

SQUASH PULSE

Major Games and Championships



20th Asian Team Championships

With the support of Malaysian Government and Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia (SRAM), the 20th Asian Team Championships were successfully held 30 November – 4 December 2021 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with COVID guidelines imposed to protect the health and safety of all players and officials.

The event attracted 12 men's and 8 women's teams from 12 regions, included Hong Kong China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore and Sri Lanka, to participate. After 5-day competition, Malaysia won in both Men's and Women's Team Championships, which is their first time to claim both titles on their home ground.

Our sincere thanks should go to SRAM for their dedication and commitment to successfully host the Asian Team Championships in a safe environment. In addition to this, ASF would also like to show the deepest appreciation to all officials of the championships, especially the ASF's Technical Delegate, Mr. Mohammad Bin Abdullah Arrffan (Singapore) and the ASF's Appointed Referees, Mr. Srikanth Seshadri (India), Mr. Kellvintra B. Selvaraj (Malaysia) and Mr. Sajjad Ahmed (Pakistan).



*Mr. Duncan Chiu,
Secretary General*

We had a busy November and December in 2021. The 20th Asian Team Championships and the 21st Asian Individual Championships were held during this time in Malaysia and Pakistan respectively. Though it was a bit quiet in the first quarter of 2022 when the omicron wave hit a number of nations in Asia, we start to see member nations planning for activities in the coming months as the wave retreats recently.

21st Asian Team Championships and 29th Asian Junior Individual Championships have been confirmed to be held in mid 2022. In September, we will also have the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, where squash events will be held 13 – 22 September. It will be the first time for Mixed Doubles to be included in the Asian Games. I would like to thank our President, Mr. David Mui, MH JP and the ASF's Patron, Mr. N. Ramachandran for their dedication and contribution to make it happen.

I hope that the momentum will keep going that more and more squash activities and tournaments will be held as the pandemic situation is in control.

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Final Positions

Men's Team Position

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| 1. | Malaysia (1) | 9. | Philippines |
| 2. | India (2) | 10. | Sri Lanka |
| Co-3. | Hong Kong, China (4) | 11. | Singapore |
| | Japan (5) | 12. | Indonesia |
| 5. | Pakistan | | |
| 6. | Korea | | |
| 7. | Iran | | |
| 8. | Iraq | | |

Women's Team Position

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| 1. | Malaysia (1) |
| 2. | Hong Kong, China (3) |
| Co-3. | India (6) |
| | Japan (7) |
| 5. | Korea |
| 6. | Iran |
| 7. | Sri Lanka |
| 8. | Philippines |



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21st Asian Individual Championships

The 21st Asian Individual Championships, which were successfully concluded in Islamabad, Pakistan 15 – 19 December 2021, have attracted 24 men's players and 16 women's players from 6 member nations to participate. Top seeded Ng Eain Yow from Malaysia and Hong Kong's Tong Tsz Wing clinched the 21st Asian Individual Championships titles in the Men's and Women's Event respectively.

ASF would like to congratulate Yow and Wing, the new Asian Champions, as well as all other participants. ASF's gratitude would go to the host, Pakistan Squash Federation, for their dedication and commitment. Besides, thanks should also go to all parties, officials and helpers, who have involved making the event a successful one. These include the ASF Technical Delegate, Mr. Mohamad Bin Abdullah Arrffan (Singapore) and the ASF Appointed Referees, included Mr. Abdul Rehman Alowaish (Kuwait), Mr. Naved Kashif (Malaysia) and Mr. Asif Khan (Pakistan).

Results

Men's Event

Champion	- Ng Eain Yow (MAS)
1st Runner-up	- Yip Tsz Fung (HKG)
2nd Runners-up	- Lau Tsz Kwan (HKG)
	- Nasir Iqbal (PAK)

Women's Event

Champion	- Tong Tsz Wing (HKG)
1st Runner-up	- Rachel Arnold (MAS)
2nd Runners-up	- Ho Tze Lok (HKG)
	- Liu Tsz Ling (HKG)



Guests and all winners at the Prize Presentation Ceremony.



Officials at the 21st Asian Individual Championships.



Ng Eain Yow (MAS) - Asian Men's Champion.



Tong Tse Wing (HKG) - Asian Women's Champion.



Rachel Arnold (MAS) - 1st Runner-up of 21st Asian Individual Championships - Women's Event.



Yip Tsz Fung - 1st Runner-up of 21st Asian Individual Championships - Men's Event.

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WSF World Doubles Squash Championships 2022

WSF World Doubles Squash Championships, which were held 5 - 9 April 2022 in Glasgow, Scotland, consisted of Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles. There were four Asian nations: Hong Kong China, India, Malaysia and Singapore, participated in the Championships.

Our congratulations would go to India, who won in the Mixed and the Women's Doubles, is the first country in Asia to win a World Doubles title. We would also like to congratulate England, who won a gold medal in the Men's Doubles.

