**Asian Squash Federation** 



**SQUASH PULSE** 

### **ASIAN GAMES 2018**



Squash Events of the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia were concluded successfully. Over 60 players from 18 regions fought for 16 medals over ten-day competitions from 23 August to 1 September at the newly built squash courts at Gelora Bung Karno Squash Stadium.

The Singles Events start first with 32 Men's players from 17 regions and 28 Women's players from 13 regions participated. Leo Au from Hong Kong China beat his compatriot Max Lee to claim his first-ever Asian Games Gold Medal; while Nicol David beat Sivasangari Subramaniam in an all-Malaysian Women's Final to win her fifth Asian Games Singles Gold Medal.

Team Events, that debut immediately after the Singles, had attracted 12 Men's and 11 Women's teams. Finally, Malaysia beat Hong Kong China to clinch its first Men's Team Gold Medal, while the Hong Kong China's women's team beat India to win its first-ever Women's Team Gold Medal.

Mr. David Mui, MH JP, the ASF's President was grateful of the commitment of all parties, "I would like to thank and congratulate PB Persatuan Squash Indonesia for hosting the prosperous squash event of the 2018 Asian Games. My sincere appreciation would also extend to all who have made the event successful and memorable, included the participating member nations, their athletes, coaches and delegates; Ms. Emily Mak, Technical Delegate, and Mr. Tri Goestora, the Competition Manager, as well as their organising team; the officials and all helpers. They have showcased the unity, passion and impeccable teamwork of the Asian squash community."

<u>Top</u>: Mr. David Mui, MH JP (3rd to the right), ASF's President together with Mr. Duncan Chiu (far left), ASF's Secretary General and Mr. N. Ramachandran (far right), ASF's Patron, present a souvenir to Mr. Thomas Bach (2nd to the right), IOC's President. <u>Bottom</u>: Happy Working Group of the 2018 Asian Games.





Mr. Duncan Chiu, Secretary General

The region has never been that busy this summer with all the regular junior events as well as the once-every-four-year Asian Games.

Squash, managed to be remained in the sports programme of the Jakarta Asian Games, allowed us to showcase the ability and the enthusiasm of our Asian squash family in front of the world as well as the President of the International Olympic Committee, Mr. Thomas Bach.

The hard work and passion of all parties at the Asian Games proved to the world that squash is deserved to be one of the Olympic Sports.

As usual, I hope you will enjoy this newsletter, in which we besides show our appreciation to the achievement of the athletes, but also salute to all those work behind the scene. Again, we always welcome any ideas, comments or suggestions that help us do better.

## **Major Games and Championships**



### **Results**

### **Men's Singles Event**

Gold Medallist Silver Medallist

- Leo Au (HKG) - Max Lee (HKG) Bronze Medallists - Saurav Ghosal (IND) - Mohd Adnan Nafiizwan (MAS)

### Women's Singles Event

Gold Medallist - Nicol David (MAS) Silver Medallist

- Sivasangari Subramaniam (MAS) Bronze Medallists - Joshna Chinappa (IND)

- Dipika Pallikal (IND)

#### Men's Team Event

Gold Medallists Silver Medallists Bronze Medallists

- Malaysia - Hong Kong, China - India - Pakistan

### Women's Team Event

Gold Medallist - Hong Kong, China Silver Medallist - India Bronze Medallists - Japan - Malaysia



**1.** Mr. David Mui MH JP (right in the front), the ASF's President and Mr. Debendranath Sarangi (left in the front), the ASF's Vice President, with 2018 Asian Games Squash Women's Team Medallists (from left to right): India (Silver), Hong Kong China (Gold), Japan (Bronze) and Malaysia (Bronze).

2.Mr. Duncan Chiu (left in the front), the ASF's Secretary General and Mr. Huang Ying-How (right in the front), the WSF's Vice President, with 2018 Asian Games Squash Men's Team Medallist (from left to right): Hong Kong China (Silver), Malaysia (Gold), Pakistan (Bronze) and India (Bronze).

**3.** Mr. David Mui MH JP (middle in the front), the ASF's President and Mr. Kim Won-Kwan (left in the front), the ASF's Vice President together with the winning medallists of 2018 Asian Games Men's Singles Event.

