



SQUASH PULSE

44th ASF Annual General Meeting

The 44th ASF Annual General Meeting with delegates and observers from 19 member nations, was held on 16 June 2024 at Dalian, China.



Mr. Duncan Chiu,
Secretary General

Welcome to the 23rd 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

22nd Asian Team Championships

The 22nd Asian Team Championships was held in Dalian, China from 12 to 16 June 2024. The event has attracted 14 men's teams and 12 women's teams from 15 regions to participate. We would like to congratulate Malaysia, who claimed both the Asian Men's and Women's Team Championship titles.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Chinese Squash Association and Dalian Squash Association, who hosted a wonderful event in a beautiful city. Thanks would also go to all the participating member nations. Special recognition also goes to all those who contributed to the smooth running of the event, including Mr. Lim Chi Ming, the ASF Technical Delegate; the ASF Appointed Referees, included Zhang Wen (China), Anthony So (Hong Kong, China) and Srikanth Seshadri (India); and the officials and volunteers involved.

Final Positions

Men's Team

- 1st - Malaysia
- 2nd - Hong Kong, China
- Co-3rd - Japan / Pakistan
- 5th - Republic of Korea
- 6th - India
- 7th - Singapore
- 8th - Islamic Republic of Iran
- 9th - Sri Lanka
- 10th - Iraq
- 11th - Kuwait
- 12th - China
- 13th - Chinese Taipei
- 14th - Mongolia

Women's Team

- 1st - Malaysia
- 2nd - Hong Kong, China
- Co-3rd - Japan / Republic of Korea
- 5th - India
- 6th - Islamic Republic of Iran
- 7th - Macao, China
- 8th - Singapore
- 9th - China
- 10th - Sri Lanka
- 11th - Chinese Taipei
- 12th - Mongolia



Men's and Women's Team Championships Winners and Guests.

Major Games and Championships

22nd Asian Team Championships (cont'd)



Women's Team Champion.



Men's Team Champion.

Major Games and Championships

31st Asian Junior Individual Championships

With the support of the Pakistan Squash Federation (PSF) and all participating nations, the 31st Asian Junior Individual Championships was successfully held 25 - 29 June 2024 in Islamabad, Pakistan. The event attracted around 200 participants from 12 regions to participate in the 8 events.

Our sincere thanks should go to PSF for their dedication and commitment to successfully host this prestigious junior event. 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 (Thailand) and the ASF's Appointed Referees, Mr. Zhang Wen (China), Mr. Amos Yuen (Hong Kong, China) and Mr. Muhammad Asim Amin (Pakistan).



Boys and Girls Under 19 Champion.

Results

Boys Under 19

Champion - Hamza Khan (PAK)
 1st Runner-up - Harith Danial (MAS)
 2nd Runners-up - Jooyoung Na (KOR)
 - M. Ammad (PAK)

Boys Under 17

Champion - N. Moganasundharam (MAS)
 1st Runner-up - Abdullah Nawaz (PAK)
 2nd Runners-up - Altamis Sufian (MAS)
 - Azan Ali (PAK)

Boys Under 15

Champion - Shiven Agarwal (IND)
 1st Runner-up - Raziq Razi (MAS)
 2nd Runners-up - Nouman Khan (PAK)
 - Abdullah Zaman (PAK)

Boys Under 13

Champion - Sohail Adnan (PAK)
 1st Runner-up - Huzaiifa Shahid (PAK)
 2nd Runners-up - Ifwat Zulkifli (MAS)
 - Julius Tan (MAS)

Girls Under 19

Champion - Thanussa Uthrian (MAS)
 1st Runner-up - Akari Midorikawa (JPN)
 2nd Runners-up - Leung Ka Huen (HKG)
 - Goh Zhi Xuan (MAS)

Girls Under 17

Champion - Ena Kwong (HKG)
 1st Runner-up - Helen Tang (HKG)
 2nd Runners-up - Doyce Lee (MAS)
 - Whitney Wilson (MAS)

Girls Under 15

Champion - Harleein Tan (MAS)
 1st Runner-up - Lo Pui Yin Chloe (HKG)
 2nd Runners-up - Ooi Wen Min (MAS)
 - Yek Rui Jean (MAS)

Girls Under 13

Champion - Aadya Budhia (IND)
 1st Runner-up - Goushika M (IND)
 2nd Runners-up - Chiu Hau Ching (HKG)
 - Maisarah Khairul Nizam (MAS)

Major Games and Championships

Asian Squash Doubles Championships

The 2024 Asian Squash Doubles Championships was successfully held from 4 - 7 July in Johor, Malaysia. This is one of the prestigious regional events that has brought 33 doubles teams from 7 countries from across Asia to participate in the men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles events. This year's edition in Johor also served as important preparation for the 2026 Nagoya Asian Games, where squash will once again feature prominently.

