

# SQUASH PULSE

## ASF Annual Awards 2018

To honour the effort and achievement of the squash elites in the region, ASF presents the Coaches Awards and the Performance Awards annually to well-recognised coaches and players respectively. This year, the ASF Annual Awards have attracted 18 nominations from 5 countries for the four categories of the Coaches Awards, and 19 nominations from 6 countries for the four categories of the Performance Awards.

"I'm glad to see the enthusiastic response of the member nations. Their support is greatly appreciated. I would also like to congratulate all the award-winning athletes and coaches, said Mr. David Mui, MH JP, the ASF's President.



### ASF Performance Awards 2018

#### *Dato Alex Lee Award - Outstanding Performance of the Year (Senior)*

- Men: Leo Au (Hong Kong, China) - Photo 1
- Women: Annie Au (Hong Kong, China) - Photo 2

#### *Hassan Musa Award - Outstanding Performance of the Year (Junior)*

- Boy: Abbas Zeb (Pakistan)
- Girl: Aifa Azman (Malaysia) - Photo 3



#### *ASF Award - Outstanding Team of the Year*

- Men's Team: Malaysia Asian Games Men's Team - Photo 4
- Women's Team: Hong Kong China Asian Games Women's Team - Photo 5

#### *ASF Development Award - The Most Improved Team of the Year*

- Iran Men's Team

\* For the ASF Coaches Awards 2018, please refer to the Coaching Section.



Mr. Duncan Chiu,  
Secretary General

Summer has always been a busy season in the region because of all the junior events. During this summer holiday, there were thirteen AJSS events, which were very impressive. In addition to this, there were three Asian Championships included the Asian Individual Championships in May, the Asian Junior Individual Championships in June and the Asian Master Championships in September.

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

### 20th Asian Individual Championships

The **20th Asian Individual Championships**, which was successfully held from 1 to 5 May 2019 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia attracted 44 men's players and 34 women's players from 14 regions, included Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong China, India, Iran, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Sri Lanka and Thailand to participate.

After the five-day competitions, Saurav Ghosal won the first-ever Asian Men's Championship title for India after beating Leo Au of Hong Kong China in the final. For the Women's Championship, defending Champion Joshna Chinappa of India successfully defended her title after a 3-1 win over Annie Au of Hong Kong China.

Mr. David Mui, MH JP, the ASF's President expressed his sincere gratitude to the host, Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia, "I would specially thank Dr. Patrick Gurubatham, Chairman of the Organising Committee. Under his leadership, his organising team, the officials, referees and helpers have done a great job, which made the event a memorable experience."

#### Results

##### Men's Event

Champion	- Saurav Ghosal (IND)
1st Runner-up	- Leo Au (HKG)
2nd Runners-up	- Yip Tsz Fung (HKG)
	- Ng Eain Yow (MAS)

##### Women's Event

Champion	- Joshna Chinappa (IND)
Silver Medallist	- Annie Au (HKG)
Bronze Medallists	- Low Wee Ween (MAS)
	- Sivasangari Subramaniam (MAS)



**Top Left:** Mr. David Mui MH JP (2nd left in the front), the ASF's President and Mr. Duncan Chiu (left in the front), the ASF's Secretary General take a group photo with SRAM's officials and the winners.

**Bottom Left:** Saurav Ghosal (IND) and Joshna Chinappa (IND), 2019 Men's and Women's Asian Champion.

**Top Right:** The Men's Final: Saurav Ghosal (IND) vs Leo Au (HKG)

**Bottom Right:** The Women's Final: Joshna Chinappa (IND) vs Annie Au (HKG)



## Major Games and Championships

### 26th Asian Junior Individual Championships

The 26th Asian Junior Individual Championships, which were held at Macau, China from 26 to 30 June, have attracted 217 participants from 13 regions to participate in the 8 events. Though it's the first time for Macau Squash Association to host an Asian Championships, their warm hospitality has made all the participants a wonderful event. Congratulations also go to all winners, coaches and officials.

#### Results

##### Boys Under 19

Champion - Veer Chotrani (IND)  
1st Runner-up - Yash Fadte (IND)  
2nd Runners-up - Haris Qasim (PAK)  
- Hamza Sharif (PAK)

##### Boys Under 17

Champion - Nathan Kueh (MAS)  
1st Runner-up - Neel Joshi (IND)  
2nd Runners-up - A. Chandaran (MAS)  
- Duncan Lee (MAS)

##### Boys Under 15

Champion - M. Hamza Khan (PAK)  
1st Runner-up - Joachim Chuah (MAS)  
2nd Runners-up - Tse Jat (HKG)  
- Paarth Ambani (IND)

##### Boys Under 13

Champion - Wong Lee Hong (MAS)  
1st Runner-up - Christopher M. Buraga (PHI)  
2nd Runners-up - Wong Wing Kuen (HKG)  
- Low Wa Sern (MAS)

