



SQUASH PULSE

ASF Annual Awards 2023

To honour the effort and achievement of the squash elites in the region, the ASF presents the Coaches Awards and the Performance Awards annually to well-recognised coaches and players respectively.

The nomination period for both the ASF Coaches Awards and the ASF Performance Awards 2023 had closed. It has attracted 9 nominees for the four categories of the Coaches Awards, while there were 14 nominations for the four categories of the Performance Awards.

ASF Coaches Awards 2023

ASF Coach of the Year	- Andrew Cross (MAS)
ASF Junior Coach of the Year	- Farhan Zaman (PAK)
ASF Development Coach of the Year	- Lawrence Kwan (MAS)
ASF Coaches Certificate of Recognition	- Yeung Ho Wai, Simon (HKG) / Bella Gustiansyah (INA) / Nafiizwan Adnan (MAS) / Kenny Foo (MAS) / Jess Tay (MAS)

ASF Performance Awards 2023

DATO ALEX LEE Award - Men	- Ng Eain Yow (MAS)
DATO ALEX LEE Award - Women	- Sivasangari Subramaniam (MAS)
HUSSAN MUSA Award - Boy	- Hamza Khan (PAK)
HUSSAN MUSA Award - Girl	- Aira Azman (MAS)
The ASF Award - Men's Team	- Indian Team for the 19th Hangzhou Asian Games
The ASF Award Women's Team	- Malaysian Team for the 19th Hangzhou Asian Games

"I'd like to express my sincere congratulations to all the award winners. Besides, I'd like to specially thank to the Selection Panel, which is chaired by Mr. Tony Choi, the ASF Coaching Director and his dedicated panel members including Maj (R) S. Maniam (MAS), Mr. Koo Ryun-Hoe (KOR) and Mr. Cyrus Poncha (IND)," said Mr. David Mui, MH JP, the ASF President.



Mr. Duncan Chiu,
Secretary General

Welcome to the 22nd issue of Squash Pulse!

It gives me great pleasure to share with you the activities that have been happening in the region in the past six months and to give you a preview of the upcoming events. Thank you all sub-committees and all member nations for their dedication and support.

I hope you would enjoy this newsletter as always.

Major Games and Championships

19th Hangzhou Asian Games

Approximately 100 players representing 14 regions competed for the five gold medals in the 19th Asian Games at Hangzhou, China, from 26 September to 5 October 2023 at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre. In addition to the Men's and Women's Singles and Team competitions, a new event, the Mixed Doubles, was introduced.

The Team events, which featured the participation of 12 men's and 10 women's teams, were the first to take place. India won their second men's title, while Malaysia clinched their third women's title, concluding the team squash events at the 19th Asian Games. Subsequently, the Singles event and the Mixed Doubles event followed. Malaysia's Sivasangari Subramaniam and Ng Eain Yow captured the two singles golds, while Indian duo of Dipika Pallikal Karthik and Harinder Sandhu emerged victorious in the inaugural Asian Games mixed doubles event.

ASF would like to congratulate the Hangzhou Asian Games Organising Committee and the Chinese Squash Association for successfully hosting the prosperous squash competition during the 19th Hangzhou Asian Games. We sincerely appreciate the participating member nations, athletes, coaches and delegates for their support. Special recognition also goes to all those who contributed to the smooth running of the event, including Ms. Emily Mak, the ASF Technical Delegate; Mr. Jin Yan, the Competition Manager; as well as the officials and volunteers involved.

Medal Winners

Women's Team Championship

Gold Medalist - Malaysia
Silver Medalist - Hong Kong, China
Bronze Medalists - India
- Republic of Korea

Women's Individual Championship

Gold Medalist - Sivasangari Subramaniam (MAS)
Silver Medalist - Chan Sin Yuk (HKG)
Bronze Medalists - Ho Tsz Lok (HKG)
- Satomi Watanabe (JPN)

Mixed Doubles Championship

Gold Medalists
- Dipika Pallikal & Harinder Sandhu (IND)
Silver Medalists
- Aifa Azman & Mood Syafiq Kamal (MAS)
Bronze Medalists
- Lee Ka Yi & Wong Chi Him (HKG)
- Anahat Singh & Abhay Singh (IND)

Men's Team Championship

Gold Medalist - India
Silver Medalist - Pakistan
Bronze Medalists - Hong Kong, China
- Malaysia

Men's Individual Championship

Gold Medalist - Ng Eain Yow (MAS)
Silver Medalist - Saurav Ghosal (IND)
Bronze Medalists - Henry Leung (HKG)
- Abdulla Al Tamimi (QAT)



Right Mixed Doubles Winners

Major Games and Championships

19th Hangzhou Asian Games (cont'd)



Women's Team Winners.



Men's Team Winners.



Men's Individual Winners.



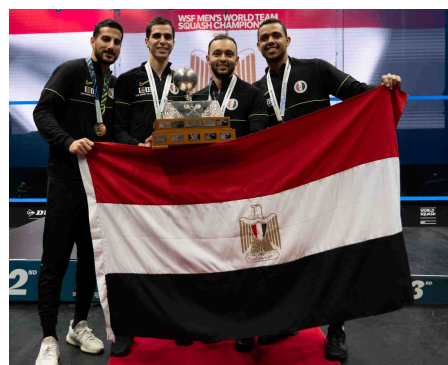
Women's Individual Winners.

