as required.

- For senior players, the ONLY criteria for seeding shall be the PSA ranking as of the month of the closing date for entries.

- For junior players, current form and the Asian Junior Ranking will be used as reference. Shadow seeding shall be used as and when the need arises. The ASF Seeding Committee shall announce the initial seeding to all participating MNAs within 7 days after receiving all entries from the ASF Office. After receiving the feedback, if any, from participating MNAs, the ASF Seeding Committee shall prepare and announce the final seeding at least 10 days and no more than 14 days before the Start Date of which no appeal is allowed.

The random draw method shall be used to compile draws with the format and the placement of seeds as follows:

Draw of 16 players - 8 seeds + 4 shadow seeds

Draw of 32-players - 16 seeds + 4 shadow seeds.

Draw of 64 players - 16 seeds + 8 shadow seeds.

For age groups U-15 and U-13 of junior events, seeding shall be 25% of the draw size with a minimum of 8 seeds together with 4 shadow seeds.

**DRAW OF 16 - (8 SEEDS + 4 shadow seeds)**

No. 1 seed ..... slot 1  
No. 2 seed .....slot 16  
Draw 3rd & 4th seeds .....1<sup>st</sup> drawn/slot 8  
..... 2nd drawn/slot 9  
Draw 5th - 8th seeds..... 1st drawn/slot 4  
..... 2nd drawn/slot 5  
..... 3rd drawn/slot 12  
..... 4th drawn/slot 13

**DRAW OF 32 - (16 SEEDS + 4 shadow seeds)**

No. 1 seed .....slot 1  
No.2 seed.....slot 32  
Draw 3rd & 4th seeds ..... 1st drawn/slot 16  
..... 2nd drawn/slot 17  
Draw 5th - 8th seeds..... 1st drawn/slot 8  
..... 2nd drawn/slot 9  
..... 3rd drawn/slot 24  
..... 4th drawn/slot 25  
Draw 9th - 16th seeds..... 1st drawn/slot 4  
..... 2nd drawn/slot 5  
..... 3rd drawn/slot 12  
..... 4th drawn/slot 13  
..... 5th drawn/slot 20  
..... 6th drawn/slot 21  
..... 7th drawn/slot 28  
..... 8th drawn/slot 29

**DRAW OF 64 - (16 SEEDS + 8 shadow seeds).**

No.1 seed..... slot 1  
No. 2 seed .....slot 64

Draw 3rd & 4th seeds .....	1st drawn/slot 32
.....	2nd drawn/slot 33
Draw 5th - 8th seeds.....	1st drawn/slot 16
.....	2nd drawn/slot 17
.....	3rd drawn/slot 48
.....	4th drawn/slot 49
Draw 9th - 16th seeds.....	1st drawn/slot 8
.....	2nd drawn/slot 9
.....	3rd drawn/slot 24
.....	4th drawn/slot 25
.....	5th drawn/slot 40
.....	6th drawn/slot 41
.....	7th drawn/slot 56
.....	8th drawn/slot 57

Remaining un-seeded players (shadow seeds are regarded as un-seeded players as well) shall be drawn together for all sizes of draw. Place from top to bottom, filling appropriate vacant slots in continuous order. Where it is necessary to have BYEs in the draw, seeded players receive these byes in descending ranking order of seeding.

The Draw shall be made within two weeks from date of entry closing and shall be announced at least seven days before the start of the event. The Host Association may apply for conducting a public draw otherwise the draw will be made by the ASF Office. In either situation, representatives of the participating MNAs shall be invited to witness the conduct of the draw on site at their own expenses. All team managers shall receive a copy of the draw showing times of play for the first round.

**M9. Reseeding.** In the event that a seeded player (not shadow seeds) withdraws from the 1<sup>st</sup> Round more than 24 hours before the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> Round, then the following replacement sequence of players shall apply:

**16 Draw (8 seeds + 4 shadow seeds)**

Seeds 1/2 withdraws --- 3<sup>rd</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 5<sup>th</sup> seed replaces 3<sup>rd</sup> seed, 9<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed replaces 5<sup>th</sup> seed, 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve replaces 9<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed

Seeds 3/4 withdraws --- 5<sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 9<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed replaces 5<sup>th</sup> seed, 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve replaces 9<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed

Seeds 5/8 withdraws --- 9<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed replaces withdrawn player, 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve replaces 9<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed.

**32 Draw (16 seeds + 4 shadow seeds)**

Seeds 1/2 withdraws --- 3<sup>rd</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 5<sup>th</sup> seed replaces 3<sup>rd</sup> seed, 9<sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5<sup>th</sup> seed, 17<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed replaces 9<sup>th</sup> seed, 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve replaces 17<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed.

Seeds 3/4 withdraws --- 5<sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 9<sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5<sup>th</sup> seed, 17<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed replaces 9<sup>th</sup> seed, 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve replaces 17<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed.

Seeds 5/8 withdraws --- 9<sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 17<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed replaces 9<sup>th</sup> seed, 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve replaces 17<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed.

Seeds 9/16 withdraws --- 17<sup>th</sup> shadow seed replaces withdrawn player, 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve replaces 17<sup>th</sup> shadow seed.

#### **64 Draw (16 seeds + 8 shadow seeds)**

Seeds 1/2 withdraws --- 3<sup>rd</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 5<sup>th</sup> seed replaces 3<sup>rd</sup> seed, 9<sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5<sup>th</sup> seed, 17<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed replaces 9<sup>th</sup> seed, 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve replaces 17<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed.

Seeds 3/4 withdraws --- 5<sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 9<sup>th</sup> seed replaces 5<sup>th</sup> seed, 17<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed replaces 9<sup>th</sup> seed, 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve replaces 17<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed.

Seeds 5/8 withdraws --- 9<sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 17<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed replaces 9<sup>th</sup> seed, 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve replaces 17<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed.

Seeds 9/16 withdraws --- 17<sup>th</sup> seed replaces withdrawn player, 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve replaces 17<sup>th</sup> (shadow) seed.

In the event of any withdrawal from the 1<sup>st</sup> Round, with less than 24 hours to go for the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> Round, the draw will stand.

In the event 2 or more players who are seeded 1-4 withdraw, a new draw shall be made.