##### Girls Under 19

Champion - Chan Yiwen (MAS)  
1st Runner-up - Aifa Azman (MAS)  
2nd Runners-up - Sanya Vats (IND)  
- Ooi Kah Yan (MAS)

##### Girls Under 17

Champion - Chan Sin Yuk (HKG)  
1st Runner-up - Yee Xin Ying (MAS)  
2nd Runners-up - Wong Po Yui (HKG)  
- Jessica Keng (MAS)

##### Girls Under 15

Champion - Aira Azman (MAS)  
1st Runner-up - Yuvna Gupta (IND)  
2nd Runners-up - Tam Cho Nga (HKG)  
- Tse Yee Lam (HKG)

##### Girls Under 13

Champion - Anrie Goh (MAS)  
1st Runner-up - Ena Kwong (HKG)  
2nd Runners-up - Anahat Singh (IND)  
- Doyce Lee (MAS)



1. BU19 winners 2. BU17 winners 3. BU15 winners 4. BU13 winners 5. GU19 winners 6. GU17 winners 7. GU15 winners 8. GU3 winners  
9. ASF's Officers and the officials of Macau Squash Association  
10. Mr. David Mui MH JP, ASF's President (right) and Mr. William Kan, Chairman of Macau Squash Association

## Major Games and Championships

### 4th Asian Master Championships

The Asian Master Championships was successfully concluded on 8 September 2019 in Hong Kong, China. 104 players of age over 35 gathered at Kowloon Cricket Club, a prestigious sports club in Hong Kong, to fight for the Asian Master Championships titles.



#### Champions

M35-39	- Amitpal Kohli (IND)
M40-44	- Kenny Foo (MAS)
M45-49	- Vikas Nayar (IND)
M50-54	- Malcom Kerr (HKG)
M55-59	- Peter Hill (HKG)
M60-64	- Brian Macdougall (HKG)
M65-69	- Takeshi Wada (JPN)
M70+	- Kunihiro Oinuma (JPN)
W35-44	- Elise Ng (HKG)
W45-49	- Yoriko Michishita (JPN)
W50+	- Yuko Asano (JPN)

### East Asian Team Championship

The East Asian Championship 2019 was successfully concluded on 25 August in Tokyo, Japan. We would like to congratulate Hong Kong, China on winning its ninth consecutive Champion title. Applause also goes to Japan and Chinese Taipei, who won the 2nd and the 3rd respectively. We would like to express our gratitude to Japan Squash Association, who besides hosted the Championships, but also the AGM of the East Asian Squash Federation.

*Top: EASF's delegates and participating teams.  
Bottom: Winning teams and the guests*



### 3rd West Asian Championships

The 3rd West Asian Championships 2019 was successfully held in Gorgan City, Iran. Kuwait, Qatar, Iraq and Iran sent their best teams to participate in the event. Congratulations go to all winners and member nations. Thanks should also go to Iran Squash Federation, who organised such a successful event.

#### Results

##### Individual Results

Winner	- Abdullah Altamimi(QAT)
1st Runner-up	- Salad Zareian Jahromi (IRN)
2nd Runners-up	- Ammar Alatomimi (KUW)
	- Azlan Amjad (QAT)

##### Team Results

Winner	- Iran
1st Runner-up	- Qatar
2nd Runners-up	- Kuwait





## Major Games and Championships



The **WSF World Junior Championships** was held from 30 July to 9 August 2019 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. We would like to congratulate Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia on once again staging a successful world squash championships.

Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Macau China, Malaysia, Pakistan and Singapore from the region sent players to participate in the Championships. Congratulations go to Malaysia and Hong Kong China, who finished 2nd and co-3rd respectively in the Junior Women's Team Championships. We would also like to congratulate Egypt who clinched both the Junior Men's and Women's Championship Titles as well as the Junior Women's World Team Championship 2019 title.



*Top Left: The winning teams of the WSF Women's World Junior Team Championship 2019.*

*Bottom Left: Group photo of the winners of the WSF Men's & Women's World Junior Championships 2019.*

*Top Right: Rowan Elaraby (EGY) and Mostafa Asal (EGY) are the two World Junior Champions 2019.*

### Coming events

#### CIB PSA Women's World Championship

Date: 23 Oct - 1 Nov 2019

Venue: Cairo, Egypt

#### PSA Men's World Championship

Date: 8 - 15 Nov 2019

Venue: Doha, Qatar

#### Southeast Asian Games

Date: 30 Nov - 11 Dec 2019

Venue: Manila, Philippines

#### South Asian Games

Date: 1 - 10 Dec 2019

Venue: Nepal

#### 20th Asian Team Championships & 40th ASF's AGM

Date: 25 - 29 Mar 2020

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

#### 27th Asian Junior Individual Championships

Date: 29 June - 3 July 2020

Venue: Qingdao, China

## Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi,  
Coaching Director

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the coaches who won the ASF Coaches Awards 2018. they have distinguished contribution to the sport not just on the elite level, but also to the community. Their passion and dedication have set a good role model to the athletes as well as to other coaches.

