

# SQUASH PULSE

## ASF Annual Awards 2019

To honour the effort and achievement of the squash elites in the region in 2019, ASF has selected winners from total 34 nominees of 7 countries for the four categories of the Coaches Awards and seven categories of the Performance Awards.

"I am proud of all nominees who have worked hard towards our beloved sport in the previous year. Though there is only one winner for most of the awards, the dedication and determination of the nominated coaches and athletes are not just recognised by their associations, but also by all the squash lovers in the region," said wholeheartedly by Mr. David Mui, MH JP, the ASF's President.

"Thank you very much for the support of the member nations. My gratitude would also go to the Selection Panel, chaired by ASF Coaching Director, Mr. Tony Choi (Hong Kong, China) and his dedicated panel members include Mr Koo Ryun-Hoe (Korea), Maj (R) S. Maniam (Malaysia) and Group Captain Tahir Sultan (Pakistan). I would also like to congratulate all award-winning athletes and coaches. Let's keep up all the good work."

### ASF Performance Awards 2019

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

- Men: Saurav Ghosal (India)
- Women: Annie Au (Hong Kong, China)

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

- Boy: Veer Chotrani (India)
- Girl: Aifa Azman (Malaysia)

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

- Men's Team: Pakistan Men's Team for South Asian Games
- Women's Team: Malaysia World Junior Women's Team

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

- Pakistan Junior Men's Team

For the ASF Coaches Awards 2019, please refer to the Coaching Section.



Mr. Duncan Chiu,  
Secretary General

During these trying times when most of the member national federations are facing serious challenges from the coronavirus pandemic, Asian Squash Federation would like to express our support to the Asian squash community and to send our best wishes for recovery to those who are suffering from the pandemic.

As a sensible precaution and for practical reasons in this extraordinary circumstances, we have postponed the Asian Team Championships and the 40th ASF's AGM, which were due to take place in March. Due to the uncertainty of the situation, we have also decided to postpone the Asian Junior Individual Championships, which were planned to be held in late June.

We've been constantly monitoring the situation and closely communicate with the host. Once there are any updates of both events, we'll inform all member nations.

Though there are a number of cancellation of squash events in the first quarter of 2020, there were some activities in the squash community end of 2019. I hope you will enjoy this newsletter as usual.

Stay Strong, Stay Positive and Stay Healthy!

## Major Games and Championships



The **13th South Asian Games**, which was held from 6 - 10 December 2019 in Kathmandu, Nepal, attracted five countries included Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka to participate in the four events of squash: Men's and Women's Singles and Team Events.

We would like to congratulate Nepal Squash Rackets Association on hosting such a successful event. Thanks also go to the participating member nations, all officials, referees and helpers.

### Results

#### Men's Singles Event

Gold Medalist - Tayyab Aslam (PAK)  
Silver Medalist - Harinder Pal Singh (IND)  
Bronze Medalists - Abhay Singh (IND)  
- Mehboob Farhan (PAK)

#### Men's Team Event

Gold Medalist - Pakistan  
Silver Medalist - India  
Bronze Medalists - Nepal  
- Sri Lanka

#### Women's Singles Event

Gold Medalist - Tanvi Khanna (IND)  
Silver Medalist - Sunayana S Kuruvilla (IND)  
Bronze Medalists - Faiza Zafar (PAK)  
- Madina Zafar (PAK)

#### Women's Team Event

Gold Medalist - India  
Silver Medalist - Pakistan  
Bronze Medalists - Nepal  
- Sri Lanka



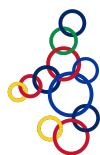
**Top Left:** Pakistan Squash Team, which won 2 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medals at the Squash Event of the 13th South Asian Games 2019.

**Top Right:** Indian Women's Squash Team, which won the gold medal.

**Bottom Left:** Officials of the Squash Event of the 13th South Asian Games, included the 3 ASF Appointed Regional Referees: Kevin Chan (HKG), Abdul Rehman (KUW) and Navad Kashif (MAS).



## Major Games and Championships



PHILIPPINES 2019  
30th SEA GAMES

The **Southeast Asian Games 2019**, which were held in Philippines from 1 to 9 December, have attracted 5 countries to participate in the five squash events. Those countries included Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. We would like to congratulate Philippines Squash Academy on hosting such a well-organised event. Thanks also go to all officials, referees and helpers.