- M10.** No player shall be drawn against a fellow national in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of all events, unless this cannot be avoided.
- M11. Plate Events** - There shall be plate events in any championship that wherever possible, the players shall be guaranteed for two matches. The format of the plate events shall be determined by the ASF Technical Delegate on site.
- M12.** For the Main Draw, there shall be no play-off for 3<sup>rd</sup> position or any other position (3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy to both losing semi-finalists of Main Draw).
- M13. Dope testing** may be carried out in accordance with the WADA Code. A notice to this effect must be included on Entry Forms. If conducted a minimum of 4 random dope tests will be carried out.
- a. The Entry Form shall state that as a condition of entry all participants (including managers, coaches and physiotherapists) must agree that they are subject to the WSF's Anti-Doping Rules & Regulations as stated in Appendix G of the WSF Championship regulations.

- b. The WADA Prohibited List may be accessed on the WADA website [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org).
- c. Any player refusing to undergo a doping control and any player guilty of a doping infraction proven by a positive laboratory test result immediately prior to, or during, an Asian Championship will be subject to the disciplinary action and sanctions specified in the WADA Code ARTICLE 9 to ARTICLE 12.

If a doping infraction occurs, the guilty player will be withdrawn immediately from the event. If confirmed only after the end of the event, there will be no readjustment of prizes but the guilty player will be required to return any medals or prizes.

- M14.** All players who are under 19 years of age during the Championship must be made aware in the Entry Form that the use of protective eyewear (see Regulation G5) is mandatory whilst under 19 and is a Condition of Entry.

## **SECTION 3 – ASIAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **N TIMETABLE FOR THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

- N1.** The draw for the Championship shall be published in time to enable competing MNAs to receive it no later than 7 days before the Start Date.
- N2.** All Ties will be scheduled for completion in a maximum of five days.
- N3.** If the ASF Technical Delegate determines that teams must play two Ties on a day, then there shall be a minimum period of four hours and whenever possible six hours between the Tie commencement times for any team on that day.
- N4.** All semi-final Ties must take place on the same day. Finals must be scheduled to commence at least 18 hours after the start of the latest related semi-finals. As far as practicable, all other play-offs for final team places should be scheduled to finish prior to the start of the main Final.

### **O AGE CUT-OFF DATE**

- O1.** For Junior Team Championships, the cut-off date shall be the date of the last day of the championship.

### **P. SEEDING OF TEAMS**

- P1.** Teams will be seeded by the ASF Seeding Committee. The main seeding criteria will be the PSA ranking and current form for senior team championships. In addition to this, the Asian Junior Ranking will also be considered for junior team championships. MNAs must submit names of the players in the squads at least 21 days prior to the Start Date - see Regulation S1. The ASF Seeding Committee shall announce the initial seeding to all participating MNAs within 7 days of receiving the entries from the ASF. The final seeding shall be announced at least 7 days prior to the Start Date, after which there shall be no appeal.

### **Q. NUMBERS OF TEAMS AND FORMATS**

- Q1.** A maximum of 32 MNAs will qualify to provide teams for the Asian Team Championship.
- Q2.** Each Tie will consist of three matches played between teams of three players, nominated in order of strength. See Regulations K1 to K7 for eligibility of teams and players.
- Q3.** At Stage 1 all teams normally will play in Pools on a “round-robin” (all play all) basis - Ties being played in the order specified below for each Pool. The order may only be changed as directed or approved by the ASF Technical Delegate. In all Stage 1 situation not detailed below and all Stage 2 round-robin formats, the Order of Ties shall be at the discretion of the ASF Technical Delegate.

6-8 Teams - Senior and Junior Championships

	Pool A		Pool B	
1 <sup>st</sup>	1v3	2v4	1v3	2v4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1v4	2v3	1v4	2v3

9-12 Teams - Senior and Junior Championships (ties are denoted for the seeds)

	Pool A			Pool B		
1 <sup>st</sup>	1v9	4v8	5v12	2v10	3v7	6v11
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1v8	4v12	5v9	2v7	3v11	6v10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1v5	4v9	8v12	2v6	3v10	7v11
4 <sup>th</sup>	5v8	9v12	1v4	3v6	7v10	2v11
5 <sup>th</sup>	4v5	8v9	1v12	2v3	6v7	10v11

13-16 and 21-32 Teams - Senior and Junior Championships

	Pool A		Pool B		Pool C		Pool D		Pool E		Pool F		Pool G		Pool H	
1 <sup>st</sup>	1v3	2v4	1v3	2v4	1v3	2v4	1v3	2v4	1v3	2v4	1v3	2v4	1v3	2v4	1v3	2v4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1v4	2v3	1v4	2v3	1v4	2v3	1v4	2v3	1v4	2v3	1v4	2v3	1v4	2v3	1v4	2v3

For 13 - 16 Teams, only Pools A - D shall be used.

For 21 - 23 Teams, only Pools A - F shall be used.

Where two ties are played on the first day for some or all pools, those that are scheduled in this way shall reserve 2nd and 3rd so that the 1v2 ties are not played on the first day.



17-20 Teams - Senior and Junior Championships

	Pool A		Pool B		Pool C		Pool D	
1 <sup>st</sup>	1v3	2v5	1v3	2v5	1v3	2v5	1v3	2v5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1v4	3v5	1v4	3v5	1v4	3v5	1v4	3v5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2v4	1v5	2v4	1v5	2v4	1v5	2v4	1v5
4 <sup>th</sup>	2v3	4v5	2v3	4v5	2v3	4v5	2v3	4v5
5 <sup>th</sup>	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4	1v2	3v4

**Q4.** For an event to be sanctioned by the ASF a minimum of 5 MNAs must participate. Under special circumstances, the ASF ExCo may at its discretion sanction a championship with less than 5 MNAs participating. For entries of five teams or less, the format of play shall be determined by the ASF Technical Delegate.

**Q5.** With 6-12 teams competing, teams will play in 2 Pools at Stage 1 as follows:

Pool A:	Teams seeded	1	4	5	8	9	12
Pool B:	Teams seeded	2	3	6	7	10	11

**Q6.** With 13-20 teams competing, teams will play in 4 Pools at Stage 1 as follows:

Pool A:	Teams seeded	1	8	9	13/16*	17/20*
Pool B:	Teams seeded	2	7	10	13/16*	17/20*
Pool C:	Teams seeded	3	6	11	13/16*	17/20*
Pool D:	Teams seeded	4	5	12	13/16*	17/20*

\*Drawn into Pools at random. Byes will be placed in pools in descending order of seeding e.g. one bye would be in pool A, two byes in pools A and B and so on.

