

SQUASH PULSE

Major Games and Championships

29th Asian Junior Individual Championships

With the support of Thailand Squash Rackets Association (TSRA) and all participating nations, the 29th Asian Junior Individual Championships were successfully held 15 - 19 June 2022 in Pattaya, Thailand. The event attracted more than 200 participants from 15 regions to participate in the 8 events.

Our sincere thanks should go to TSRA for their dedication and commitment to successfully host the first Asian Junior Championships after 2-year halt because of covid. 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. Al Ardy Ally Abdul Rahim (Malaysia) and the ASF's Appointed Referees, Mr. Yogendra Singh (India), Mr. Kellvintra B. Selvaraj (Malaysia) and Mr. Muhammad Asim Amin (Pakistan).



Mr. Duncan Chiu,
Secretary General

After a quiet start in 2022, we see member nations become more active from the second half of the year.

There were Asian Junior Individual Championships, 4 AJSS events, a number of coaching courses and referees workshops, etc. It is very encouraging and I believe the momentum will keep going that more and more squash activities and tournaments will be held.

Results

Boys Under 19

- Champion - Noor Zaman (PAK)
- 1st Runner-up - Joachim Chuah (MAS)
- 2nd Runners-up - Ameeshenraj Chandaran (MAS)
- Andrik Lim (MAS)

Boys Under 17

- Champion - Jooyoung Na (KOR)
- 1st Runner-up - Low Wa Sern (MAS)
- 2nd Runners-up - Sharan Punjabi (IND)
- Harith Danial (MAS)

Boys Under 15

- Champion - N. Moganasundharam (MAS)
- 1st Runner-up - Aqil Mirza Fariz (MAS)
- 2nd Runners-up - Jonghyeok Lee (KOR)
- Altamis Sufian (MAS)

Boys Under 13

- Champion - Wei Sim Yeak (MAS)
- 1st Runner-up - Raziq Razi (MAS)
- 2nd Runners-up - Shiven Agarwal (IND)
- Lokesh Subramani (IND)

Girls Under 19

- Champion - Aira Azman (MAS)
- 1st Runner-up - Kristie Wong (HKG)
- 2nd Runners-up - Wong Heng Wai (MAS)
- Ying Yee Xin (MAS)

Girls Under 17

- Champion - Akari Midorikawa (JPN)
- 1st Runner-up - Xuan Goh Zhi (MAS)
- 2nd Runners-up - Valerie Huang (HKG)
- Tiana Parasrampur (IND)

Girls Under 15

- Champion - Anahat Singh (IND)
- 1st Runner-up - Ena Kwong (HKG)
- 2nd Runners-up - Cheung Tsz Ching (HKG)
- Whitney Wilson (MAS)

Girls Under 13

- Champion - Harleein Tan (MAS)
- 1st Runner-up - Chloe Lo (HKG)
- 2nd Runners-up - Anika Dubey (IND)
- Yek Rui Jean (MAS)

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29th Asian Junior Individual Championships (cont'd)



Boys Under 19 winners and guests.



Girls Under 19 winners and guests.



Boys Under 17 winners and guests.



Girls Under 17 winners and guests.



Boys Under 15 winners and guests.



Girls Under 15 winners and guests.



Boys Under 13 winners and guests.



Girls Under 13 winners and guests.

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4th West Asian Championships 2022

The 4th West Asian Championships has successfully concluded on 2 July in Tehran, Iran. Besides the host country Iran, Iraq, Kuwait and Qatar also sent their best teams to participate in the event. Congratulations go to all the winners and the participating member nations. Great appreciation and congratulations would also go to Iran Squash Federation, who organised the event with great success.

Results

Team's Event

Winner - Iran
1st Runner-up - Qatar
2nd Runners-up - Iraq

Individual Event

Champion - Abdullah Altamimi (QAT)
1st Runner-up - Alireza Shameli (IRN)
2nd Runners-up - Ammar Alatomimi (KUW)
- Amjad Azlan (QAT)



Winners of Team's Event and the guests.



Winners of Individual Event and the guests.



19th Hangzhou Asian Games 2022

Though the 19th Asian Games has been postponed to be held 23 September to 8 October 2023 in Hangzhou, China; the construction of Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre Squash Courts have been completed and hosted its first official competition, Hangzhou Squash Competition in June 2022.

The Championships co-organised by Hangzhou Squash Association and Hangzhou International EXPO Centre besides serves the purpose of testing the venue and the courts, it also acts as a trial run to prepare the venue management team and competition organising team for a smooth running of the squash event in the coming Hangzhou Asian Games.

With area of 9,504m², Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre Squash Court consists of 8 all-glass squash courts: 1 Finals Court which can accommodate 1,075 spectator seats, 3 doubles courts and 4 singles courts, that were built by the ASF's and WSF's accredited CGG Sports Facilities Engineering Co. Ltd..



Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre Squash Courts, which will be the venue for coming Hangzhou Asian Games Squash Event. The photo was taken during Hangzhou Squash Competition, the first official event at the centre as a trial run.

