

SQUASH PULSE

41st Annual General Meeting

Due to the pandemic, the 41st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Asian Squash Federation was conducted virtually on 4 September 2021. The AGM has attracted 38 delegates and observers from 21 member nations to go online and participate.

At the AGM, David Mui, MH JP was re-elected the President of the ASF. Fayez Abdullah Almutairi (Kuwait) was also re-elected as the Vice President. Besides, Heo Tae-Sook (Korea) and Cyrus Poncha (India), who were newly elected, took the remaining two Vice Presidencies.

After the election, Mr. Mui congratulated the new Management Committee and also showed his gratitude to Kim Won-Kwan and Debendranath Sarangi, who retired from their roles as Vice Presidents, "Kim, as the VP for 12 years, has brought the Federation harmony and unity, which are the vital Asian squash community's spirit. I would also like to thank Sarangi for his contribution to the Referee Committee over the last four years." For the new term 2021 - 2025, composition of the sub-committees have also been updated. Please visit the ASF Official Website for details.





Top: Mr. David Mui, MH JP (2nd from left), ASF's President and his Executive Committee team: Mr. Duncan Chiu (3rd from left), Secretary General and Mr. Cedric Tyen (far right), Honorary Treasurer. On the far left is Mr. Tony Choi, Coaching Director.

Left: Delegates and Observers at the ASF's Virtual Annual General Meeting on 4 September, 2021.



Mr. Duncan Chiu, Secretary General

It continued to be harsh for the first half of 2021 due to the uncertain development of the pandemic.

For activities to resume normally on one hand, but also to ensure the safety and health of the athletes and officials, we've been working closely with the hosts to monitor the situation and to make reasonable decision. Thus, we hope that you would understand our difficulties in facing all the uncertainty if we were not able to make decision well ahead like what we always did in the

However, we will communicate with the members for any latest updates, so please stay tuned and check our Official Website.

Major Games and Championships



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The **20th Asian Team Championships**, which was due to be held in 2020, has been postponed due to the pandemic. It was confirmed that the Championships would be held **30 November - 4 December 2021 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**. Please visit the <u>ASF's Official website</u> for the details of the Championships.

21st Asian Individual Championships

The **21st Asian Individual Championships**, which was due to be held in April/May 2021, has also been postponed due to the pandemic. It was confirmed that the Championships would be held **15** - **19 December 2021 in Islamabad**, **Pakistan**. Please visit the <u>ASF's Official website</u> for the details of the Championships.

20th Asian Junior Team Championships

Having thoroughly discussed with the host, Hong Kong Squash, ASF's Executive Committee confirmed that the **20th Asian Junior Team Championships** would be postponed to **the first half of 2022**. Please stay tuned and check the <u>ASF's Official website</u>.

28th Asian Junior Individual Championships

Considered the health and safety of the junior players under this uncertain pandemic situation, ASF's Executive Committee and the Squash Rackets Federation of India confirmed that the **28th Asian Junior Individual Championships**, which was due to be held in India in 2021, was inevitably **cancelled**.

5th Asian Masters Championships

Considered the current pandemic situation, Iran Squash Federation also decided to move the **5th Asian Masters Championships** to **December 2021**.

Coming events

WSF Men's World Team Championships

Date: 7 - 12 December, 2021 Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

21st Asian Team Championships & 42nd ASF's AGM

Date: April/May 2022

Venue: Korea

29th Asian Junior Individual Championships

Date: June/July 2022

Venue: Thailand

19th Asian Games

Date: 13 - 22 September, 2022

Venue: Hangzhou, China

Referees



Mr. Tahir Khanzada Referees Director

After the pandemic COVID-19, after a positive start of squash activities in the $1^{\rm st}$ quarter of 2021, there were also a very good number of refereeing activities organized in $2^{\rm nd}$ & $3^{\rm rd}$ quarter of 2021.

During the last 6 months we had few online focal points meetings especially on WSO (World Squash Officiating). As you all are aware that WSO has been launched on 15^{th} April, and ASF Referee Committee has met with WSO team on 7^{th} July 2021.

During the Zoom meeting, we have showed our concern about the transparency and fairness of the appointment and appraisal process. Besides, we also discussed with WSO about having more Asian representation in the new structure. The ASF EXCO was apprised of the situation, which has raised the issue to the WSF's Management.

We believe that a mutually respectful and trustworthy partnership would enhance the success and legitimacy of the WSO in the region.

In the last six months we had a total number of **58 clinics** conducted in Singapore, Malaysia, Iran, Kuwait & Pakistan. A number of **789 participants** attended the clinics. Referees clinics were conducted by Mohd Abdullah Arrffan (Singapore), Abdul Rahman Alowaish (Kuwait), Dr. Ali Jehad (Iraq), Mohammad Abduljaber (Iraq) & Tahir Jamil Khanzada (Pakistan).

Assessment exercises were conducted in 3 events with 19 assessments in total, MARIGOLD National Squash Championships 2020, MALAYSIA/SRAM PSA 1 Tour (10), SINGAPORE/SSRA TECH Mahindra SG Squash Open 2021 (6), SINGAPORE /SSRA ATC Men's Trials (3) & CAS Serena Hotels-COMBAXX International Squash 2021(7).

I would like to thank all the clinics/course instructors and assessors in Asia for their support during these trying times. We look forward to and hope that more MNF's will conduct many championships in the Asia region to boost the Squash activities during and post pandemic.









Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi, Coaching Director

With the new ASF's Office for the term 2021 - 2025, there is an alteration of the Coaching Sub-Committee's composition. Mr. Jovi Au from Hong Kong, China replaces Mr. Cyrus Poncha from India to be the Regional Course Manager as Cyrus has been elected as one of the new ASF's Vice Presidents. Jovi will help the member nations, who are interested in organising WSF Coaching Courses.

In the first half of 2021, there were not many coaching courses. However, with the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines worldwide, we know that members have started to plan for coming coaching activities, so please stay tuned!

Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

Qatar Squash Federation will be the first member nation to organise a AJSS event after the AJSS has stopped for almost 2 years due to the pandemic. Qatar Junior Open, an AJSS Silver event will be held 7 - 11 November 2021 at Doha by Qatar Squash Federation.

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