

SQUASH PULSE

Inclusion of Mixed Doubles into 2022 Hangzhou Asian Game

Asian Squash Federation received the official confirmation from The 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 Organising Committee that Mixed Doubles will be added as one of the squash events in next year's Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

Mr. David Mui, MH, JP, ASF's President expressed his sincere appreciation to various parties, who make this happen, "I would like to thank the support of The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games Organising Committee."

For the successful inclusion of Mixed Doubles into the 2022 Asian Games Squash Event, the ASF's Patron Mr N. Ramachandran also played a significant role. "I would also like to give my thanks to Mr. Ramachandran for his tremendous assistance and support," added Mr. Mui, "this is a great news for the Asian squash community, who has longed for more medals opportunity in the Asian Games. Besides, it is also an important step for increasing the status of the sport in the world. We, the squash community, are grateful for Rami's dedication and contribution to the sport in both Asia and the world over the years."

Mr. Mui continued, "Having 2 men's and 2 women's players in a bigger squash court for the Doubles will allow more interaction between players in different gender and excitement, which arouses more fun to the game and to the spectators," said Mr. Mui, "thus, I believe it will be a good show."

Squash events in Hangzhou Asian Games will be held 13 - 22 September 2022. Each nation can send maximum 4 men's players and 4 women's players for the five squash events. Team events will start first and followed by the Singles and Mixed Doubles.



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



*Mr. Duncan Chiu,
Secretary General*

Year 2020 was a challenge for the world and for all sports, Asia and squash is no exception. Most squash events were cancelled in 2020 and the same happened in the first quarter of 2021.

We plan to have five Asian Championships this year. However, due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, we will continuously monitor 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

21st Asian Individual Championships

20th Asian Junior Team Championships

28th Asian Junior Individual Championships

5th Asian Masters Championships

There are five planned Asian Championships for this year. Due to the continuous outbreak of the pandemic in early 2021, the five championships are tentatively scheduled to be held in the bottom half quarter of the year. However, as the development of the pandemic is still uncertain, the dates of these championships are subject to changes.

The health and safety of the participating athletes and officials are always the top priority of ASF, so the Secretariat will continuously monitor the situation and keep close communication with the hosts to ensure a safe competition environment before we confirm the dates for the events.

Nevertheless, ASF's EXCO would like to take this opportunity to thank the hosts of these Asian Championships, including Hong Kong Squash, The Squash Rackets Federation of India, Iran Squash Federation, Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia and Pakistan Squash Federation, for their continuous support and enthusiasm.

We hope that with the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines, the pandemic will subside soon and normal activities can be resumed.

Coming events

20th Asian Team Championships

Date: 17 - 21 August, 2021*

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

28th Asian Junior Individual Championships

Date: Last quarter of 2021*

Venue: India

21st Asian Individual Championships

Date: 25 - 29 August, 2021*

Venue: Islamabad, Pakistan

20th Asian Junior Team Championships

Date: Last quarter of 2021*

Venue: Hong Kong, China

5th Asian Masters Championships

Date: 20 - 24 September, 2021*

Venue: Iran

2021 World Junior Championships

Date: Postponed

Venue: Egypt

**dates are subject to changes*

Referees



Mr. Tahir Khanzada
Referees Director

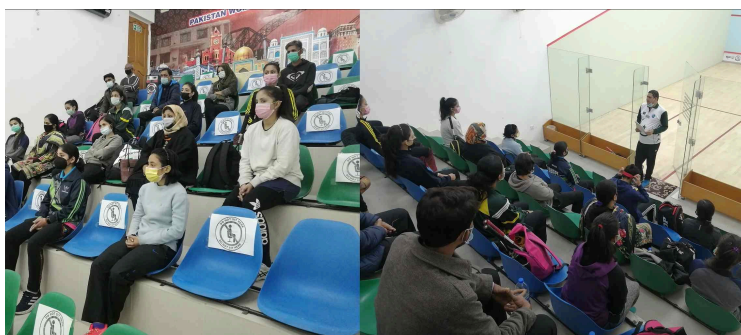
After the pandemic COVID-19, a few activities held in 2020, and very positive start in the 1st quarter of 2021.

In last 6 months we had few online focal points meetings especially for Regional Referee Re-Nomination process & WSO (World Squash Officiating). WSO has been launched on 15th April, it is online referee education system through a portal designed to standardize officiating qualifications worldwide. The Referees will be encouraged to take all the tests. The theory tests are only part of the qualification. All referees will still be required to undertake "appraisals" (assessments).

Since last six months we had a total number of 16 clinics conducted in Singapore, Iran, Kuwait & Pakistan. A number of 262 participants attended the clinics. Referees clinics were conducted by Mohd Abdullah Arrffan (Singapore), Abdul Rahman Alowaish (Kuwait), Mehdi Mokthari (Iran) & Tahir Jamil Khanzada (Pakistan).

Assessment exercises were conducted in 7 events with 42 assessments in total, MARIGOLD National Squash Championships 2020, MARIGOLD Juniors & Master's Squash Open 2020, Hyderabad Gymkhana Pakistan Women Squash Championship, BISL 4 Southern Punjab International Squash 2021, DYMON ASIA SG Squash Circuit 1 - 2021, DYMON ASIA SG Squash Master's Open 1st Leg - 2021, ONCOCARE SG Squash Junior Circuit 1st Leg - 2021.

I would like to thank all the clinics/course instructors and assessors in Asia for their support during these trying times.



Top Left: Referees - Singapore Masters 2021;
Top Right: Referee Clinic along with players on briefing on COVID-19 SOP's Hyderabad in Pakistan;
Bottom Left: Referee at Singapore Squash Circuit;
Bottom Right: Referees Clinic with Women's Committee in Kuwait.

Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi,
Coaching Director

Due to the development of the pandemic, there were not many coaching courses held in the first quarter of 2021. With the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines worldwide, I hope that things will be back to normal soon, so please stay healthy and positive!

We will continuously work 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 continuous outbreak of COVID-19 in the region, there were no AJSS events scheduled for 2021. 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.

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