Results

Men's Doubles

- Gold - Declan James/James Willstrop (ENG)
- Silver - Greg Lobban/ Rory Stewart (SCO)
- Bronze - Alan Clyne / Doublas Kempself (SCO)

Women's Doubles

- Gold - Joshna Chinappa/Dipika Pallikal (IND)
- Silver - Sarah-Jane Perry/ Alison Waters (ENG)
- Bronze - Rachel Arnold / Sivasangari Subramaniam (MAS)

Mixed Doubles

- Gold - Saurav Ghosal/Dipika Pallikal (IND)
- Silver - Adrian Waller/ Alison Waters (ENG)
- Bronze - Greg Lobban / Lisa Aitken (SCO)



Top: Mixed Doubles Final.

Bottom: Women's Doubles Final.

Coming events

Asian Junior Individual Championships

Date: 15 - 19 June 2022
Venue: Pattaya, Thailand

Asian Team Championships

Date: 19 - 23 July 2022
Venue: Cheongju, Korea

Asian Master Championships

Date: 25 - 29 July 2022 (subject to change)
Venue: Tehran, Iran

Asian Games

Date: 13 - 22 September 2022
Venue: Hangzhou, China

Asian Junior Team Championships

Date: To be confirmed
Venue: Hong Kong, China

Commonwealth Games

Date: 28 July - 8 August 2022
Venue: Birmingham, England

WSF World Masters Championships

Date: 21 - 27 August 2022
Venue: Wroclaw, Poland

FISU-World University Squash Championships

Date: 7 - 13 November 2022
Venue: New Giza, Egypt

Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi,
Coaching Director

I am delighted to report that after a 2-year halt, we can see a pick up of number of coaching courses in the region. In the bottom half of 2021 and the first quarter of 2022, there were four WSF Level 1 Coaching Courses organised: Macau, China (1), Dhaka, Bangladesh (2), Tehran, Iran (3) and Bengaluru, India. I would like to thank the respective associations for their support as well as all the course tutors for their time and dedication.

We know that members have also started to plan for coming coaching activities, so please stay tuned!



Coming events

WSF Level 2 Coaching Course

Date: 21 - 26 June 2022

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

WSF Level 3 Coaching Course

Date: 14 - 19 November 2022

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Referees



Mr. Tahir Khanzada
Referees Director

Squash activities in the region are gaining its momentum gradually. ASF organized two big events successfully in the last 6 months which were Asian Team Championships and Asian Individual Championships in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia and Islamabad Pakistan respectively.

ASF Referee Committee conducted two meetings in the last 6 months and various issues were discussed such as WSO (World Squash Officiating), ASF Referees CBTA, Assessor Programmes, Disciplinary issues, & RAP 2021-22.

In the last six months we conducted **60 referee clinics** in Singapore, Iran, Kuwait & Pakistan. A number of **1225 participants** attended the clinics. Referee clinics were conducted by Mohamed Abdullah Arrffan from Singapore, Anthony So, Amos Yuen & Muhammad Fayyaz from Hong Kong China, Leslie Ponampalam & Naved Kashif Khan from Malaysia, Ebrahim Kamal from Bahrain & Tahir Jamil Khanzada from Pakistan.

Assessment exercises were conducted in **12 events** with **89 assessments** in total, CAS-Serena/Combaxx International Squash Championships 2021, SRAM PSA 7 2021, Malaysian Open 2021, Asian Team Championships 2021, Asian Individual Championships 2021, Karachi Open Squash Championship 2022, Marigold Closed 2022 Satellite 1, Tech Mahendra SG squash 2022, Marigold National Squash (Div 1 & 2) Championships 2022, Marigold National Squash (Premier & Women's Div 1) Championships 2022, ONCOCARE 2022 National Juniors Championships, Marigold 2022 SG squash Masters Open 1.

I would like to thank all the clinics/course instructors and assessors in Asia for their support in this adversity.



Referees Team at Karachi Open 2022.



Online Referees Clinics in Korea.



Referees Clinics at Bahrain University.

Mr. Muhammad Fayyaz 1965 - 2022

Asia's Squash Fraternity deeply expresses their sympathy towards Mr. Fayyaz's family. His last match as a WSF Referee was on the 18th of March 2022 in the "Karachi Open Squash Championships" in Karachi, Pakistan.

His charismatic and humble personality, also his services for Asian Squash will always be highly regarded by everyone in the squash community.

Recommended by ASF Referee Committee and endorsed by the Executive Committee, a "Distinguished Service Award" is to be awarded by ASF to Mr. Fayyaz for recognising his dedication and support in squash.



Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

Due to the persistent pandemic situation, there was only one junior competition: Qatar Junior Open, which was held 7 - 11 November 2021. We'd like to congratulate all participants and winners as well as to thank Qatar Squash Federation for making the event all the success!



Qatar Junior Open 2021.



Guests and Winners of Qatar Junior Open 2021.



Officials of Qatar Junior Open 2021.

Coming events

Qatar Junior Open 2022 (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 15 - 19 May 2022

REDtone 14th KL Junior Open (AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 6 - 11 December 2022 (subject to change)

6th CMS Borneo Junior Open (AJSS Gold Event)

Date: 7 - 11 September 2022 (subject to change)

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