**Q7.** With 21-23 teams competing, teams will play in 6 Pools at Stage 1 as follows:

Pool A:	Teams seeded	1	12	13/15*	22/23*
Pool B:	Teams seeded	2	11	13/15*	22/23*
Pool C:	Teams seeded	3	10	13/15*	22/23*
Pool D:	Teams seeded	4	9	16/18*	19/21*
Pool E:	Teams seeded	5	8	16/18*	19/21*
Pool F:	Teams seeded	6	7	16/18*	19/21*

\*Drawn into Pools at random. Byes will be placed in pools in descending order of seeding e.g. one bye would be in pool A, two byes in pools A and B and so on.

**Q8.** With 24-32 teams competing, teams will play in 8 Pools at Stage 1 as follows:

Pool A:	Teams seeded	1	16	17/20*	29/32*
Pool B:	Teams seeded	2	15	17/20*	29/32*
Pool C:	Teams seeded	3	14	17/20*	29/32*
Pool D:	Teams seeded	4	13	17/20*	29/32*
Pool E:	Teams seeded	5	12	21/24*	25/28*
Pool F:	Teams seeded	6	11	21/24*	25/28*
Pool G:	Teams seeded	7	10	21/24*	25/28*
Pool H:	Teams seeded	8	9	21/24*	25/28*

\*Drawn into Pools at random. Byes will be placed in pools in descending order of seeding e.g. one bye would be in pool A, two byes in pools A and B and so on.

**Q9.** When teams play one another in a Pool, the final order of merit in that Pool is decided based on all results in that Pool, as follows:

- first by greater number of Ties won
- if two teams still equal, then by the result between the teams
- if three or more teams have won the same number of Ties, then by the greater number of matches won
- if two teams still equal, then by the result between the two teams
- if three or more teams still equal, then by greater positive difference between games won and lost
- if two teams still equal, then by the result between the two teams
- if three or more teams still equal, then by greater positive difference between points won and lost
- if two teams still equal, then by the result between the two teams
- finally, if more than two teams still equal, then by lottery.

**Q10.** At Stage 2 all teams will normally play in groups on a knockout basis. All teams that have been defeated will be required to play-off to produce a final order, except that there will not be playoffs for 3/4 places at any ASF Team or Individual Championship. The losing semi-finalists, both of them shall be declared as joint 3<sup>rd</sup> (bronze medallists).

If teams are required to play on a round-robin basis at Stage 2, then results between teams at Stage 1 will be carried forward to Stage 2 (so that teams do not play each other twice).

**Q11.** In Stage 2 Ties, where one team has won the first two matches so that the result of the Tie has been decided, then the remaining “dead” match will not be played except where Stage 2 Ties are played in round-robin Pools, when all matches in all Ties will be played to the best of five games.

(Note: The overall result of a Tie with an unplayed match shall be recorded as 2–0, with the unplayed match players’ names being published with the score shown as **Match Withdrawn [MW]**. Both players in an unplayed match will be considered to have competed in respect of representative honours).

**Q12.** For 6-12 teams, the Stage 2 format will be:

Places 1-4:

**Semi-Finals**

**Final**

Winner Pool A	}	_____	}
2nd Pool B			
Winner Pool B	}	_____	
2nd Pool A			

With 6 teams: 3rd Pool A and 3rd Pool B play off places 5 - 6

With 7 teams: Places 5-7 decided by round-robin

With 8 teams:

Places 5-8:

**Semi-Finals**

**Final**

3rd Pool A	}	_____	}
4th Pool B			
4th Pool A	}	_____	
3rd Pool B			

Places 9-12:

With 9 teams: Places 5-9 decided by round-robin

With 10-12 teams:

Places 5-8 as for 8 teams

With 10 teams: 5th Pool A and 5th Pool B play off places 9-10

With 11 teams: Places 9-11 decided by round-robin.

With 12 teams:

**Semi-Finals**

**Final**

5th Pool A	}	_____	}
6th Pool B			
6th Pool A	}	_____	
5th Pool B			

**Q13.** For 13 teams the Stage 2 format will be:

Places 1-8:

<u>Quarter-Finals</u>		<u>Semi-Finals</u>		<u>Final</u>
Winner Pool A	}	_____	}	_____
2nd Pool B				
Winner Pool C/D	}	_____		
2nd Pool C/D*				
2nd Pool C/D*	}	_____		_____
Winner Pool C/D				
2nd Pool A	}	_____	}	
Winner Pool B				

\* Opposite to Winner Pool C/D

Remaining teams play round-robin to decide places 9 - 13.

**Q14.** For 14-16 teams, the Stage 2 format will be:

Places 1-8 as for 13 teams.

Places 9-16 (with byes as appropriate for 14-15 teams):

<u>Quarter-Finals</u>		<u>Semi-Finals</u>		<u>Final</u>
3rd Pool A	}	_____	}	_____
4th Pool B				
3rd Pool C/D	}	_____		
4th Pool C/D*				
4th Pool C/D*	}	_____	}	_____
3rd Pool C/D				
4th Pool A	}	_____		
3rd Pool B				

\* Opposite to 3rd Pool C/D

**Q15.** For 17-18 teams, the Stage 2 format will require those outside the top 8 to compete as follows:

Places 9-12 will be decided by round-robin of 3rd placed teams in Pools A-D

Places 13-17/18 will be drawn as follows:

<u>Quarter-Finals</u>	}	_____	}	<u>Final</u>
4th Pool A	}	_____	}	_____
Bye/5th in Pool B				
4th Pool C/D	}	_____	}	_____
Bye/5th in Pool C/D				
Bye/5th in Pool C/D	}	_____	}	_____
4th Pool C/D				
Bye/5th in Pool A	}	_____	}	_____
4th Pool B				

The 5th placed team(s) will be drawn at random against 4th placed teams except that no team shall be drawn for its first Tie against the 4th placed team from a Stage 1 Pool of 5 teams.

**Q16.** For 19-20 teams, the Stage 2 format will be:

Places 1-16 as for 14 - 16 teams.

The remaining teams will play round-robin to decide places 17-19/20.

**Q17.** For 21-23 teams, the Stage 2 format will be:

Places 1 - 12

<u>Round 1</u>		<u>Quarter-Finals</u>		<u>Semi-Finals</u>		<u>Final</u>
Winner Pool A	}	_____	}	_____	}	_____
BYE						
2nd Pool C/D*	}	_____			}	_____
2nd Pool E/F+						
Winner Pool C/D	}	_____	}	_____	}	_____
BYE						
Winner Pool E/F	}	_____			}	_____
2nd Pool B						
2nd Pool A	}	_____	}	_____	}	_____
Winner Pool E/F						
BYE	}	_____			}	_____
Winner Pool C/D						
2nd Pool E/F+	}	_____			}	_____
2nd Pool C/D*						
BYE	}	_____			}	_____
Winner Pool B						

\* Opposite to Winner Pool C/D. + Opposite to Winner Pool E/F.