### ASF Coaches Awards 2018 Recipients

#### ASF Coach of the Year

- Team: Rebecca Chiu (HKG) - Photo 1
- Individual: Peter John Genever (MAS)

#### ASF Junior Coach of the Year

- Mohd Shahril (MAS) - Photo 2

#### ASF Development Coach of the Year

- Seyed Mohammadhossein Sanaee (IRN)

#### ASF Coaches Certificate of Recognition

- Fung Wing Ming (HKG)
- Anson Kwong (HKG)
- Danny Yip (HKG)
- Fatemeh Alsadat Haidary (IRN)
- Muhammad Ammar Md Sidik (MAS) - Photo 3
- Zulfiqar Khan (MAS) - Photo 4
- Tay Jess Sin Kiong (MAS)
- Foo Kean Ghee (MAS) - Photo 5
- Kho Yang Yang (MAS)
- Ong Beng Hee (QAT) - Photo 6



### Coming events

#### WSF Level 1 Coaching Course

Date: November 2019

Venue: Dalian, China

#### WSF Level 1 Coaching Course & Refresher Course

Date: 11 - 13 & 18 - 20 Oct 2019

Venue: Macau, China



## Referees



Mr. Tahir Khanzada  
Referees Director

The 3rd Focal points meeting was held on 6th August 2019 during World Junior Championship at Kuala Lumpur. The meeting attended by Srikanth Seshadri (South Asia), Anthony So (East Asia), Mohd Abdullah Arrffan (South East Asia), Ebrahim Kamal (West Asia) & Tahir Khanzada (Director Referees ASF).

During the meeting various points tabled and discussed, which includes referees training manual, to prepare ASF certified instructor list and ASF referees claim forms, to propose amendment in the CBTA programme. The

Director Referee ASF Suggested the house that we should organize the Asian Referee Conference (ARC) but the focal points suggested that instead of having ARC, ASF should appoint an assessor in any ASF Championship and the appointed assessor should hold a proper clinic and must followed by conducting assessments.

There were 16 clinics conducted throughout Asian region from April to September 2019 and involving 295 participants. Referees clinics were conducted by Muhammad Fayyaz (Hong Kong China), Amos Yuen (Hong Kong China), Miyuki Adachi (Japan), Mohd Abdullah Arrffan (Singapore), Anthony So (Hong Kong China), Srikanth K. Seshadri (India), Tahir Jamil Khanzada (Pakistan).

Assessment exercises were conducted in 18 events throughout Asia region, CAS International (08), Serena Hotels Huawei International (10), 5th SEA Cup (12), Otters Club Vedanta Squash Open (6), Macau Open (17), 2nd SG Squash Circuit (Senior) (9), 3rd SG Squash Circuit (Junior) (4), 76th Indian National Squash Championship (12), FMC International Squash Championship (12), Technifiber Lion City (8), Thailand Squash Championship (6), 3rd SG Squash Circuit (Senior) (7), PSA Qatar Open (8), World Juniors Championships (25), HCL SRFI Indian Tour Delhi Leg (3), Pakistan Squash Circuit No. 1 (4), China Open (8), Malaysian Open (2).



1: Technical Officials of WSF World Junior Championships 2019 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

2: Referees Team of the South East Asian Cup 2019 in Manila, Philippines.

3: Referees Clinic in Hong Kong, China.

4: Referees Clinic at the 76th Indian National Championships.

## Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

There were total 13 junior competitions between June and September. They are Southern Slam, Lion City Junior Open, Yazd Junior Open, CMS Borneo Junior Open, PBA Penang (Malaysia) Junior Open, HEAD Hong Kong Junior Open, Iran Junior Open, Dalian Junior Open, Chinese Junior Open Qingdao, Japan Junior Open, Western Slam, Korea Junior Open and Indian Junior Open. We'd like to congratulate all participants and winners as well as to thank the organisers.



1. PBA Penang (Malaysia) Junior Open.
2. CMS Borneo Junior Open.
3. Dalian Junior Open.
4. Chinese Junior Open Qingdao.
- 5: Lion City Junior Open.
- 6: Japan Junior Open.
7. HEAD Hong Kong Junior Open.

### Coming events

#### Eastern Slam (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 9 - 12 Nov 2019

Venue: Kolkata, India

#### FMC Pakistan Junior Open (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 16 - 21 Nov 2019

Venue: Lahore, Pakistan

#### 13th REDtone KL Junior Open (AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 3 - 8 Dec 2019

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

#### Singapore Junior Open (AJSS Gold Event)

Date: 10 - 14 Dec 2019

Venue: Singapore

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