4. The winning medallists of 2018 Asian Games Women's Singles Event.

5. Nicol David of Malaysia (left) and Leo Au of Hong Kong China (right), 2018 Asian Games Gold Medallists.

# **Major Games and Championships**





### **REFEREES TEAM**









S INDONESIA TEAMS



IRAN TEAM



SINGAPORE TEAM

**CHINA TEAMS** 

KOREA TEAMS



MALAYSIA TEAMS





QATAR TEAM





PHILIPPINES TEAMS



THAILAND TEAMS

# **Major Games and Championships**

# 25th Asian Junior Individual Championships

The **25th Asian Junior Individual Championships**, which were held at Chennai, India from 26 to 29 September, have attracted 159 participants from 11 regions to participate in the 8 events. We would like to thank The Squash Rackets Federation of India, who organised such a wonderful event. Congratulations also go to all winners, coaches and officials.

### Results

#### **Boys Under 19**

Champion 1st Runner-up 2nd Runners-up

#### **Boys Under 17**

Champion 1st Runner-up 2nd Runners-up

#### **Boys Under 15**

Champion 1st Runner-up 2nd Runners-up

### **Boys Under 13**

Champion 1st Runner-up 2nd Runners-up

- Abbas Zeb (PAK) - Chung Yat Long (HKG) - Tushar Shahani (IND) - Siow Yee Xian (MAS)
- Hari Qasim (PAK) - M. A. Amirul Azhar (MAS)
- Danial N. S. Izham (MAS)
- Nathan Kueh (MAS)
- M. Hamza Khan (PAK) - Arnaav Sareen (IND)
- Joachim Chuah (MAS)
- Andrik Lim(MAS)
- Yuvraj Wadhwani (IND)
- Anas Ali Shah (PAK)
- Sze Jun Him (HKG) - Tam Tsz Shing (HKG)

**Girls Under 19** Champion 1st Runner-up 2nd Runners-up

**Girls Under 17** Champion 1st Runner-up 2nd Runners-up

### Girls Under 15

Champion 1st Runner-up 2nd Runners-up

### Girls Under 13

Champion 1st Runner-up 2nd Runners-up

- Chan Yiwen (MAS)
- Lai Wen Li (MAS)
- Cheng Nga Ching (HKG)
- Ooi Kah Yan (MAS)
- Chan Sin Yuk (HKG)
- Jessica Keng (MAS)
- Fung Ching Hei (HKG)
- Sanya Vats (IND)
- Aira Azman (MAS)
- Yee Xin Ying (MAS)
- Tse Yee Lam (HKG)
- Wong Po Yui (HKG)
- Leung Ka Huen (HKG)
- Lee Sze Lok (HKG)
- Kaavya Bansal (IND)
- Tiana Parasrampuria (IND)



Left: Mr. Debendranath Sarangi (far left), the ASF's Vice President cum the President of The Squash Rackets Federation of India, Mr. Huang Ying How (2nd to the right at the back row), the WSF's Vice President and Mr. Peter Chee, the ASF's Technical Delegate (far right at the back row), together with the Champions of each category.



# Major Games and Championships WSF World Junior Squash Championships 2018

The **WSF World Junior Squash Championships 2018** were successfully held from 19 to 29 July at Chennia, India. We would like to congratulate The Squash Rackets Federation of India on hosting such a wonderful event.

For the Championships, 9 Asian regions included Hong Kong China, India, Iran, Macau China, Malaysia, Pakistan, Qatar, Singapore and Saudi Arabia, sent teams and players to participate. For the full results, please visit the <u>official website</u>.

Right: The Opening Ceremony





**FISU World University Championship 2018,** that was held from 5 to 12 September in Birmingham, England, attracted 9 participating nations from the world. China, Hong Kong China and Malaysia were the only 3 Asian regions to participate. The Asian players once again attained some remarkable results. Malaysia claimed a silver medal in the Team Event and two bronze medals in the Men's and Women's Individual Event respectively. Hong Kong China also claimed a silver medal in the Men's Individual and a bronze in the Team Event. Please refer to <u>FISU World University Championship</u> for the full results.



<u>Top</u>: The winning teams: Britain (Gold), Malaysia (Silver), France (Co-Bronze) and Hong Kong China (Co-Bronze)

<u>Bottom Left</u>: Winners of the Men's Individual Event. <u>Bottom Right</u>: Winners of the Women's Individual Event.





# **Major Games and Championships**



### CGG WSE WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

The **WSF Women's World Team Championship 2018** has come to a successful conclusion on 16 September at Dalian, China. We would like to congratulate Chinese Squash Association and Dalian Squash on glamorously staging its first-ever world squash championship.

China, Hong Kong China, India, Japan and Malaysia were the 5 Asian regions participated in the Championship. Congratulations go to Hong Kong China, who once again won a bronze medal. We would also like to congratulate Egypt who clinched the Women's World Team Championship 2018 title.







<u>Top Left</u>: Group photo of all the participating teams at the Opening Ceremony of the WSF Women's World Team Championship 2018.

