



Asian Squash Federation

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ASIAN SQUASH FEDERATION REPORT

(Sep 2019 – Aug 2020)

1. Administration

We are sad that for the period covered by this report i.e. September 2019 to August 2020, not all squash activities on the ASF calendar were able to be conducted as scheduled due to the global outbreak of COVID-19. However, the ASF Secretariat has continued to establish a constant and effective communication channel with all Member Federations.

2. 2020 ASF AGM

The 40th ASF AGM, which was due to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 29th March 2020, has been postponed. After consulting the ASF's Management Committee, ASF's Executive Committee decided to host the AGM virtually on 19 December 2020.

3. Secretariat

The Secretariat continues to play an important role in coordinating all regional squash activities and lending support to the various committees. The Secretariat is in constant touch with our Members, WSF, OCA and PSA, responding promptly to all queries and requests.

4. Membership

With the re-activation of Palestinian Racket Games Federation, the total number of Member is at 28.

5. Asian Championships

i) 20th Asian Team Championships, 25 – 29 March, 2020, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Due to the pandemic situation, the 20th Asian Team Championships, which was due to be held in March 2020 in Malaysia, was postponed to 2021.

ii) *27th Asian Junior Individual Championships, 29 June – 3 July 2020, Qingdao, China*

In view of the unpredictable development of the pandemic situation, the 27th Asian Junior Individual Championships, which was due to be held in China was inevitably cancelled.

6. **Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS) & Asian Junior Ranking (AJR)**

There were only 3 events held in the last quarter of 2019; 12 AJSS events which were planned to be held in 2020 were either cancelled or postponed to 2021.

7. **Major Games & Championships**

i) *13th South Asian Games, 6 – 10 December in Kathmandu, Nepal*

The Squash Event of the 13th South Asian Games at Kathmandu, Nepal was successfully held 6 -10 December 2019. There were 5 countries included Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka participated in the four events: Men's and Women's Singles and Teams Events.

Results:

Men's Singles Event

Gold Medalist -Tayyab Aslam (PAK)
Silver Medalist -Harinder Pal Singh (IND)
Bronze Medalists -Abhay Singh (IND)
-Mehboob Farhan (PAK)

Women's Singles Event

Gold Medalist -Tanvi Khanna (IND)
Silver Medalist -Sunayana Kuruvilla (IND)
Bronze -Faiza Zafar (PAK)
Medalists -Madina Zafar (PAK)

Men's Team Event

Gold Medalist -Pakistan
Silver Medalist -India
Bronze Medalists -Nepal
-Sri Lanka

Women's Team Event

Gold Medalist -India
Silver Medalist -Pakistan
Bronze -Nepal
Medalists -Sri Lanka

ii) 30th Southeast Asian Games 2019, 1 – 9 December 2019, Philippines

Squash Event of the 30th Southeast Asian Games 2019 held in Philippines attracted 5 countries included Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand to participate.

Results:

Men's Singles Event

Gold Medalist -Addeen Idrakie (MAS)
Silver Medalist -Robert Garcia (PHI)
Bronze Medalists -Darren Pragasam (MAS)
-Chua Man Chin (SIN)

Women's Singles Event

Gold Medalist -Rachel Arnold (MAS)
Silver Medalist -Chan Yiwen (MAS)
Bronze Medalists -Jemyca Aribado (PHI)
-Au Yeong Wai Yhann (SIN)

Men's Team Event

Gold Medalist -Malaysia
Silver Medalist -Philippines
Bronze Medalists -Indonesia
-Singapore

Women's Team Event

Gold Medalist -Malaysia
Silver Medalist -Singapore
Bronze Medalists -Indonesia
-Philippines

Mixed Team Event

Gold Medalist -Philippines
Silver Medalist -Singapore
Bronze Medalists -Indonesia
-Thailand

8. World Championships

Asian countries sent players to the major world championships and games to show support.

i). PSA Women's World Championships, 24 October – 1 November 2019, Cairo, Egypt

Hong Kong China, India, Malaysia and Philippines sent players for the event. Annie Au of Hong Kong China, Joshna Chinappa of India and Sivasangari Subramaniam of Malaysia finished 3rd round.

ii). PSA Men's World Championships, 8 – 15 November 2019, Doha, Qatar

Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan and Qatar from Asia participated in the event.

iii) WSF Men's World Team Championship, 15 – 21 November, 2019, Washington, USA

Hong Kong China, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia and Singapore from Asia sent their men's teams to participate in the event.

9. PSA Tournament & Ranking

For the Women's, Joshana Chinappa from India ranks No. 10 and there are another 7 Asian players rank top 50 in the PSA Women's World Rankings. For the men's, Saurav Ghosal from India ranks No. 13 and there are another 8 Asian players rank top 50 in the PSA Men's World Rankings.

10. Coaching

ASF continued to ensure a smooth integration of the ASF's Coach Education Programme to that of the WSF. There were 2 Level One, 1 Level Two Coaching Courses in the last quarter of 2019. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were no Coaching Courses being able to be held in 2020.

The 2019 ASF Coaching Awards were selected and the winners were:

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| i) ASF Coach of the Year | Ajaz Azmat (Malaysia) |
| ii) ASF Junior Coach of the Year | Asif Khan (Pakistan) |
| iii) ASF Development Coach of the Year | Zulfiqar Khan (Malaysia) |
| iv) ASF Coaches Certificate of Recognition | Parand Dolatyadeh (Iran) |
| | Ryu Gongsun (Korea) |
| | Karamat Ullah (Malaysia) |
| | Kashif Javed (Malaysia) |
| | Lawrence Kwan (Malaysia) |
| | Lim Chee Ming (Macau) |
| | Li Yu Min (Macau) |
| | Sou Ka Hou (Macau) |
| | Abdul Rasheed (Pakistan) |
| | Gulab Sher (Pakistan) |
| | Khalid Khan (Pakistan) |

11. Refereeing

ASF ExCo continued to fund the referee development programmes in Asia on needs basis. There were clinics and workshops conducted in different places over during this period.

12. ASF Performance Awards 2019

The Award winners and those recognized were as follows:

Dato Alex Lee Award –

- *Outstanding Asian Men's Player of the Year*
Saurav Ghosal (India)
- *Outstanding Asian Women's Player of the Year*
Annie Au (Hong Kong, China)

Hassan Musa Award –

- *Outstanding Asian Junior Men's Player of the Year*
Veer Chotrani (India)
- *Outstanding Asian Junior Women's Player of the Year*
Aifa Azman (Malaysia)

The ASF Award –

- *Outstanding Men's Team of the Year*
Pakistan Men's Team for South Asian Games
- *Outstanding Women's Team of the Year*
Malaysia World Junior Women's Team

ASF Development Award –

- *The Most Improved Team of the Year*
Pakistan Junior Men's Team

13. Asian Championships in 2021

The hosting countries/regions and dates for Asian Championships in 2021 are as follows:

- i) 20th Asian Team Championships
Date: TBC
Place: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- ii) 20th Asian Junior Team Championships
Date: January/February
Place: Hong Kong, China

- iii) 21th Asian Individual Championships
Date: April/May
Place: Pakistan

- iv) 28th Asian Junior Individual Championships
Date: June/July
Place: India

- v) 5th Asian Masters Championships
Date: TBC
Place: Iran

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