ASF would like to show the deepest appreciation to the host, the Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia and all the participating member nations; as well as all officials of the championships, especially the ASF's Technical Delegate, Mr. Akarin Hiranprueck (Thailand) and the ASF's Appointed Referees, Mr. Srikanth Seshadri (India), Mr. Naved Kashif (Malaysia) and Mr. Tahir Khanzada (Pakistan).

Results

Men's Doubles Championship

- Gold Medalists: - Velavan Senthikumar & Abhay Singh (IND)
 Silver Medalists: - Syafiq Kamal & Ong Sai Hung (MAS)
 Co-Bronze Medalists: - Chung Yat Long & Lai Tsz Kwan (HKG)
 - Tomotaka Endo & Naoki Hayashi (JPN)

Women's Doubles Championship

- Gold Medalists: - Aifa Azman & Aira Azman (MAS)
 Silver Medalists: - Ainna Amani & Chan Yiwen (MAS)
 Co-Bronze Medalists: - Fung Ching Hei & Ho Tsz Lok (HKG)
 - Tse Yee Lam & Wong Po Yui (HKG)

Mixed Doubles Championship

- Gold Medalists: - Joshana Chinappa & Abhay Singh (IND)
 Silver Medalists: - Tong Tsz Wing & Tang Ming Hong (HKG)
 Co-Bronze Medalists: - Cheng Nga Ching & Lai Cheuk Nam (HKG)
 - Ainaa Amani & Addeen Idrakie (MAS)



Winners of
the Asian Squash Doubles
Championships

Major Games and Championships

WSF World Junior Squash Championships

The WSF World Junior Championships was successfully held from 12 - 23 July 2024 in Houston, USA. Congratulations would go to Egypt, who swept all four gold medals, including the World Junior Men's and Junior Women's Team and Individual Championships. Asian players had a remarkable performance during the Championships. Korea achieved their first-ever silver medals in both the Junior Men's Team and Individual Championships. Malaysia also secured a third-place finish in the Junior Women's Team and Junior Men's Individual Championships. India claimed a bronze medal in the Junior Men's Individual Championships.

The participating teams from the Asian region at the Championships included Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Macau Hong Kong, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia and Chinese Taipei.



Photo Captions:

1. Egypt, the resounding champion at the World Junior Championships, securing all four medals.
2. Winners of the World Junior Men's and Women's Individual Championships.
3. Korea achieved their historical silver medal in the World Junior Men's Team Championships.
4. Malaysia Junior Women's Team won the bronze medal at the World Junior Women's Team Championships.
5. Japan Junior Women's Team won the Sportsmanship Award - Team.
6. Jooyoung Na of Korea won his maiden silver medal in the World Junior Men's Individual Championships and the Sportsmanship Award - Individual.



Major Games and Championships

PSA World Championships



The newly crowned World Men's and Women's Champion: Diego Elias from Peru and Nouran Gohar from Egypt.

PSA World Championships was successfully held in Cairo, Egypt 9 - 18 May 2024. Our congratulations would go to Diego Elias (Peru) and Nouran Gohar (Egypt), who crowned the World Men's and Women's Champion respectively.

There were 6 member nations from the Asian region participated in the championship: Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan and Qatar.

FISU World University Squash Championships

FISU World University Squash Championships were held 2 - 8 September in Johannesburg, South Africa. There were 6 member nations from the Asian region included China, Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Lebanon and Singapore sent teams to participate.

Our congratulations would go to Hong Kong, China who won total three silver and three bronze medals: one silver and one bronze in Men's Individual Event while one silver and two bronze in Women's Individual Event, as well as a silver medal in the Team Event. We would also like to congratulate India for securing a bronze medal in the Team Event.



Photo Caption:

1. France (left), the Team Gold Medalist, and Hong Kong China (right), the Team Silver Medalist
2. The Women's Final of Marta Dominguez Fernandez (ESP), the Women's Champion and Cheng Nga Ching (HKG)
3. The Men's Final of Baptiste Christopher Bouin (FRA), the Men's Champion, and To Wai Lok (HKG)
4. India won the bronze medal of the Team Event



Major Games and Championships

WSF World Masters Championships

WSF World Masters Championships was triumphantly concluded in Amsterdam, Netherlands from 15 - 22 August 2024. The event has smashed previous entry records with a total of 1227 players. Our warmest congratulations would go to all the players and winners.



Winners of the WSF World Masters Championships 2024.



Joannah Yue (SGP) - World Masters Women's +45 Silver Medalist.



Peter Hill (SGP) - World Masters Men's +60 Gold Medalist.



Zainal Abidin (SGP) - World Masters Men's +65 Bronze Medalist.



Chan Kai Ki (HKG) - World Masters Men's +70 Bronze Medalist.