Places 13 - 23

<u>Round 1</u>		<u>Quarter-Finals</u>		<u>Semi-Finals</u>		<u>Final</u>
3rd Pool A	}	_____	}	_____	}	_____
BYE						
4th Pool C/D*	}	_____			}	_____
4th Pool E/F+						
3rd Pool C/D	}	_____	}	_____	}	_____
BYE						
3rd Pool E/F	}	_____			}	_____
4th Pool B						
4th Pool A	}	_____	}	_____	}	_____
3rd Pool E/F						
BYE	}	_____			}	_____
3rd Pool C/D						
4th Pool E/F+	}	_____			}	_____
4th Pool C/D*						
BYE	}	_____			}	_____
3rd Pool B						

\* Opposite to 3rd Pool C/D. + Opposite to 3rd Pool E/F.

Note: There will be 1, 2 or 3 additional byes in Round 1 if there are 23, 22 or 21 Teams at Stage 1 respectively. These cannot be drawn against each other in Round 1.

**Q18.** For 24 teams, the Stage 2 format will be:

Places 1 - 16			
<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Quarter-Finals</u>	<u>Semi-Finals</u>	<u>Final</u>
Winner Pool A } 2nd Pool B }	_____ }	_____	
Winner Pool G/H } 2nd Pool G/H* }	_____ }	_____ }	
Winner Pool C/D } 2nd Pool C/D* }	_____ }		_____ }
Winner Pool E/F } 2nd Pool E/F* }	_____ }	_____ }	
2nd Pool E/F* } Winner Pool E/F }	_____ }	_____ }	
2nd Pool C/D* } Winner Pool C/D }	_____ }	_____ }	_____
2nd Pool G/H* } Winner Pool G/H }	_____ }	_____ }	
2nd Pool A } Winner Pool B }	_____ }	_____ }	
* 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Pools not drawn into the same pairing as Winners of Pools.			
Places 17 - 24			
<u>Quarter-Finals</u>	<u>Semi-Finals</u>	<u>Final</u>	
3rd Pool A } 3rd Pool G/H }	_____ }	_____	
3rd Pool C/D } 3rd Pool E/F }	_____ }	_____ }	
3rd Pool E/F } 3rd Pool C/D }	_____ }	_____ }	_____
3rd Pool G/H } 3rd Pool B }	_____ }	_____ }	

- Q19. For 25 teams:** The same Stage 2 format will be used as with 24 teams for places 1-16. For places 17-25, teams are drawn into three Pools of three teams. The winners of each Pool play a further round-robin for places 17/19, the 2<sup>nds</sup> for places 20/22 and the 3<sup>rds</sup> for places 23/25. (Note: 4<sup>th</sup> placed teams from Stage 1 Pools cannot be drawn in the same Pool as the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams in their original Pool).
- Q20. For 26 teams:** The same Stage 2 format will be used as with 24 teams for places 1-16. For places 17-26, teams are drawn into three Pools, one of which has four teams. (Note: The two 4<sup>th</sup> placed teams from Stage 1 Pools cannot be drawn in the same Pool nor be drawn in the same Pool as the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team in their original Pool). The winners and 2<sup>nds</sup> play off as for 25 teams, with the remaining teams playing for places 23-26 using semi-finals and play-off format.
- Q21. For 27-28 teams:** The same Stage 2 format will be used as with 24 teams for places 1-24. The remaining teams will decide places 25-27/28 by round-robin.
- Q22. For 29-32 teams:** The same Stage 2 format will be used as for 24 teams for places 1-16.

Places 17-29/32				
<b>Round 1</b>		<b>Quarter-Finals</b>	<b>Semi-Finals</b>	<b>Final</b>
3rd Pool A 4th Pool B/ BYE	}	_____	}	_____
3rd Pool G/H 4th Pool G/H	}	_____	}	} _____
3rd Pool C/D 4th Pool C/D/ BYE	}	_____	}	
3rd Pool E/F 4th Pool E/F	}	_____	}	} _____
4th Pool E/F 3rd Pool E/F	}	_____	}	
4th Pool C/D/ BYE 3rd Pool C/D	}	_____	}	} _____
4th Pool G/H 3rd Pool G/H	}	_____	}	
4th Pool A/ BYE 3rd Pool B	}	_____	}	_____

4<sup>th</sup> in Pools will be drawn at random except that they will not be paired with 3<sup>rd</sup> from the same Pools. Byes will be given to 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pools A-D in descending alphabetic order if there are less than 32 teams.



## **R. TEAM REPRESENTATION**

- R1.** Upon arrival at the Championship, the Team Manager will be the official and sole representative of his team in all matters including receiving and giving instructions, except when an individual match has started, when the Rules of the Game shall apply.

## **S. SQUAD ORDER**

- S1.** MNAs will lodge with the ASF Office at least 21 days before the Start Date, the names of players in their squads in descending order of strength. This should reflect the current form of participating squad members (e.g. PSA rankings at closing of entry; results of latest Regional Team Championships and national level Championships). No more than four players may be nominated.

At the same time, MNAs shall provide names, photographs and short biographies of their squad to the Host Association, if requested, for use in the official Championship Programme and as appropriate for other publicity.

- S2.** Any squad that has not been correctly lodged by the 21-day deadline (see Regulation S1) will attract an automatic fine of US\$100 per day (or part day) that it arrives late.
- S3.** No later than 14 days before the Start Date, the ASF Seeding Committee will announce the initial team seeding with nominated squads and the participating MNAs shall respond with any written protest on reasonable grounds on the team seeding and squad order within 48 hours. The ASF Seeding Committee shall then publish the final team seeding, together with its decisions on protest so received no later than 7 days before the Start Date. No appeals regarding the final seeding of teams will be permitted.

The match schedules will also be made at this time by the Host Association and endorsed by the ASF Technical Delegate, unless different arrangements have been agreed in advance with the ASF Technical Delegate.

If a team withdraws after the draw has been made and more than 24 hours before the start, then seeds will move up and Pools will be altered accordingly, provided the team concerned was not the lowest placed team in its Pool in a full pool situation.

If, within the same time-scale, the CAP believes that one or more player withdrawals from a squad may cause a team to move three or more places in the seeding, then it shall order a seeding review. The draw will change if the re-seeding leads to a move of four or more places.

