

SQUASH PULSE

40th Annual General Meeting

Due to COVID-19, the 40th Annual General Meeting, which was due to be held in conjunction with the Asian Team Championships in March at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, was postponed. After the Malaysian Government's extension of the Recovery Movement Control Order and the consultation with ASF's Management Committee, the Executive Committee decided to host the Annual General Meeting this year virtually on Saturday, 19 December 2:30pm.

"The pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on the world of sports. Our beloved sport, squash, is inevitable to face the challenge, too. Numerous squash activities in the region this year were either suspended or cancelled. However, we must prepare for the time when the pandemic subsides and regular activities resume," said Mr. David Mui, MH, JP, ASF's President, "thus, amidst the uncertainty and the 'new normal', we must adopt technology and new thinking to develop and promote our sport."

Mr. Mui continued, "Though the member nations are not able to meet in person this year, we hope that we can still meet online for the AGM to share everyone's current situation and to plan ahead next year's activities."

This is the first time for ASF to host a virtual Annual General Meeting in response to this unprecedented pandemic.



Mr. David Mui, MH JP, ASF's President



*Mr. Duncan Chiu,
Secretary General*

Year 2020 is a challenge for the world and for all sports too. We understand that most our member national federations have also been going through some trying times due to 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.

Though most squash events were cancelled in 2020, we hope that everything would be back to normal in 2021. You'll see that we plan to have five Asian Championships in 2021.

We will keep monitoring the situation and closely communicate with the hosts for any updates. Please stay tuned and check our [Official Website](#).

Keep Staying Strong, Positive and Healthy!

Major Games and Championships

20th Asian Team Championships & 27th Asian Junior Individual Championships

20th Asian Team Championships which was due to be held in March 2020 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia will be postponed to 2021.

Due to the extension of the Recovery Movement Control Order to 31 December 2020 in Malaysia with no international participants and audiences are allowed to take part in sports activities, ASF's Executive Committee, having consulted with the Management Committee, decides to postpone the event to next year.

ASF's EXCO would like to take opportunity to thank Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia for the preparation work and support.

Once there's any update on the Championships, the ASF's Secretariat will inform all member nations.

27th Asian Junior Individual Championships 2020 was inevitably cancelled due to the uncertain development of COVID-19 in the region and around the world.

ASF's EXCO believes that safety and health of athletes have always been the top priority, especially for the juniors. Thus the Championships were cancelled this year.

Our sincere gratitude should be given to Chinese Squash Association for their dedication and support.

Coming events

20th Asian Team Championships

Date: postponed to 2021

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

28th Asian Junior Individual Championships

Date: June/July, 2021

Venue: India

20th Asian Junior Team Championships & 41st ASF's AGM

Date: January/February, 2021

Venue: Hong Kong, China

5th Asian Masters Championships

Date: TBC

Venue: Iran

21st Asian Individual Championships

Date: April/May, 2021

Venue: Pakistan

2021 World Junior Championships

Date: July/August, 2021

Venue: IEgypt

Referees



Mr. Tahir Khanzada
Referees Director

There were few ASF Focal points meeting held on Zoom on various issues regarding Re-nomination requirement for One year, WSO (World Squash Officiating) and other refereeing related matters.

As a member of the WSO (World Squash Officiating) commission, I would like to bring it to the notice of ASF MNF's that WSO has a grand plan for the referees across the world. WSO will have 5 levels of referees ranging from Level 1 (club level) to Level 5 (WSF level). Once the WSO plan is in place all referees across the world will registered with the SPIN (Squash Personal Identification Number) and will be categorized according to the current status. WSO also plan to standardize the referee curriculum universally with videos and literature provided on website for all referees to use. The WSO is almost ready to be rolled out. Hopefully the WSO should be on track beginning of 2021.

Due to Covid-19 there were no referees clinics held across Asia. The following activities which were not included due to some reasons in the last edition of squash pulse:

- SSRA National Squash League – Squash Rules Clinic, 1st session (11th Jan);
- SSRA National Squash League – Squash Rules Clinic, 2nd session (15th Jan); (*photo 1*)
- SSRA National Squash League – Squash Rules Clinic, 3rd session (16th Jan); (*photo 2*)
- SSRA National Squash League – Squash Rules Clinic, 4th session (22nd Jan); (*Photo 3*)
- SRAM coaches & players – Squash Rues Clinic (29th Feb);
- 6th South Asian Squash Federation Cup 2020 (17th Feb).

These referees clinics were conducted by Mohd Abdullah Arrffan (Singapore), Leslie Ponnampalam (Malaysia) & Naved Kashif (Malaysia).

Assessment exercises at SRAM National Junior Championship 2020 (12) & 6th South East Asian Games (8) were conducted by Leslie Ponnampalam (Malaysia) & Mohd Abdullah Arrffan (Singapore).



Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi,
Coaching Director

I am sad to report that almost all coaching courses which were due to be held in 2020 were cancelled due to the unprecedented pandemic around the world. I hope that things will be back to normal in 2021, so please stay healthy and positive!

We have been working closely with WSF to ensure that the goal of a smooth integration of the ASF's Coach Education Programme to that of the WSF. We hope that the seamless integration will not just help ASF/WSF, but also the member nations and the coaches.

Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in the region, AJSS events in 2020 are either cancelled or postponed. After consulting the Championship Committee, the ASF's EXCO decided to freeze the ranking points as at February 2020 Asian Junior Ranking, which recorded the points that players earned in 2019 tournaments. For the most updated Asian Junior Ranking (October), please check the [ASF's Junior Ranking](#) page.

Coming events

**Birjand City Junior Open
(AJSS Silver)**

Date: February 2021

Venue: Birjand City, Iran

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