<u>Bottom Left</u>: The two out of six all-glass show courts at the Xigang Gymnasium in Dalian show the pink power.

<u>*Top Right: Egypt - The Winner of the Women's World Team Championship 2018.*</u>

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### **Coming events**

Youth Olympic Games Date: 7 - 12 Oct 2018 Venue: Buenos Aires, Argentina

**19th Asian Junior Team Championships** Date: 16 - 20 Jan 2019 Venue: Pattaya, Thailand

ASF's AGM Date: 20 Jan 2019 Venue: Pattaya, Thailand **20th Asian Individual Championships** Date: 1 - 5 May 2019 Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

WSF World Doubles Championships Date: 17 - 21 June 2019 Venue: Gold Coast, Australia

**26th Asian Junior Individual Championships** Date: 26 - 30 June 2019 Venue: Macau, China

# Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi, Coaching Director

I am delighted to report that there was one ASF Level 1 Coaching Course in Xiamen, China (June) and three WSF Level 1 Coaching Courses: one in Kuala Lumpur (May), one in Sarawak (May) and one in Singapore. There was also one WSF Level 1 Coaching Tutor Course in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (May). I would like to thank the respective associations for their support as well as all the course tutors for their time and dedication.



Top: WSF Level 1 Tutor Coaching Course in KL, Malaysia. Top: WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Singapore. Bottom: WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Sarawak, Malaysia.

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Bottom: ASF Level 1 Coaching Course in Xiamen, China.

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### **Coming events**

WSF Level 1 Coaching Course

Date: 20-21, 27-28 Oct 2018

WSF Level 3 Coaching Course Date: 26 Nov - 1 Dec 2018 Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Venue: Singapore

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## Referees



Mr. Tahir Khanzada Referees Director

From April to September a total number of 11 clinics conducted throughout Asian region and involving 568 participants. Referees clinics were conducted by Amos Yuen (Hong Kong China), Leslie Ponnampalam (Malaysia), Mohd Abdullah Arrffan (Singapore), Rajiv Reddy (India), Anthony So (Hong Kong China), Srikanth K. Seshadri (India), Tahir Jamil Khanzada (Pakistan).

Assessment exercises were conducted at 16 events, Macau Open (17), SG Squash Circuit 2<sup>nd</sup> LEG (9), 4th SEA Cup Squash (19), PSF Pakistan Squash Circuit No. 1 (5), SG Squash Junior Circuit (11), SG Squash Senior Circuit 3<sup>rd</sup> LEG (7), TECHNOFORM LION CITY Junior Squash Open (9), PSF Pakistan Squash Circuit No. 2 (6), 2ND SINGHA Thailand Chanpionship (15), OHANA Malaysian Open (4), World Juniors Individul & Team C'ships (23), SG Squash Junior Circuit 4<sup>th</sup> LEG (6), 18TH Asian Games (39), CGG World Women's Team Championship Dalian (7), JP Morgan China Open (1), Queclink HKFC PSA International (5). A number of 183 assessments carried out in last six months.

A meeting was held between Director Referee ASF & Asst. Secretary General ASF on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at ASF secretariat Hong Kong to discuss referees development programme and other related matters.





1: The Referees Team of the CGG WSF Women's World Team Championship 2018 at Dalian, China.

- 2: ISA Junior in Chennai, India.
- 3: The Referees Course in Singapore.
- 4: Referees Team at the 25th Asian Junior Individual Championships 2018 in Chennai, India.
- 5: Referees Briefing by the Tournament Referee at the Asian Games 2018 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

### Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

There were total 9 junior competitions between June and September. They are TECHNOFORM Lion City Junior Open, CMS Borneo Junior Open, PBA 16th Penang (Malaysia) Junior Open, Macau Junior Open, Korea Junior Open, Japan Junior Open, HEAD Hong Kong Junior Open, Bombay Gymkhana 3rd Indian Classic Junior Open and Iran Junior Open. We'd like to congratulate all participants and winners as well as to thank the organisers.



### **Coming events**

HCL International Junior Open 12th REDtone KL Junior Open (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 3 - 7 Oct 2018

Venue: Greater Nodia, India

CCI 10th Indian Junior Open (AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 1 - 7 Dec 2018

Venue: Mumbai, India ..... (AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 4 - 9 Dec 2018

Venue: Malaysia

**ONCOCARE Singapore Junior Open (AJSS Gold Event)** 

Date: 11 - 16 Dec 2018

Venue: Singapore

Hong Kong Football Club Junior **Open (AJSS Silver Event)** 

Date: 19 - 23 Dec 2018

Venue: Hong Kong, China

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