- S4.** Team managers may lodge with the ASF Technical Delegate by 13:00hrs on the day before the Start Date (or on the semi-final day of the preceding Individual event in the case of Regional Games or Championships) changes to their squad order (see Regulation S1) based only on changes in current form or bringing in reserves of lower strength in the case of injury to any squad members.
- S5.** The ASF Technical Delegate shall announce all nominations by 14:00hrs on the same day as mentioned in S4 to Team Managers who then have two hours in which to lodge any objection

with the ASF Technical Delegate to player eligibility and/or nominated squad orders. Objections must be in writing and must be justified with evidence such as recent results or rankings.

- S6.** The CAP will scrutinise nominations and will consider any objections lodged with the ASF Technical Delegate. The Team Manager will be advised immediately if his squad is subject to objection and may be required to justify eligibility or squad order to the CAP with the objecting manager(s) invited to be present.

The CAP reserves the right to amend any squad order without receiving an objection. In this event, the team manager will be notified so that he may meet the CAP to try and justify the order submitted.

- S7.** The decision of the CAP will be final and will be announced by the ASF Technical Delegate by 19:00hrs at the latest on the same day. Written brief of the decision will be provided to all Team Managers. Squad orders will be adhered to throughout the Championship.

**S8. Summary Timetable for Squad Orders on the Day before the Start Date\***

By 13:00hrs Team Managers may lodge with the ASF Technical Delegate changes to Squad Orders based only on current form or bringing in reserves

By 14:00hrs ASF Technical Delegate announces all Squad Orders to Team Managers

By 16:00hrs Team Managers may lodge objections to player eligibility and/or Squad Orders in writing with the ASF Technical Delegate

By 19:00hrs ASF Technical Delegate announces the final Squad Orders

\* 1 day before for stand alone Team Championship or, on the semi-final day of the Individual event that precedes a Team Championship, eg, Regional Games or Championships.

**T. PLAYING AND TEAM ORDERS**

- T1.** The playing order for each day of all Stage 1 Ties will be decided prior to the commencement of the Team Championship by individual draws for each day except that the order for each day must be different. The playing order of all Stage 2 Ties will be decided prior to the commencement of these Ties by individual draws for each day except that the order for each day must be different and the #1 ranked player must play in either the first or second match of the Tie (The four possible options are 1-2-3, 1-3-2, 2-1-3 and 3-1-2). All Ties being played on a day shall use the same order.

- T2.** If four players have been nominated in a Squad, the Team Manager will have to omit one player for each Tie. Any player can be omitted provided the others play in the agreed order of merit. Unless the Championship Director is notified otherwise in writing at least **1 hour** before the scheduled start time of a Tie, Team Manager shall be deemed to have selected their top three players. The CAP reserves the right to allow changes to player nominations after the deadline in exceptional circumstances.

**T3.** The Championship Director will ensure that all Ties commence at the advertised time. All team members must be present at the allocated court for the Tie and the first player must be ready to play at the scheduled start time for the Tie. If one player is not in attendance, all other players must move up the order and that (or those) match(es) will be forfeited with the score being recorded as 11-0, 11-0, 11-0. A minimum of two players must be in attendance in order for the tie to start. Players arriving after the scheduled start time for the Tie cannot be reinstated in a team. The Team Manager has the right to appeal to the ASF Technical Director in the event of force majeure.

The first player must be ready on court to play at the Tie scheduled start time as stated above, and players competing in the second and third matches in a tie must be ready on court to start within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the preceding match or the match will be awarded to their opponent, unless the Technical Delegate decides otherwise due to exceptional circumstances.

**T4.** Where a player falls ill or becomes injured while competing, the recovery time allowances as decided by the match referee in accordance with Rule of Squash 14 (Illness, Injury and Bleeding) shall be applicable, with the order of matches not being changed. This includes where the referee deems the cause to be opponent inflicted and so permits a maximum 30-minute recovery period. Match orders may not be swapped nor matches held over until a later time.

#### **U. REPLACEMENT AFTER INJURY OR ILLNESS**

**U1.** A Team Manager may request permission from the CAP to replace a member of his squad at any time after the deadline stipulated in Regulation S1 and during the Championship. Such permission will only be given if the reason is considered by the CAP to be legitimate (e.g. illness, injury or *force majeure*) and provided that the replacement player is accepted by the CAP as being of lower strength (as defined in Regulation S1) than all members of the squad originally nominated.

**U2.** All Team Managers must be advised in writing by the ASF Technical Delegate if a player is being replaced after publication of final orders. Any appeal against the decision must be made within two hours to the ASF Technical Delegate for the CAP's consideration.

**U3.** All player privileges and facilities will be passed to any replacement player on his arrival at the Championship by the player being replaced.

**U4.** A Team Manager may at any time during the Championship appeal to the CAP if he has evidence that a player in an opposing team is likely to compete, or has competed, when unfit. If this appeal is upheld, then the player in question may not be nominated to compete in any Tie until approved by the CAP and disciplinary action may be taken against the team concerned.

## **SECTION 4 - ASIAN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The ASF Asian Doubles Championships will be conducted in accordance with Sections 1 and 2 of these Regulations as modified and extended by the following Regulations:

- V1.** The Championships will consist of Asian Men's, Asian Women's and Asian Mixed Doubles events.
- V2. Eligibility Regulations** K1 to K7 apply subject to the Championships being open to a Men's pair, a Women's pair and Mixed pair from the same MNA, entered by that MNA.

MNAs may each enter a maximum of two pairs in each event. The Mixed pair may be selected from players nominated in that MNA's Men's and/or Women's events.

- V3. Format.** Each event will have a maximum draw of 32 pairs. Formats will be decided by the ASF Technical Delegate. If more than 32 pairs enter, the ASF Seeding Committee will decide which 32 pairs to select at its discretion. If less than 8 pairs enter, the ASF Championships Committee may, at its sole discretion, accept further entries from some or all MNAs that have already entered teams.
- V4. Replacements.** Regulations U1 – U4 shall apply except that: after the deadline in Regulation S1 one member of a pair may be replaced; each pairing may make a maximum of one change; and no change shall be made within one hour of the scheduled start time of the first match for that pair.
- V5. Referees.** At least three ASF Asian /International Referees will be invited to officiate and their expenses will be covered by the Host Association in line with Regulation E4 of the ASF Asian Championship Regulations.
- V6. Scoring** shall be in line with the official WSF World International Doubles Rules: Matches will be the best of three games; and PAR 11 scoring will apply with "no set" at 10-10.
- V7. Courts.** Regulation F11 will apply with all matches being played on courts with official International Competition Doubles dimensions of 9.75 x 8.42 metres (32 x 27.63 feet) with a tin height of 33 centimetres (13 inches).
- V8. Clothing.** Regulations L1 to L17 will apply but, in addition that each pair of players will wear shirts/dresses which are similar in colour and style. Each pair shall have two sets of shirts/dresses in differing colours so that a change can be made to differentiate them from their opponents.
- V9. Protective Eyewear.** All players during the Championship must be made aware in the Entry Form that the use of protective eyewear (see Regulation G5) is mandatory and is a Condition of Entry.

