

ASF Referees Committee Report 2021

In the year 2021 despite the Covid-19 restrictions ASF managed to hold both 20th Asian Team Championship at Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, and 21st Asian Individual Championship at Islamabad Pakistan.

This year ASF decided also to carry out only the Re-Nomination process and the relevant MNF'S have been informed already.

There were a lot activities compared to the last year (2020). ASF Focal points & the ASF Referee Committee meetings were held virtually. During the meetings many issues were raised and discussed. There were lots of deliberations during the meeting on WSO (World Squash Officiating). The ASF Referee Committee had reservation regarding some practices of the WSO and the major one is the execution of the WSO pilot project where referees from Asia were not included. We have voiced and written to WSO and also via ASF EXCO to the WSF's management about our concerns and our request to having more Asian representation in the new structure.

Referees Clinics:

We have conducted 98 clinics and 1640 candidates participated during the year 2021. The clinics were held in Bahrain, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Pakistan. The clinics were conducted by the following personnel:

Abdulrahman Al Owaish (Kuwait), Dr. Ali Jehad (Iraq), Amos Yuen (Hong Kong), Kim Chang Woo (Korea), Mehdi Mokhtari (Iran), Mohamed Abduljabar (Iraq), Leslie Ponnampalam (Malaysia), Naved Kashif Khan (Malaysia), Anthony So (Hong Kong), Arrffan Abdullah (Singapore), Ebrahim Kamal (Bahrain), Tahir Jamil Khanzada (Pakistan).

WSF Referees from Asia:

The list of the following WSF referees from Asia region remained unchanged for the last 6 years. The current list is as follows:

Anthony So (Hong Kong)
Jamshed Gul (Pakistan)
Mohammad Fayyaz (Hong Kong)
Srikanth Seshadri (India)
Yogendra Singh (India)
Tahir Jamil Khanzada (Pakistan)

Referees Assessment Exercise:

In 2021, a total number of 89 assessments were carried out in 12 different tournaments and countries involved were Malaysia, Singapore and Pakistan, conducted by Fahim Gul, Mohd Abdullah Arrffan, Leslie Ponnampalam, Srikanth Seshadri and Tahir Jamil Khanzada.

I would like to thank the Committee Chairman, Mr. Debendranath Sarangi from India for his support and cooperation and also thank to my focal points & ASF Referee Committee Members.

We hope and look forward to organize more championships in 2022 by MNF's to boost the squash activities during post pandemic in Asian Region.

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