

SQUASH PULSE

ASF Annual Awards 2016

To honour the effort and achievement of the squash elites in the region, ASF presents the Coaches Awards and the Performance Awards annually to well-recognised coaches and players respectively. This year, the ASF Annual Awards have attracted 13 nominees from 7 countries for the four categories of the Coaches Awards, while there are 17 nominations from 5 countries for the four categories of the Performance Awards.

In early April, the ASF Office announced all awards' recipients, who received their awards from Mr. Debendranath Sarangi, the ASF's Vice President during the Prize Presentation Ceremony of the 2017 Asian Individual Championships in Chennai, India.

Please visit the [ASF official website](#) for the full list of the Awards' Winners.



The Prize Presentation at the 2017 Asian Individual Championships in Chennai.



*Mr. Duncan Chiu,
Secretary General*

The region has always been very busy in the summer season with lots of happening. This year, we even see a huge step forward of the sport.

Squash, besides remaining in the sports programme for the Jakarta Asian Games 2018, it would also be included as a showcase sport at the Youth Olympic Games 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our President, Mr. David Mui, MH JP for his persistent lobbying of the IOC officials in different occasions as well as all others who have been working hard in promoting and developing the sport.

As always, I hope you will enjoy this newsletter. We also welcome any ideas, comments or suggestions that help us do better.

Continue the Lobbying Work



Our President Mr. David Mui, MH JP (left), met with Mr. Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee (middle) and Mr. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, President of the Olympic Council of Asia (right) for lunch during the 2017 National Games of China in Tianjin.

Major Games and Championships

Jio 19th Asian Individual Championships

The **Jio 19th Asian Individual Championships**, which was successfully held from 26 to 30 April 2017 in Chennai, India, attracted 41 men's players and 28 women's players from 12 regions, included Hong Kong China, India, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar and Singapore to participate.

After the five-day competitions, Max Lee from Hong Kong, China and Joshna Chinappa from India won the Asian Men's and Women's Champions respectively. Congratulations besides go to the winners, we should also thank The Squash Rackets Federation of India and all the officials, referees and helpers, who made the event a memorable experience.

Results

Men's Event

Champion	- Max Lee (HKG)
1 st Runner-up	- Saurav Ghosal (IND)
2 nd Runners-up	- Leo Au (HKG)
	- Mohd Nafiizwan (MAS)

Women's Event

Champion	- Joshna Chinappa (IND)
1 st Runner-up	- Dipika Pallikal (IND)
2 nd Runners-up	- Annie Au (HKG)
	- Tong Tsz Wing (HKG)



Left Top: Mr. N. Ramachandran (2nd from the right in the front row), the ASF's Patron and Mr. Debendranath Sarangi (3rd from the right in the front row), the ASF's Vice President, lead the officials of the Championships and the winners to take a group photo.

Left Bottom: Max Lee (left) and Joshna Chinappa (right), the new Asian Men's and Women's Champion respectively.

Right Top: The winning medallists of the Men's Event.

Right Bottom: The winning medallists of the Women's Event.

Major Games and Championships

24th Asian Junior Individual Championships

The **24th Asian Junior Individual Championships**, which were held at Amman, Jordan from 15 to 19 August, has attracted 128 participants from 13 regions to participate in the 8 events. We would like to thank Jordan Squash Federation, who organised such a wonderful event. Congratulations also go to all winners, coaches and officials.

Results

Boys Under 19

Champion	- Mohammad Al-Sarraj (JOR)
1st Runner-up	- Mansoor Zaman (PAK)
2nd Runners-up	- Alireza Shameli (IRN)
	- Abdul Malik (PAK)

Boys Under 17

Champion	- Siow Yee Xian (MAS)
1st Runner-up	- Tushar Shahani (IND)
2nd Runners-up	- To Wai Lok (HKG)
	- Danial N. S. Izham (MAS)

Boys Under 15

Champion	- M. A. Amirul Azhar (MAS)
1st Runner-up	- Neel Joshi (IND)
2nd Runners-up	- Danial Gharooni (IRN)
	- Asad Ullah (PAK)

Boys Under 13

Champion	- Joachim Chuah (MAS)
1st Runner-up	- Yuvraj Wadhwani (IND)
2nd Runners-up	- Paarth Ambani (IND)
	- M. Huzaifa Ibrahim (PAK)

Girls Under 19

Champion	- Satomi Watanabe (JPN)
1st Runner-up	- Ho Ka Wing (HKG)
2nd Runners-up	- Ashita P. Bhengra (IND)
	- Sunayna Kuruvilla (IND)