## **SECTION 5 - ASIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The ASF Asian Masters Individual Championships will be conducted in accordance with Section 1 and 2 of these Regulations as modified and extended by the following Regulations:

**W1.** The Championships shall consist of the following age group categories for Men and Women:

35 - 39 years

40 - 44 years

45 - 49 years

50 - 54 years

55 - 59 years

60 - 64 years

65 - 69 years

70 + years (and more categories if sufficient entries)

There shall not be a stipulated maximum age for the oldest group played.

To be considered for Asian Championship status, the age group must have a minimum draw size of eight with competitors from a minimum of three different MNAs.

**W2.** Eligibility Regulations K2 – K4 do **not** apply. In addition to Regulations K1, K5, K6 and K7, the following apply:

A player is eligible to play in an Asian Masters Individual Championship if he has reached the specified age on the Start Date of the event.

If the Start Date of the Championships is altered more than six months in advance, the ASF shall amend the eligibility date to ensure that all those players that were previously eligible remain so. New players may become eligible if the Start Date is postponed.

If the Start Date is altered within six months of the originally scheduled Start Date, the eligibility date shall remain unaltered.

**W3.** Players may enter only one age group category.

**W4.** The ASF Technical Delegate reserves the right to check with the player's MNA that the player is eligible to enter and compete in the Asian Masters Championships.

**W5.** 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 finalising.

**W6.** In the event that a player withdraws less than 14 days before the Start Date, then the draw will be re-seeded provided the player was the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> seed, or provided any 2 of the top 8 seeds were withdrawn. The vacant seeds in the 1/8 band will be replaced by seeds from the 9/12 band and they in turn will be replaced by seeds from the 13/16 band etc.

- W7.** The ASF Technical Delegate reserves the right to fill vacancies caused by players scratching (from the first round only) until 3 days before the Start Date. In the event of a later withdrawal, there will be no replacements and the draw will stand. No entry fee will be refunded to competitors withdrawing after the draw has been made.
- W8.** The random draw method shall be used to compile draws with the format and the placement of seeds being decided by the ASF Technical Delegate in conjunction with the Championship Director.
- W9.** No player shall be drawn to play a fellow national in the first round, unless this cannot be avoided. This principle shall also apply for the second round if possible.
- W10.** Where it is necessary to have byes in the draw, seeded players will be allocated them in descending ranking order, with byes being allocated down the draw in the case of seeding groups.
- W11.** A Plate event will be held for all competitors defeated in their first match and further consolation events for losers at all levels of the competition shall be left to the discretion of the Host Association.
- W12.** Players will not be required to play more than one match a day except in Plate events. Rest days may be included in the schedule with the agreement of the ASF Technical Delegate. A minimum period of eighteen hours shall be scheduled between matches for all players except in Plate events.

## **SECTION 6 – ASIA CUP**

The Asia Cup will be conducted in accordance with Sections 1 and 3 of these Regulations as modified and extended by the following Regulations:

- X1. DEADLINES:** Appendix D of the ASF Asian Championship Regulations shall apply.
- X2: TEAM COMPOSITION:** Ties will be contested by Teams of two Men and one Woman representing MNAs. MNAs may nominate Squads comprising a maximum of three men and two women.
- X3: FORMAT:** Entries shall be restricted to no more than 16 Teams from eligible MNAs, unless agreed otherwise by the ASF Championships Committee.
- Ties will consist of matches played between opposite ranked team members, commencing with the match between the nominated #1 Men followed by the Women's match.
- Seeding of teams and format of play will be as per Section 3.
- X4. INJURY/ILLNESS:** During the event, if a team member is unable to compete because of injury/illness (confirmed by medical opinion) and the team does not have a reserve, then only one match may be forfeited.
- X5. REFEREES:** At least three ASF Asian /International Referees will be invited to officiate and their expenses will be covered by the Host Association in line with Regulation E4.

## **SECTION 7 – ASIAN GAMES AND OTHER REGIONAL GAMES**

All regional Games will conform to the respective requirements of the Regional Games Rules and Regulations. Specific matters with regards to the event where not covered by the above will conform to the ASF Championship Regulations.

## **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

## **APPENDIX A**

### **ASF CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **Introduction**

For the purpose of these regulations a participant can be any individual in attendance at an ASF Championship event and/or event/s conducted under ASF auspices e.g. player, referee, official, trainer, coach etc.

#### **Offences**

The following offences may be subject to penalties under Rule 15 (Conduct) of the WSF World Squash Singles Rules and of the WSF World Squash Doubles Rules, and/or be subject to disciplinary action by the ASF Disciplinary & Appeals Committee:

- AA1.** A participant who verbally or physically abuses his opponent, the Marker, Referee, officials, spectators or sponsors.
- AA2.** A participant who shows dissent to the Marker, Referee or officials, including foul or profane language and obscene or offensive gestures.
- AA3.** A participant who abuses playing equipment or the court.
- AA4.** A participant who fails to comply with the conditions of entry of a championship including any rules with regard to clothing or advertising.
- AA5.** A participant who having entered a championship or accepted an invitation to play withdraws from the event or fails to attend.
- AA6.** A participant who fails to complete a match for a reason other than injury, illness or emergency situation.
- AA7.** A participant who defaults from a championship. The Disciplinary & Appeals Committee may require evidence or proof of 'bona fide' injury, illness or other emergency situation.
- AA8.** A participant who fails to make himself available to meet reasonable request for interviews by the media.
- AA9.** A participant who does not comply with the Rules or spirit of the Game.
- AA10.** A participant guilty of any other unreasonable conduct which brings the Game into disrepute, including behaviour as a result of intoxication by any means including recreational substances such as alcohol, marijuana and hallucinogens.

#### **ASF Disciplinary & Appeals Committee**

- AA11.** The ASF is responsible for all disciplinary matters associated with or arising from the arrangement and playing of squash games, matches or related practices on squash courts at

approved ASF Championships and/or events conducted under ASF auspices e.g. Commonwealth Games.