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Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games

Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, which were held 27 July to 8 August 2022 in Birmingham, England, consisted of Singles and Doubles of Men's and Women's, as well as the Mixed Doubles. There were four Asian nations: India, Malaysia, Pakistan and Sri Lanka participated in the Squash Event of the Commonwealth Games.

Our congratulations would go to India, who won bronze medal in both Men's Singles and Mixed Doubles Event respectively, and the Malaysian Women's Doubles team, who won a bronze medal. We would also like to congratulate other winners.

Results

Men's Singles

Gold - Paul Coll (NZL)
Silver - Joel Makin (WAL)
Bronze - Saurav Ghosal (IND)

Women's Singles

- Georgina Kennedy (ENG)
- Hollie Naughton (CAN)
- Sarah-Jane Perry (ENG)

Men's Doubles

Gold - Declan James/James Willstrop (ENG)
Silver - Daryl Selby/ Adrian Waller (ENG)
Bronze - Greg Lobban / Rory Stewart (SCO)

Women's Doubles

Gold - Joelle King/ Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL)
Silver - Sarah-Jane Perry/ Alison Waters (ENG)
Bronze - Rachel Arnold / Aifa Azman (MAS)

Mixed Doubles

Gold - Joelle King/ Paul Coll (NZL)
Silver - Alison Waters/ Adrian Waller (ENG)
Bronze - Dipika Pallikal / Saurav Ghosal (IND)



India won bronze medal in Mixed Doubles.



Malaysia won a bronze medal in Women's Doubles.

Coming events

Asian Team Championships

Date: 31 October - 4 November 2022
Venue: Cheongju, Korea

ASF's Virtual Annual General Meeting

Date: 19 November 2022

Asian Junior Team Championships

Date: 8 - 12 February 2023
Venue: Chennai, India

Asian Master Championships

Date: Date to be confirmed in 2023
Venue: Kish Island, Iran

Asian Individual Championships

Date: April/May 2023
Venue: Hong Kong, China

Asian Games

Date: 23 September - 8 October 2023
Venue: Hangzhou, China

FISU-World University Squash Championships

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

WSF Women's World Team Championships

Date: 10 - 16 December 2022
Venue: Cairo, Egypt

Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi,
Coaching Director

I am delighted to report that there were two WSF Level 1 Coaching Courses organised: Bangladesh, Hong Kong China, and two WSF Level 2 Coaching Courses: Tehran, Iran and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. I would like to thank the respective associations for their support as well as all the course tutors for their time and dedication.

Please stay tuned for more coming up coaching activities!



Top: WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Bangladesh.

Top 2nd: WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Hong Kong, China.

Top 3rd: WSF Level 2 Coaching Course in Tehran, Iran.



Bottom: WSF Level 2 Coaching Course in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



Coming events

WSF Level 3 Coaching Course

Date: 14 - 19 November 2022

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Referees



*Mr. Tahir Khanzada
Referees Director*

It is good that slowly and gradually the squash activities are resuming back after the COVID-19 pandemic. 2022 started with good activities of squash commencing successfully with the Asian Individual Junior Championships, which was organised by Thailand Squash Rackets Association and was held in Pattaya, Thailand in June 2022. AJSS events also started in India, Iran, Malaysia and Qatar.

Referee Committee had a few online focal point meetings in the last six months, two main agenda were discussed: World Squash Officiating (WSO) and the draft of the ASF Referees CBTA Programme. As you all aware that WSO has officially started their activities in Asia from 1 September 2022 and hopes to have good appointments and activities for our Asian Referees on WSO platform.

From April to September, there were a total number of 31 referees clinics conducted in India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore and Thailand. A number of 470 participants attended the clinics. Referees clinics were conducted by Ebrahim Kamal (Bahrain), Mohd Abdullah Arrffan (Singapore), Leslie Ponnampalam (Malaysia), Amos Yuen (Hong Kong, China), Anthony So (Hong Kong, China), Rajiv Reddy (India), Yogendra Singh (India) and Srikanth Seshadri (India).

Assessment exercises were conducted in 4 events with 42 assessments in total, MARIGOLD 2022 SG Squash Masters (5), ONCOCARE 2022 SG Squash Junior Circuit (8), 29th Asian Junior Individual Championships 2022 (25) and National Squash League Champ Play Offs (4).

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



Referees at 29th Asian Junior Individual Championships.



Referees Clinics in Hong Kong, China.



30th National (Indian) Games 2022.



Squash clinics in Saudi Arabia.

Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

There were 4 junior competitions between May and September. They are Qatar Junior Open (1), Iran Junior Open (2), HCL Southern Slam (3) and 6th CMS Borneo Junior Open. We'd like to congratulate all participants and winners as well as to thank the organisers.



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Coming events

8th Bengal Eastern Slam (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 12 - 15 November 2022

Venue: Kolkata, India

CCI Western India Slam (AJSS Gold Event)

Date: 26 Nov - 2 December 2022

Venue: Mumbai, India

REDtone 14th KL Junior Open (AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 6 - 11 December 2022

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

ONCOCARE Singapore Junior Open (AJSS Gold Event)

Date: 14 - 18 December 2022

Venue: Singapore

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