Girls Under 17

Champion	- Chan Sin Yuk (HKG)
1st Runner-up	- Lui Hiu Lam (HKG)
2nd Runners-up	- Navmi Shama (IND)
	- Yeung Weng Chi (MAC)

Girls Under 15

Champion	- Jessica Keng (MAS)
1st Runner-up	- Kiroshanna Manoharan (MAS)
2nd Runners-up	- Ananya Dabke (IND)
	- Yoshna Singh (IND)

Girls Under 13

Champion	- Aira Azman (MAS)
1st Runner-up	- Toby Tse (HKG)
2nd Runners-up	- Mariko Tam (HKG)
	- Yuvna Gupta (IND)



Above: The Officials of the Championships and the winners.

Right Top: Mr. Debendranath Sarangi, the ASF's Vice President and Satomi Watanabe, the Asian Junior Women's Champion.

Right Bottom: Mr. Debendranath Sarangi and Mohammad Al-Sarraj, the Asian Junior Men's Champion.



Major Games and Championships

12th East Asian Team Championships

The East Asian Team Championships 2017 were concluded on 9 July 2017 in Hong Kong, China. We would like to congratulate Hong Kong, China who retains its seventh consecutive Champion title. Applause should also go to all other winning teams. We would also like to express our great gratitude to Hong Kong Squash, who hosted such a successful event.

Results

Mixed Team Event

Gold Medallists - Hong Kong, China

Silver Medallists - Japan

Bronze Medallists - Korea



Top: Hong Kong, China Team, the Gold Medallists of the Mixed Team Event.



Bottom: The Officials of the East Asian Squash Federation lead the guests and the teams to take group photo.



Squash Event of the **29th Southeast Asian Games**, which was held from 21 to 29 August 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, consisted of total 9 events. It has attracted players from 5 countries, which included Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand to participate. We would like to congratulate all winners as well as the Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia. Please refer to the [29th SEA Games](#) for the full results.



Top Left: The winning teams of the Men's Team Event.

Top Right: The Gold Medalist of the Women's Team Event.



Bottom Left: Winners of the Women's Singles Event.

Bottom Right: Winners of the Men's Singles Event.

Major Games and Championships



Congratulations to Indian Joshna Chinappa (right in the photo) and Dipika Pallikal (left), who won a bronze medal in Women's Doubles of the WSF World Doubles Squash Championships 2017 in Manchester, England. We would also like to congratulate all winners and the participating Asian players and countries.



The WSF World Junior Squash Championships 2017 were successfully held from 19 to 29 July at Tauranga, New Zealand. The Asian juniors once again shone on the world stage.

In the Individual Event, Mohammad Al-Sarraj from Jordan and Satomi Watanabe from Japan won a bronze medal respectively in the Junior Men's and Junior Women's Championship. This is the first time for Japan Squash Association to win a medal in the World Junior Championships.

For the Women's Junior Team Event, Malaysia lost to the Egyptian team in the Final to clinch a silver medal, while Hong Kong, China finished co-3rd with the England Team and won a bronze medal. India and Korea also finished 6th and 12th respectively.

For the full results, please visit the [official site](#).



Top Left: Medallists of the World Junior Women's Individual Championship. Satomi Watanabe, the bronze medalist is standing on the far right.

Top right: Medallists of the World Junior Men's Individual Championship. Mohammad Al-Sarraj, the bronze medalist is standing on the far right.



Bottom: The winning teams of the World Women's Junior Team Championship.

Major Games and Championships



Squash Event of the **World Games 2017** was successfully held from 25 to 28 July at Wrocław, Poland. This was the fifth appearance of squash in the World Games, the quadrennial multi-sport event for non-Olympic programme sports.

In the Women's Singles, Joey Chan from Hong Kong, China and Nicol David from Malaysia claimed a silver and bronze medal respectively.



Above: The medallists of the Women's Singles Event of the World Games 2017. Gold - Camille Serme, France (middle), Silver - Joey Chan, Hong Kong China (left), and Bronze - Nicol David, Malaysia (right).



Above: The medallists of the Men's Singles Event of the World Games 2017. Gold - Simon Rosner, Germany (middle), Silver - Gregoire Marche, France (left), and Bronze - Mathieu Castagnet, France (right).