### Results

#### Men's Singles Event

Gold Medalist - Addeen Idrakie (MAS)  
Silver Medalist - Robert Garcia (PHI)  
Bronze Medalists - Darren R. Pragasam (MAS)  
- Chua Man Chin (SIN)

#### Women's Singles Event

Gold Medalist - Rachel Arnold (MAS)  
Silver Medalist - Chan Yiwen (MAS)  
Bronze Medalists - Jemyca Aribado (PHI)  
- Au Yeong Wai Yhann (SIN)



*The Gold Medalists of the Men's and Women's Singles Events.*

#### Men's Team Event

Gold Medalist - Malaysia  
Silver Medalist - Philippines  
Bronze Medalists - Indonesia  
- Singapore

#### Women's Team Event

Gold Medalist - Malaysia  
Silver Medalist - Singapore  
Bronze Medalists - Indonesia  
- Philippines

#### Mixed Team Event

Gold Medalist - Philippines  
Silver Medalist - Singapore  
Bronze Medalists - Indonesia  
- Thailand

## PSA Women's World Championship

**PSA Women's World Championship** was held 24 October to 1 November at Cairo, Egypt. Hong Kong China, India, Malaysia and Philippines sent players to participate in the event. Annie Au of Hong Kong China, Joshna Chinappa of India and Sivasangari Subramaniam of Malaysia finished 3rd round. Our congratulation would go to all participating Asian players as well as their respective federations. Besides, we would also like to congratulate the World Champion, Nour El Sherbini of Egypt.



*Nour El Sherbini (EGY), Women's World Champion 2019.*



*Ho Tse Lok (HKG) against Joshna Chinappa (IND) in the 2nd round of the PSA Women's World Championship 2019.*

## Major Games and Championships

### PSA Men's World Championships 2019

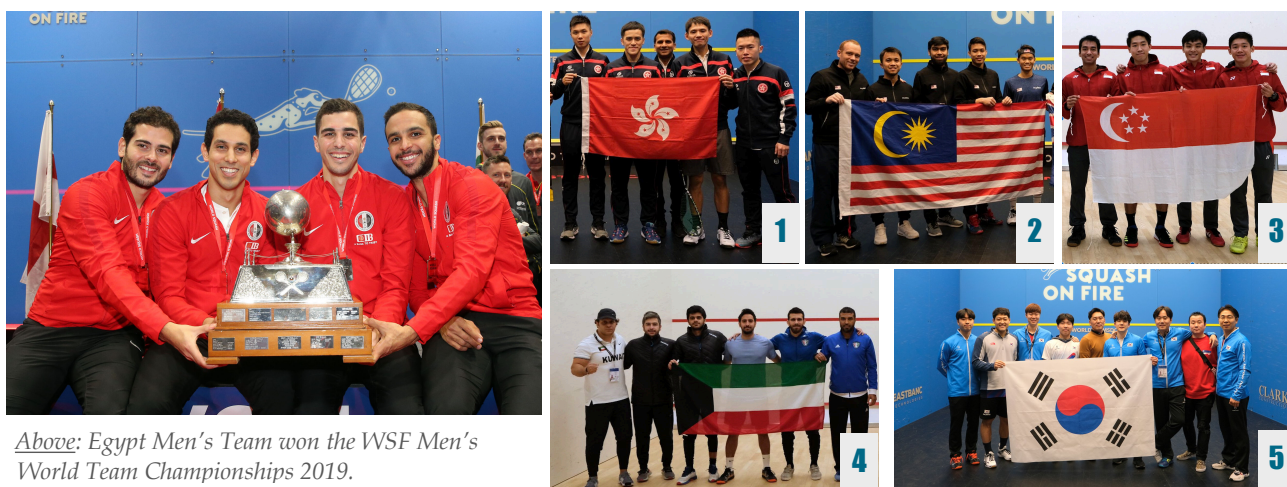
PSA Men's World Championships was successfully held on 8 - 15 November 2019 in Doha, Qatar. Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan and Qatar from Asia participated in the event. We would like to congratulate Qatar Squash Federation on once again hosting a successful world championship.



*Left: Saurav Ghosal (IND), the one in red top, lost to the 1st seed, Mohamed El Shorbagy (EGY) in the 3rd round. Abdullah Altamimi of Qatar also reached 3rd round and lost to the 2nd seed, Tarek Momen (EGY), the Champion. Right: Tarek Momen (EGY), 2019 Men's World Champion.*

### WSF Men's World Team Championship

WSF Men's World Team Championship 2019, which was held 15 - 21 December at Washington, USA, has attracted twenty-three countries to participate. From Asia, there were Hong Kong China(1), Korea(5), Kuwait(4), Malaysia(2) and Singapore(3).