Major Games and Championships

WSF Men's World Team Championship

WSF Men's World Team Championship was successfully held in Tauranga, New Zealand 11 - 17 December 2023. Our congratulations would go to Egypt who won their third consecutive WSF Men's World Team Championship.

There were 5 member nations from the Asian region participated in the championship: Hong Kong China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Philippines.



Above: Egypt - the 2024 WSF Men's World Team Champion.

Left: 2024 WSF Men's World Team Championship Winners.

Coming events

PSA World Championships

Date: 9 - 17 May 2024

Venue: Cairo, Egypt

8th SEA Cup Squash Championships

Date: 3 - 9 June 2024

Venue: Manila, Philippines

22nd Asian Team Championships

Date: 12 - 16 June 2024

Venue: Dalian, China

31st Asian Junior Individual Championships

Date: 25 - 29 June 2024

Venue: Islamabad, Pakistan

Asian Squash Doubles Championships

Date: 4 - 7 July 2024

Venue: Johor, Malaysia

WSF World Junior Championships

Date: 12 - 23 July 2024

Venue: Houston, USA

WSF World Masters Championships

Date: 15 - 22 August 2024

Venue: Amsterdam, Netherlands

FISU World University Championships

Date: 2 - 8 September 2024

Venue: Johannesburg, South Africa

6th Asian Masters Championships

Date: 24 - 28 September 2024

Venue: Macau, China

WSF World Team Championships

Date: 9 - 15 December 2024

Venue: Hong Kong, China

Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi,
Coaching Director

I am delighted to report that there were six WSF Level 1 Coaching Courses organised: Hong Kong China, Kuwait, Malaysia, Philippines, Sri Lanka and UAE; and two WSF Level 2 Coaching Courses: Macau China and Singapore. I would like to thank the respective associations for their support as well as all the course tutors for their time and dedication.



1. WSF Level 2 Coaching Course in Macau, China.
2. WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Johor, Malaysia.
3. WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Manila, Philippines.
4. WSF Level 2 Coaching Course in Singapore.
5. WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Sri Lanka.

Coming events

Please refer to the ASF Official Website www.asiansquash.org for the updates.

Referees



Mr. Tahir Khanzada
Referees Director

Over the last six months (Oct 2023 - Mar 2024) there were a lot of referees activities in all the sub-regions of Asia.

Since October 2023 till March 2024 a total number of 64 clinics conducted throughout the Asian region and 1458 participants attended the clinics. Referees clinics were conducted by Andrea Santamaria (England), Anthony So (Hong Kong China), Amos Yuen (Hong Kong China), Kim Chang Woo (Korea), Miyuki Adachi (Japan), Mood Abdullah Arrffan (Singapore), Rajic Reddy (India), Srikanth Seshadri (India), Yogendra Singh (India) and Tahir Jamil Khanzada (Pakistan).

Assessment exercises were conducted in 8 events: HKFC Open (4), CAS International (8), ONCOCARE Singapore Junior Squash Championships (6), HKFC Evisu International Junior Open (16), Indian Senior National (17), National Games Gao India (7), ONCOCARE Singapore National Junior Squash Championships (6), Marigold Singapore Squash Championships (5). A number of 69 assessments carried out in the last six months.

We also had 7 AJSS events in the last six months in various member nations including Hong Kong, China, Qatar, India, Iran, Singapore & Malaysia. ASF conducted these 7 AJSS events successfully.

ASF Referees Committee conducted five online meetings in the last six months with various points being tabled and discussed.

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



Top: Referees Team at Kehlo India.

Bottom: CAS International Squash Championships.

Top: Southeast Asian Referees.

Bottom: East Asian Squash Championships.

Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

There were 8 junior competitions between October 2023 and April 2024. They are Iran Junior Open, Doha Junior Open, Yazd Junior Open, CCI Western India Slam, REDtone 15th KL Junior Open, ONCOCARE Singapore Junior Open, HKFC EVISU International Junior Squash Open and Qatar Junior Open 2024. We'd like to congratulate all participants and winners as well as to thank the organisers.



1. Qatar Junior Open 2024.
2. HKFC EVISU Int'l Jr Squash Open.
3. ONCOCARE Singapore Junior Open.
4. REDtone KL Junior Open.
5. CCI Western India Slam.

Coming events

Gorgan Junior Silver Competition (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 5 - 10 May 2024

Venue: Gorgan, Iran

HCL Indian Junior Open (AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 22 - 27 May 2024

Venue: Indore, India

Henri Charpentier Lion City Junior Open (AJSS Gold Event)

Date: 29 May - 2 June 2024

Venue: Singapore

HCL Southern Slam (AJSS Gold Event)

Date: 4 - 8 June 2024

Venue: Chennai, India

Penang (Malaysia) Junior Open (AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 11 - 16 June 2024

Venue: Penang, Malaysia

Macau Junior Open (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 4 - 7 July 2024

Venue: Macau, China

Hong Kong Junior Open (AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 29 July - 3 August 2024

Venue: Hong Kong, China

Korea Junior Open (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 5 - 8 August 2024

Venue: Incheon, Korea

Japan Junior Open (AJSS Gold Event)

Date: 10 - 13 August 2024

Venue: Yokohama & Ebina City, Japan

REDtone KL Junior Open (AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 3 - 8 December 2024

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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