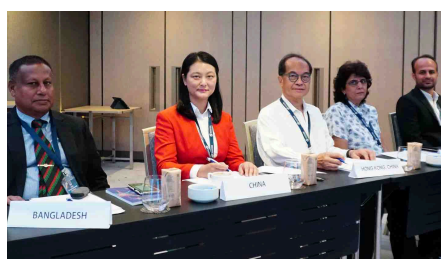


# SQUASH PULSE

## 43rd ASF Annual General Meeting

The 43rd ASF Annual General Meeting was held on 10 June 2023. Delegates and observers from 16 member nations attended the AGM and met face to face the first time after the pandemic.



ASF Officers include Mr. David Mui, MH JP (ASF President), Mr. Fayez Almutairi (ASF Vice President), Mr. Duncan Chiu (ASF Secretary General), Mr. Cedric Tyen (ASF Honorary Treasurer), Mr. Tony Choi (ASF Director of Coaching), Mr. Tahir Jamil Khanzada (ASF Referees Director) and Ms. Emily Mak (ASF Assistant Secretary General) attended the ASF AGM. Mrs. Zena Wooldridge is also present at the AGM to support.

Member Nations attended the ASF AGM include Bangladesh, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong China, India, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Macau China, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Mr. Robert Bachmann, President of Southeast Asian Squash Federation also attended the AGM as an observer.



Mr. Duncan Chiu,  
Secretary General

Welcome to the 21st issue of Squash Pulse!

I believe we are all excited about the news that squash will be included in the sports programme of the LA28 Olympic Games. This will not just further promote squash, but also inspire more individuals in the region and in the world to participate and support the sport. On behalf of ASF, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the IOC, LA28OCOG, WSF and all the parties involved.

## Major Games and Championships

### 22nd Asian Individual Championships

The 22nd Asian Individual Championships, which was held 6 - 10 June 2023 in Hong Kong China, have attracted 41 men's players and 37 women's players from 15 member nations to participate. After 5-day exciting matches, the first-seed Malaysian Ng Eain Yow was succeeded in defending his Asian Men's Championship title; while Chan Sin Yuk of Hong Kong, China clinched her first Asian Women's Champion title.

Our sincere thanks go to Squash Association of Hong Kong, China for hosting the memorable and professional event, where all players and officials felt enjoyable. In addition, ASF would also like to show the deepest appreciation to all officials of the championships, especially the ASF's Technical Delegate, Mr. Choi Young Chyul (Korea) and the ASF's Appointed Referees, Ms. Pinky Li (Hong Kong, China), Mr. Rajiv Reddy (India) and Mr. Tahir Khanzada (Pakistan), who helped officiate in the Championships.

### Final Results

#### Men's Event

- Gold Medalist - Ng Eain Yow (MAS)
- Silver Medalist - Velavan Senthikumar (IND)
- Bronze Medalists - Leung Chi Hin, Henry (HKG)
- Ivan Yuen (MAS)

#### Women's Event

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



*Above: Guests and all Winners; Top Right: Men's Final; Bottom Right: Women's Final*



## Major Games and Championships

### 30th Asian Junior Individual Championships

With the support of Chinese Squash Association and Dalian Squash Association, the 30<sup>th</sup> Asian Junior Individual Championships were successfully held 16 - 20 August 2023 in Dalian, China. The event attracted more than 220 participants from 15 regions to participate in the 8 events.

Our sincere thanks should go to Dalian Squash Association and all the participating member nations. 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. Amos Yuen (Hong Kong, China) and the ASF's Appointed Referees, Mr. Anthony So (Hong Kong, China), Mr. Dhiraj Singh (India) and Ms. Miyuki Adachi (Japan).