*Above: Egypt Men's Team won the WSF Men's World Team Championships 2019.*

### Coming events

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

Date: postponed

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

#### 27th Asian Junior Individual Championships

Date: postponed

Venue: Qingdao, China

#### World University Squash Championships

Date: postponed

Venue: Shanghai, China

#### WSF World Masters Championships

Date: 23 - 29 August

Venue: Wroclaw, Poland



## Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi,  
Coaching Director

I am delighted to report that there were two WSF Level 1 Coaching Courses: one in Macau, China (Oct)(*photo 1*) and one in Dalian, China (Nov)(*photo 2*). There were also one WSF Level 2 Coaching Course in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia(Nov). I would like to thank the respective associations for their support as well as all the course tutors for their time and dedication.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the coaches who won the ASF Coaches Awards 2019. Please click onto the [ASF's official website for the awardees' list](#).



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## Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

There were 3 junior competitions between October and December, 2019: Eastern Slam Junior Open(*photo 1*), REDtone 13th KL Junior Open(*photo 2*) and Oncocare Singapore Junior Open(*photo 3*). We'd like to congratulate all participants and winners as well as to thank the organisers.



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### Coming events

Due to the coronavirus pandemic across the region, a number of AJSS events which were due to be held in the first half year of 2020 have been postponed. They include: Doha Junior Open, Qatar Junior Open, 1st Birjand City Junior Open, 2nd SRFI Southern Slam and Lion City Junior Squash Open. Japan Junior Open which is due to be held in August was cancelled. Please stay tuned to the [ASF's official website](#) for the updates of these events.

#### Chinese Squash Junior Elite Competition (AJSS Silver)

Date: 23 - 26 July 2020

Venue: Beijing, China

#### Dalian Junior Open (AJSS Silver)

Date: 30 July - 2 August 2020

Venue: Dalian, China

#### Hong Kong Junior Open (AJSS Platinum)

Date: 4 - 8 August 2020

Venue: Hong Kong, China

#### Korea Junior Open (AJSS Silver)

Date: 10 - 13 August 2020

Venue: Incheong, Korea

#### PBA 18th Penang (Malaysian) Junior Open (AJSS Platinum)

Date: 19 - 24 August 2020

Venue: Penang, Malaysia

## Referees



Mr. Tahir Khanzada  
Referees Director

During the last six months (October - March) there were not many referees activities in all the four sub regions because of the COVID-19.

Since October 2019 till March 2020 there were two Regional Games, SEA Games at Manila-Philippines and SAG at Nepal Kathmandu.

Since last six months we had a total number of 19 clinics conducted in Singapore, Iran, Hong Kong, Kuwait, Nepal, Thailand, Malaysia & Pakistan. A number of 523 participants attended the clinics. Referees clinics were conducted by Mohd Abdullah Arrffan (Singapore), Amos Yuen (Hong Kong, China), Abdul Rahman Alowaish (Kuwait), Abdulbhadri Aryan (Kuwait),

Anthony So (Hong Kong China), Naved Kashif Khan (Malaysia), Leslie Ponnampalam (Malaysia) & Tahir Jamil Khanzada (Pakistan). ASF Conducted its 1st ASF referee clinic and WSF Level-1 Referee Course at Kathmandu Nepal on 3-4 December 2019 through Course Instructor Naved Kashif (Malaysia).

Assessment exercises were conducted in 10 events, Inter-Tertiary Institute Staff (3), World Men's Team play off (1), SG Squash Senior Circuit (11), SG Squash Junior Circuit (8), South Asian Games 2019 (1), HCL SRFI Mumbai Leg (1), 1st Kings Cup (4), 13th DG Rangers Sindh International Squash 2019 (5), 14th CNS International Squash Championship 2020 (7), NJC Bukit Jalil (12). A number of 58 assessments carried out in last six months.

I would like to thank all the clinics/course instructors and assessors who travelled around Asia to help to the success of all these events.



1. Referees Team at SEA Games
2. Referees Team at CNS International
3. Referees Clinic in Hong Kong, China
4. Referees Clinic at South Asian Games
5. Referees Clinic in Malaysia



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