**AA12.** The ASF Executive Committee shall form a Disciplinary & Appeals Committee consisting of a Director, one representative from each of the five Regional Squash Federations and one representative from the professional bodies (PSA), for a period of two years. The quorum at any Disciplinary & Appeals Committee meeting shall be three.

**AA13.** The role of the Disciplinary & Appeals Committee is:

- a) To uphold the good name of the ASF and the Game.
- b) To resolve all problems relating to conduct of participant in their relations with each other, officials, sponsors and the public.

### **Disciplinary Proceedings**

**AA14.** Disciplinary proceedings initiated by the ASF shall comply with the following principles:

- i. Details of the alleged offence must be reported to the alleged offender as soon as possible together with a statement that the matter has been reported to the ASF Disciplinary & Appeals Committee.
- ii. The ASF Disciplinary & Appeals Committee must inform the alleged offender that a formal complaint against him/her has been received, that he/she is invited to make a written report about the incident or incidents giving rise to the complaint. The alleged offender must be provided with copies of all evidence to be offered against him/her.
- iii. The ASF Disciplinary & Appeals Committee will consider the written reports and, if necessary, convene a disciplinary hearing. If a hearing is called it is essential that the alleged offender be given a reasonable opportunity to attend or be represented.
- iv. All disciplinary proceedings must be completed within a reasonable period, generally one month of the alleged offence.

**AA15.** If disciplinary action is taken against an offender, he will have the right of appeal to an appropriate ASF Appeals Panel appointed by the President of the ASF. No appeals against disciplinary action of a merely cautionary nature will be permitted.

**AA16.** Those wishing to appeal against a decision of the ASF Disciplinary & Appeals Committee must register an intention to appeal within seven days of being notified of the decision. Any penalty imposed shall be suspended pending the outcome of an appeal.

**AA17.** The appointed ASF Appeals Panel will consider the reports and findings and may call a further hearing. Those appointed to hear an appeal may confirm, set aside, reduce or increase any penalties imposed by the ASF Disciplinary & Appeals Committee. If the ASF Appeals Panel considers the appeal to have been frivolous it may add the cost of the appeal to any penalty already incurred.

## **Sanctions**

**AA18.** The ASF Disciplinary & Appeals Committee shall have the power to:

- i. Impose a warning
- ii. Impose a fine of no more than 1000 Pounds sterling
- iii. Withhold prize money from the individual/s pending possible disciplinary action
- iv. Ban the individual/s for a specific period of time
- v. Take such action as may be necessary to uphold the objects of the ASF
- vi. Notify National Federations, MNAs and relevant professional bodies so they can consider taking their own disciplinary action.

**APPENDIX B**  
**GLASS COURT SIGNAGE**

**AVAILABLE AREAS**

**AB1 TIN:**

Positions at 1 metre wide (38cm high)\* allowing a minimum of 4 X 1.5 metre clear glass slots for photographers. (Note: requirement for ASF tin sticker).

**AB2 DOOR (facing inwards):**

1 position at 45cm square. Maximum 1 metre up from floor level.

(Note: signage must have clear background to minimise interference for referees and spectators).

**AB3 BACK WALL (facing inwards):**

8 positions at 45cm square, all maximum 1 metre up from floor level.

(Note: signage must have clear background to minimise interference for referees and spectators).

**AB4 SIDE WALLS (service box):**

2 positions each side at 45cm square.

**AB5 FRONT WALL:**

Signage to be placed within 1.75m of the out-of-court line with a maximum width of 3 metres.

**AB6 COURT FLOOR:**

Logos may be painted on the floor (using porous paint), by arrangement.



## **APPENDIX C**

### **ASF LOGO/IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The ASF logo should be displayed (complete and in its designated colours) on the following items and in the following areas at all Asian Championships:

- \* Championship Programme (prominently on outside front cover)
- \* Players Manual (outside front cover)
- \* Invitations
- \* Tickets
- \* Accreditation Passes
- \* Trophies, Plaques and Medals
- \* Venues
- \* Courts (i.e. tin stickers)
- \* Press Releases and Media Information Packs
- \* Championship Accommodation
- \* Championship Office
- \* Public Display Boards and Advertisements
- \* General Signage.

## **APPENDIX D - ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP DEADLINES**

### **Deadlines prior to commencement (Relevant Regulations in brackets)**

#### **BEFORE START (minimum)**

#### **REQUIREMENTS (Final Deadline)**

2 years	Tenders for Championship (including payment) close on two weeks before the ASF AGM, two years ahead of scheduled year (D4)
2 years	ASF decision regarding host announced at subsequent ASF AGM (D5)
12 months	ASF Championships Committee appoints ASF Technical Delegate (D8)
12 months	Championship Director and Championship Referee to be appointed (E2, E3)
6 months	Championship administration schedule/entry fees/prize money to be agreed (D9)
6 months	Requests for timetable alteration considered (D11)
3 months	Entry Forms issued (D10)
30 days	Entries close (D14, M3)
21 days	Competing nations send names, biographies and photographs of likely team (S1)
14 days	CAP appointed (E5)
14 days	Interim seedings announced and sent with composition of squads to competing nations (P1, S3)
7 days	Draw for championship released (M8, N1)

### **Team Events (prior to commencement)**

On the specified day:

13:00hrs	Changes to merit order of squads lodged (S4)
14:00hrs	Squad orders announced (S5)
16:00hrs	Objections to squad orders lodged (S5)
19:00hrs	Final team seeding announced (S7)

## **APPENDIX E** **ASF PROTOCOL**

**AE1.** The following protocol applies to all ASF Asian Championships and to all other events attended by ASF Officers.

### **AE2. ASF Hierarchy at Asian Championship Presentations and Functions**

Patron of the Asian Squash Federation

President of the Asian Squash Federation

**or** Vice-President of the ASF acting for the President

President of the Host Association

ASF Vice-Presidents - Female/s first, then male/s (alphabetically)

ASF Secretary General

ASF Technical Delegate

Presidents of other ASF MNAs

Other delegates

**AE3. Protocol at Matches:** Should one or more ASF Officer attend a Championship, he/they must be welcomed by the Organising Committee Chairman (OCC) and seated within the VIP area. The OCC should ensure that he/they are introduced to major sponsors and other dignitaries, e.g. Mayor, Ambassadors, Ministers etc.