### Results

#### Boys Under 19

Champion - Joachim Chuah (MAS)  
1st Runner-up - Harith Danial (MAS)  
2nd Runners-up - Shaurya Bawa (IND)  
- Seojin Oh (KOR)

#### Boys Under 17

Champion - Low Wa Seen (MAS)  
1st Runner-up - Jooyoung Na (KOR)  
2nd Runners-up - Jeonguk Ryu (KOR)  
- Abdullah Nawaz (PAK)

#### Boys Under 15

Champion - Jayden Oon (MAS)  
1st Runner-up - Shunsaku Kariyazono (JPN)  
2nd Runners-up - Aryaveer Dewan (IND)  
- Shu Takahashi (JPN)

#### Boys Under 13

Champion - Nauman Khan (PAK)  
1st Runner-up - Ahmad Rayyan Khallil (PAK)  
2nd Runners-up - Yuen Tsz Long (HKG)  
- Lokkesh Wigneswaran (MAS)

#### Girls Under 19

Champion - Aira Azman (MAS)  
1st Runner-up - Sehveettraa Kumar (MAS)  
2nd Runners-up - Tse Yee Lam Toby (HKG)  
- Pooja Arthi (IND)

#### Girls Under 17

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

#### Girls Under 15

Champion - Helen Tang (HKG)  
1st Runner-up - Harleein Tan (MAS)  
2nd Runners-up - Lo Pui Yin Chloe (HKG)  
- Dakshayani Thangaraja (MAS)

#### Girls Under 13

Champion - Jinoreeka Nigh Manivannan (MAS)  
1st Runner-up - Niea Chew (MAS)  
2nd Runners-up - Li Ka Man (HKG)  
- Kayla Choy (SIN)

## Major Games and Championships

### 30th Asian Junior Individual Championships (cont'd)



*Boys Under 19 winners.*



*Girls Under 19 winners.*



*Boys Under 17 winners.*



*Girls Under 17 winners.*



*Boys Under 15 winners.*



*Girls Under 15 winners.*



*Boys Under 13 winners.*



*Girls Under 13 winners.*



## Major Games and Championships

### PSA Squash World Championships

PSA Squash World Championships took place 5 - 11 May 2023 at Chicago, USA. Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Pakistan from the region sent players to participate. Congratulations go to Egyptian players Nour El Sherbini and Ali Farag, who was crowned the World Women's and Men's Champion respectively.

### WSF Squash World Cup

WSF Squash World Cup, the relaunched international mixed team event, was successfully held 13 - 17 June 2023 at Chennai, India. The event attracted eight teams and thirty two players. Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Malaysia from the region sent teams with two men's and two women's players to participate. Our congratulations go to Egypt who won the Champion. We would also like to congratulate The Squash Rackets Federation of India, host of the event, showed professionalism and hospitality.

### WSF World Junior Squash Championships

WSF World Junior Squash Championships, which was held 18 - 29 July 2023, attracted top junior players from 33 nations to battle for the titles at Melbourne, Australia. Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Macau China, Malaysia, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka from the region sent players to participate.



2023 World Champions - Left: Women's - Nour El Sherbini (EGY); Right: Men's - Ali Farag (EGY)



WSF Squash World Cup Champion - Egypt Team



WSF World Junior Squash Championships - Junior Men's and Junior Women's Winners



WSF World Junior Women's Team Squash Championship - Winners

## “Exciting Hangzhou” Asian Squash Mixed Doubles Tournament

“Exciting Hangzhou” Asian Squash Mixed Doubles Tournament was successfully held 26 - 30 June 2023 at Hangzhou, China. 19 Mixed Doubles teams from 10 member nations including China, Hong Kong China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Macau China, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand participated in the tournament.

After 5-day tournaments in the state-of-the-art Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre Squash Court, the pair Dipika Karthik/Harinder Sandhu from India beat the Malaysian pair Rachel Arnold / Ivan Yuen in the final to triumph the tournament.

### Final Results

1st - Dipika Karthik / Harinder Sandhu (IND)

2nd - Rachel Arnold / Ivan Yuen (MAS)

3rd - Aifa Azman / Syafiq Kamal (MAS)

4th - Anahat Singh / Abhay Singh (IND)

5th - Tong Tsz Wing / Tang Ming Hong (HKG)

6th - Cheng Nga Ching / Lai Check Nam (HKG)

7th - Lee Ka Yi / Wong Chi Him (HKG)

8th - Ainaa Amani / Addeen Idrakie (MAS)



### Coming events

#### WSF Men's World Team Championship

Date: 11 - 17 December 2023

Venue: Tauranga, New Zealand

#### 22nd Asian Team Championships & 44th ASF AGM

Date: April / May 2024

Venue: China

#### 6th Asian Masters Championships

Date: TBC 2024

Venue: Macau, China

#### 31st Asian Junior Individual Championships

Date: June / July 2024

Venue: Islamabad, Pakistan



## Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi,  
Coaching Director

I am delighted to report that there were four WSF Level 1 Coaching Courses organised: Malaysia, Singapore and Sri Lanka; and one WSF Level 2 Coaching Courses: Malaysia. I would like to thank the respective associations for their support as well as all the course tutors for their time and dedication.



WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Sri Lanka.



WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Sri Lanka.



WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Singapore.



WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Singapore.

## Coming events

### WSF Level 2 Coaching Course

Date: 16 - 21 October 2023

Venue: Singapore

### WSF Level 2 Coaching Course

Date: 24 - 29 October 2023

Venue: Macau, China

### WSF Level 3 Coaching Course

Date: 27 November - 2 December 2023

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

### WSF Level 1 Coaching Course

Date: 19 - 23 December 2023

Venue: Johor/Melaka, Malaysia



## Referees



Mr. Tahir Khanzada  
Referees Director

In the last six months (April-September 2023), all the things now at normal after the COVID-19 pandemic. It is good that we are back to almost normal now with the squash activities. We had Asian Games in Hangzhou China, Asian Individual Championships in Hong Kong, China, & Asian Junior Individual in Dalian, China. All events were very successfully held.

Last 6 months we had a few online focal point meetings & we also conducted meetings with WSO regarding concerns & lack of transparency/fairness for the Asian Referees appointments in PSA events from July-December 2023. We addressed these issues with WSO, and they insured to consider ASF concerns in the future referee's appointments.

During the last six months (April-September) we had a total number of 73 clinics conducted in China, Hong Kong China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Phillipines, Singapore, Thailand, & Pakistan. A number of 1214 participants attended the clinics. Referees clinics were conducted by Mohd Abdullah Arrffan (Singapore), Leslie Ponnampalam (Malaysia), Amos Yuen (Hong Kong, China), Anthony So (Hong Kong, China), Kim Chang Woo (Korea), Srikanth Seshadri (India), Mike Collins (South Africa), Roy Gingell (Wales) & Tahir Jamil Khanzada (Pakistan)

Assessment exercises were conducted in 6 events with 147 assessments in total, 22nd Asian Individual, Hong Kong China (14), Hong Kong Junior Open 2023 (14), Asian Junior Individuals Championships, China 2023 (21), 2nd CNS All Pakistan Squash Championship, Karachi (12), Indonesia PRE National Games PRA PON 2023, Jakarta (16), Asian Games 2023, China (70).

I would like to thank all the clinics/courses instructors and assessors in Asia and especially Mike Collins from South Africa & Roy Gingell from Wales to be a part of Hangzhou Asian Games 2023 and shared their experience and support during the games.

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.

*Top: Referees Team at the Hangzhou Asian Games.*

*2nd Top: Referees Team at Asian Individual Championships.*



*3rd Top: Referees Team at an Indonesia Competition.*

*4th Top: Referees Team with Jahangir Khan at the 2nd CNS all Pakistan Squash Championships.*

*Left: ASF President with the Referees Team and other Officials.*



## Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

There were 10 junior competitions between April and September 2023. They are HCL Southern Slam(1), Korea Junior Open(2), PBA 19th Penang (Malaysian) Junior Open(3), Borneo Junior Open, Japan Junior Open, 1st Gorgan Junior Open(4), Hong Kong Junior Open(5), Pakistan 1st Asian Junior Super Series(6), Bengal Eastern Slam(7) and Indian Junior Open(8). We'd like to congratulate all participants and winners as well as to thank the organisers.



### Coming events

#### 12th Iran Junior Open (AJSS Gold Event)

Date: 24 - 27 Oct 2023

Venue: Tehran, Iran

#### Doha Junior Open (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 21 - 24 Nov 2023

Venue: Doha, Qatar

#### 3rd Yazd Junior Open (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 21 - 24 Nov 2023

Venue: Yazd, Iran

#### CCI Western India Slam (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 4 - 9 Dec 2023

Venue: Mumbai, India

#### REDtone 15th KL Junior Open (AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 5 - 10 Dec 2023

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

#### ONCOCARE Singapore Junior Open

(AJSS Gold Event)

Date: 13 - 17 Dec 2023

Venue: Singapore

#### HKFC Evisu International Jr Open (AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 26 - 30 Dec 2023

Venue: Hong Kong, China

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