Junior Development in Hong Kong

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Junior Development Structure in HK

Early Stage (Mid 80’s to Early 90’s)
- 3 levels of junior development
- New Generation of Squash : grass-root training programme for 9 months

Developing Stage (Mid 90’s to Late 90’s)
- 4 levels of junior development
- Increasing no. of regional squad
- Introducing district squad level
- Expanding New Generation of Squash Programme

Growth Stage (Late 90’s to Mid 2000’s)
- 5 levels of junior development
- Increasing no. of district squad centres
- Expanding Squash Talent Foundation Programme (former named as New Generation of Squash)
- Introducing mini-squash to primary school students

Mature Stage (Mid 2000’s - Now)
- Increasing no. of regional & district squad centres
- Aligning with Community Squash Club Junior Programmes
- Developing into two streams – Individual-based & School-based

Mini-squash Scheme

"Bring fun out of squash!"
- Why? Encourage children start playing & knowing squash in their earlier ages
- When? Launched in 1998
- Where? Target for primary school children who aged 6 – 12
- What? at schools or squash courts
- How? Training in Fun & Safe environment
- What’s our goal? Finding talents

Mini-squash Programme
- Joint Sch Ctr (aged 6 – 12) (50 crs)
Mini-squash Scheme

5-elements of the scheme

- (1) Mini-squash Instructor Course
- (2) School Roadshows
- (3) School Team Training / Individual Training Courses
- (4) Mini-squash Competitions
- (5) Carnival

Mini-squash Scheme

Tailor-made Portable Mini-squash Court
- Adjustable size fits for all venues
- Not influence by any weather & venues

Mini-squash Scheme

Tailor-made Mini-squash Balls & Rackets
- Two types of balls (Pink ball for aged 10 – 12 & Green ball for aged 6 – 9)
- Two types of rackets (23 inches & 25 inches rackets)

Mini-squash Scheme

(1) Mini-squash Instructor Course
- Two-days Intensive training for primary school teachers
- Introducing basic mini-squash skills to school teachers

Mini-squash Scheme

(2) School Roadshows
- One-hour free demonstration at school playground or assembly halls
- Demonstrating basic squash skills
- Playing fun games with students

Mini-squash Scheme

(3) Trainings
- a. School Team Trainings
- 24-hours free coaching session arranged for schools
- Training held either in schools or public squash courts
- Followed by subsidized coaching sessions arranged by schools
- b. Individual Training Courses
- 12-hours training course held at different districts
- Attracting individual children whom may not have team training in school
Mini-squash Scheme

- Organizing various competitions: Individual-based & school-based
- Supported by Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation

Successful Stories

Guess who??
Left: He was the inaugural Mini-squash Novice Competition Champion
Right: She was competing for the first Inter-school Mini-squash Competition

Successful Stories

Leo Au
- Asian Junior Individual Championships 2008 – Boy’s Gold Medal
- ASF Outstanding Player of the Year (Junior) 2008 Award
Liu Tsz Ling
- Asian Junior Championships 2009 – Individual Bronze Medal
- Pioneer Cup 2008 – GU17 2nd Runner-up

Successful Stories

Annie Au
- World Junior Women’s Championships 2007 - Individual Bronze Medal
- Asian Junior Championships 2007 – Individual Gold Medal
- World Squash Awards 2006 – WISPA Young Player of the Year
- Current World Ranking No.18

Successful Stories

Ho Ka Po
- Asian Junior Individual Championships 2008 - GU15 Silver Medal
- British Junior Open 2009 – GU15 2nd Runner-up
Lee Ka Yi
- Asian Junior Individual Championships 2009 - GU15 Bronze Medal

and many more…
The Ways Forward

Our Goal: To produce the World-class players
- Enhancing and refining current junior programmes
- Seeking more funding from government & commercial sponsors
- Encouraging more media coverage for promoting the sport to public

Question & Answer

Thank you very much!