Coming events

5th West Asian Squash Championships

Date: 3 - 7 October 2024

Venue: Sulaymaniyah, Iraq

World Masters Games

Date: 17 - 30 May 2025

Venue: Chinese Taipei

WSF World Team Championships

Date: 9 - 15 December 2024

Venue: Hong Kong, China

Asian Squash Doubles Championships

Date: Dates to be confirmed, 2025

Venue: Malaysia

22nd Asian Junior Team Championships & 45th ASF AGM

Date: 12 - 16 February 2025

Venue: Hong Kong, China

32nd Asian Junior Individual Championships

Date: June/July 2025

Venue: Korea

Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

There were 11 junior competitions between April and August 2024. They are the 2nd Southeast Asian Junior Championships(1), Hamdard Squashers Northern India Slam, HCL Indian Junior Open, Henri Charpentier Lion City Junior Open(2), HCL Southern Slam, Penang (Malaysia) Junior Open(3), Macau Junior Open(4), The Jessica Company Hong Kong Junior Open(5), Korea Junior Open(6), Japan Junior Open(7) and HCL Eastern Slam. We'd like to congratulate all participants and winners as well as to thank the organisers.



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Coming events

- Doha Junior Open (AJSS Silver Event)**
Date: 19 - 21 October 2024
Venue: Doha, Qatar
- REDtone KL Junior Open (AJSS Platinum Event)**
Date: 3 - 8 December 2024
Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- ONCOCARE Singapore Junior Open (AJSS Gold Event)**
Date: 11 - 15 December 2024
Venue: Singapore

Referees



Mr. Tahir Khanzada
Referees Director

In the last five months (April-August 2024) we had 3 ASF Championships: Asian Team Championships at Dalian China, Asian Junior Individual Squash Championships in Islamabad Pakistan & the Asian Doubles Squash Championships at Ipoh Malaysia (Photo 6).

Besides, we had a few online focal point meetings and ASF Referee Committee meetings to finalise ASF CBTA & ASF Assessment Sheet for referees. The ASF Referee Committee through its meeting finalise the names for ASF Elite Referees & ASF Senior Assessors. They also agreed to organise Assessor workshop to have an awareness of the new ASF Assessment sheet.

In addition, there were a total number of 38 clinics conducted in China, Hong Kong China(Photo 2), India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia (Photo 1), Singapore, Thailand, & Pakistan. A number of 614 participants attended the clinics.

Referees clinics were conducted by Amos Yuen (Hong Kong, China), Anthony So (Hong Kong, China), Ashiya (Japan), Kellvintra Breshant Selvaraj (Malaysia), Ebrahim Kamal (Bahrain), Kim Chang Woo (Korea), Leslie Ponnampalam (Malaysia), Miyuki Adachi (Japan), Mohd Abdullah Arrrfan (Singapore), Naved Kashif Khan (Malaysia), Sano (Japan), Srikanth Seshadri (India), Yogendra Singh (India) & Tahir Jamil Khanzada (Pakistan).

Assessment exercises were conducted in **14 events** with **158 assessments** in total, CNS International (8), World Qualifier Asian (4), 2nd South East Asian Junior Individual Squash Championships 2024 (15), CIMB NJC 1st LEG (16), Henri Carpenter Lion City Junior Squash Open 2024 (AJSS) (5), Asian Team Championship 2024 (17), PSA - Jakarta Open Squash Championships 2024 (Photo 4) (8), Dynum Cup 2024 (2), Asian Junior Individual Squash Championship 2024 (Photo 5) (15), CIMB NJC 2nd LEG (21), The Jessica HK Junior Open 2024 (11), HCL 80th Indian Senior National Squash Championship 2024 (Photo 3) (13), Hong Kong Championship 2024 (21) & Malaysian Nationals Squash Championship 2024 (2).

I would like to thank all the clinics/courses instructors and assessors in Asia and share their experience and support during the Championships. We look forward to and hope that more MNF's will conduct many championships in the Asia region to boost the squash activities during in the coming years.



Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi,
Coaching Director

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the coaches who won the ASF Coaches Awards 2028. They have distinguished contribution to the sport not just on the elite level, but also to the community. Their passion and dedication have set a good role model to the athletes as well as to other coaches.

ASF Coaches Awards 2023 Recipients

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)
- Kenny Foo (MAS)
- Jess Tay (MAS)
- Nafiizwan Adnan (MAS)



Left to Right: Bella Gustiansyah (INA), Mr. John Wong, Chairman of ASF Coaching Committee, Peter Genever receives the award on behalf of Yeung Ho Wai, Simon (HKG), Nafiizwan Adnan (MAS) and Mohammad Syafiq Kamal receives the award on behalf of Kenny Foo (MAS) and Jess Tay (MAS).

Coming events

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

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