Coming events

WSF World Men's Team Championship

Date: 27 Nov - 3 Dec 2017

Venue: Marseille, France

WSF Conference & AGM

Date: 2 - 3 Dec 2017

Venue: Marseille, France

PSA World Championships

Date: 10 - 17 Dec 2017

Venue: Manchester, England

19th Asian Team Championships

Date: 21 - 25 Mar 2018

Venue: Cheongju, Korea

Commonwealth Games

Date: 5 - 15 April 2018

Venue: Gold Coast, Australia

Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi,
Coaching Director

I am delighted to report that two ASF sanctioned and supported Level 2 Coaching Courses were held in Macau China (April & May), and Japan (June) respectively. This is the first time for the two regions to organise the Level 2 Coaching Course and the feedback were very encouraging. There were also two WSF Level 1 Coaching Courses: one in Singapore (Apr) and one in Macau China (Sept). Besides, India also organised one WSF Level 2 Coaching Course in Chennai in May. I would like to thank the respective associations for their support as well as all the course tutors for their time and dedication.



Top: ASF Level 2 Coaching Course in Macau, China.

Bottom: ASF Level 2 Coaching Course in Japan.

Top: WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Singapore.

Bottom: WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Macau, China.

Coming events

WSF Level 2 Coaching Course

Date: 23 - 28 Oct 2017

Venue: Singapore

WSF Level 2 Coaching Course

Date: 13 - 18 Nov 2017

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

WSF Level 2 Coaching Course

Date: 17 - 22 Dec 2017

Venue: Tehran, Iran

Referees



Mr. Tahir Khanzada
Referees Director

On behalf of the ASF & referees committee, we would like to acknowledge the contribution of outgoing ASF Referees Director Mr. Munir Shah for the promotion of the game of squash in Asia & entire world .

As the newly appointed ASF Director Referees, I had organised the first focal points meeting during the SEA Games at Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. The meeting was attended by Anthony So (East Asia), Robert Arrffan (South East Asia), Ebrahim Kamal (West Asia), Yogendra Singh (nominated by Srikanth Seshadri South Asia to attend meeting on his behalf) & Leslie Ponnampalam as an observer.

In the meeting the house agreed to develop the standard refereeing syllabus manual for clinic/course/workshop conducted throughout Asia, to organize Asian Refereeing conference, create more opportunities for Regional Referees, Nomination criteria for Regional Assessor and other related matters.

In the last six months period a number of refereeing clinic/workshop & courses were held in Jordan, India Pakistan, China, Taiwan, Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia & Singapore conducted by Ebrahim Kamal, Yogender Singh, Rajiv Reddy, Srikanth Seshadri, Tahir Khanzada, Fayyaz Mohammad, Anthony So, Amos Yuen, Munir Shah, Leslie Ponnampalam, & Robert Arrffan.

The assessments also carried out in all four sub regions. Events in which the assessments were carried out were 19th Asian Junior Individual, Indian National Squash Championship Mumbai, Roshan Khan Open, Pakistan International Series with World V & Egyptian V, East Asian Championship, Dalian PSA, China Open, Singapore Nationals, Thailand Nationals, SSJM Tour Series, SEA Games, Asian Games Test Event.



Top Left: The Referees Team of the 29th Southeast Asian Games.

Top Right: The ASF Referees Clinics in Jordan.

Bottom Left: The Referees Course in Hong Kong, China.

Bottom Middle: The Referees Team of the Indian National Squash Championship in Mumbai.

Bottom Right: The ASF Referees Course in Thailand.

Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

There were total 9 junior competitions between July and September. They are Penang (Malaysian) Junior Open, CMS Borneo Junior Open, Japan Junior Open, HEAD Hong Kong Junior Open, Indian Junior Open, Iran Junior Open, NSCI Indian Classic Junior Championship, Isfahan Junior Open and Doha Junior Open. We'd like to congratulate all participants and winners as well as to thank the organisers for making the events all the success!



Top Left: Winners of the Japan Junior Open.

Middle Left: Winners of HEAD Hong Kong Junior Open.

Bottom Left: Winners of the NSCI Indian Classic Junior Championship.

Top Right: Winners of the Indian Junior Open.

Bottom Right: 3rd CMS Borneo Junior Open 2017

Coming events

Qatar Junior Open 2017 (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 30 Sept - 2 Oct 2017

Venue: Doha, Qatar

REDtone 11th KL Junior Open 2017 (AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 5 - 10 Dec 2017

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

ONCOCARE Singapore Junior Open 2017 (AJSS Gold Event)

Date: 12 - 16 Dec 2017

Venue: Singapore

HCL International Junior Open (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 11 - 15 Dec 2017

Venue: Greater Noida, India

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