At the commencement of the match, the Master of Ceremonies (MC) should welcome the Patron, President and Regional Vice-President first. If possible, the players should shake hands with the highest-ranking ASF Officer present.

**AE4. Protocol at Prize Giving Ceremonies:** At the prize giving ceremony, the ASF President must present the principal trophy to the winner personally. The major sponsor must be in attendance. The OCC must ensure that the MC consults with the senior ASF Officer (or Secretary General) to establish:

- a) whether the ASF Officer wishes to make a speech
- b) the format of the prize giving ceremony
- c) the names and titles of all persons connected with the ceremony.

**AE5. Protocol at Receptions or Dinners:** At dinners or receptions, the OCC must ensure that ASF Officers are adequately hosted and introduced to all top table and/or VIP guests. The President of the Host Association (or OCC) should be seated with and remain alongside the senior ASF Officer.



**ASIAN SQUASH FEDERATION  
ASIAN JUNIOR SUPER SERIES  
CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION**



Before completing this form, you are advised to read the Rules & Regulations of the Asian Junior Super Series. Copies are available from ASF Secretariat and the ASF website [www.asiansquash.com](http://www.asiansquash.com). If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the ASF Secretariat for clarification.

<b>Name of Championship :</b>	
<b>Name of Organising Organisation :</b>	
<b>Address :</b>	
<b>Event Status applied for:</b>	
<b>Endorsing ASF Member National Association (name, position, signature &amp; chop):</b>	
<b>Championship Contact Person :</b>	
<b>Tel. :</b>	<b>Mobile :</b>
<b>Fax :</b>	<b>Email :</b>
<b>Venue :</b>	
<b>Venue Address :</b>	
<b>Tel. :</b>	<b>Fax :</b>
<b>Championship Dates :</b>	
<b>Previous Year's Record</b>	<b>List Age Categories :</b>
<b>Year :</b>	<b>Number of foreign countries participating :</b>
<b>Total Number of Participants :</b>	

**Championship Details** (to furnish the confirmed details only)

<b>Tournament Director :</b>	
<b>Tel. :</b>	<b>Mobile :</b>
<b>Tournament Referee :</b>	
<b>Requested Closing Date for Entries :</b> <i>(at least 3 weeks before commencement)</i>	

I agree to manage and organise the .....Championship in complete accordance with the Rules & Regulations specified for the Asian Junior Super Series as amended from time to time.

SIGNED: ..... PRINT NAME: .....  
POSITION: ..... DATE: .....

**ASF MEMBER NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ENDORSING THIS CHAMPIONSHIP**

NAME: .....  
SIGNED: ..... PRINT NAME: .....  
POSITION: ..... DATE: .....

## Points awarded (Circuit Format Up to 32)

Draw of 32	Silver	Gold	Platinum	AJIC
1	270.00	405.00	540.00	675.00
2	180.00	270.00	360.00	450.00
3	135.00	202.50	270.00	337.50
4	100.50	150.75	201.00	251.25
5	81.00	121.50	162.00	202.50
6	72.00	108.00	144.00	180.00
7	64.50	96.75	129.00	161.25
8	54.00	81.00	108.00	135.00
9	45.00	67.50	90.00	112.50
10	39.00	58.50	78.00	97.50
11	37.50	56.25	75.00	93.75
12	36.00	54.00	72.00	90.00
13	34.50	51.75	69.00	86.25
14	33.00	49.50	66.00	82.50
15	31.50	47.25	63.00	78.75
16	28.50	42.75	57.00	71.25
17	22.50	33.75	45.00	56.25
18	21.00	31.50	42.00	52.50
19	19.50	29.25	39.00	48.75
20	18.00	27.00	36.00	45.00
21	17.50	26.25	35.00	43.75
22	17.00	25.5	34.00	42.50
23	16.50	24.75	33.00	41.25
24	16.00	24.00	32.00	40.00
25	15.50	23.25	31.00	38.75
26	15.00	22.50	30.00	37.50
27	14.50	21.75	29.00	36.25
28	14.00	21.00	28.00	35.00
29	13.50	20.25	27.00	33.75
30	13.00	19.50	26.00	32.50
31	12.50	18.75	25.00	31.25
32	12.00	18.00	24.00	30.00
33 <sup>rd</sup> / 64 <sup>th</sup>	8.00	12.00	16.00	20.00

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

**Points awarded (Circuit Format Up to 8)**

<b>Draw of 32</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Platinum</b>	<b>AJIC</b>
1	270.00	405.00	540.00	675.00
2	180.00	270.00	360.00	450.00
3	135.00	202.50	270.00	337.50
4	100.50	150.75	201.00	251.25
5	81.00	121.50	162.00	202.50
6	72.00	108.00	144.00	180.00
7	64.50	96.75	129.00	161.25
8	54.00	81.00	108.00	135.00
9 <sup>th</sup> / 16 <sup>th</sup>	36.00	54.00	72.00	90.00
17 <sup>th</sup> / 32 <sup>nd</sup>	16.00	24.00	32.00	40.00
33 <sup>rd</sup> / 64 <sup>th</sup>	8.000	12.00	16.00	20.00

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

**Points awarded (Knock-out Draw Format)**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Platinum</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>AJIC</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	540.00	405.00	270.00	675.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	360.00	270.00	180.00	450.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup>	235.50	176.60	117.80	294.40
5 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup>	135.75	101.80	67.90	169.70
9 <sup>th</sup> / 16 <sup>th</sup>	72.00	54.00	36.00	90.00
17 <sup>th</sup> / 32 <sup>nd</sup>	32.00	24.00	16.00	40.00
33 <sup>rd</sup> / 64 <sup>th</sup>	16.00	12.00	8.00	20.00

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





## ZONES & COUNTRIES

<b>ZONE A</b>	<b>ZONE B</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bangladesh</li> <li>2. India</li> <li>3. Nepal</li> <li>4. Pakistan</li> <li>5. Sri Lanka</li> <li>6. Bahrain</li> <li>7. Iran</li> <li>8. Iraq</li> <li>9. Jordan</li> <li>10. Kuwait</li> <li>11. Lebanon</li> <li>12. Oman</li> <li>13. Palestine</li> <li>14. Qatar</li> <li>15. Saudi Arabia</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. China</li> <li>2. Hong Kong, China</li> <li>3. Japan</li> <li>4. Korea</li> <li>5. Macau, China</li> <li>6. Chinese Taipei</li> <li>7. Brunei</li> <li>8. Indonesia</li> <li>9. Malaysia</li> <li>10. Philippines</li> <li>11. Singapore</li> <li>12. Thailand</li> </ol>