REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT (PAN AMERICA)
TO THE WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION – 2020 AGM
(as at October 15, 2020)

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Due to the Pandemic COVID-19, as in most regions around the world, all national and international squash events and programs throughout the continent have been either cancelled or postponed since March 2020. The majority of Pan American squash nations are still in squash “shut down” with only a few countries allowing solo hitting or pod play under strict Covid-19 health and safety precautions.

MEMBERSHIP

Currently there are 23 Full member FPS countries, representing all four sub-regions of the continent. The FPS is committed to further increasing the number of country members by 5% by 2021.

NORTH AMERICA
- Canada
- Mexico
- United States

CENTRAL AMERICA
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Panama

CARIBBEAN
- Barbados
- Bermuda
- British Virgin Islands
- Cayman Islands
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- Saint Vincent & Grenadines
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Venezuela

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- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Brazil
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- Colombia
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**PAN AM GAMES**

Squash has been on the program of the Pan American Games, our Regional Games, since 1995 in Mar del Plata, Argentina.

The Pan American Squash Federation operates on a quadrennial, based on Pan Am Games. The current quadrennial is 2019 – 2023 (culminating in the Pan Am Games Santiago de Chile 2023). Only Summer Olympic Games sports are considered permanent fixtures in Pan Am Games, Consequently, squash is among 12 other sports considered optional for Pan Am Games inclusion. Only 10 of these sports will be on the Santiago 2023 program at the discretion of PANAM SPORTS Executive and the host nation Chile.

The FPS once again applied for squash to be included in Pan Am Games Santiago 2023 immediately following Lima 2019. As soon as it was suspected that squash may not be included in the Santiago 2023 program (which was confirmed at the Pan Am Sport Accord in December 2020), FPS President Paradisi together with the VP Pablo Serna and CEO William Louis Marie of the WSF have been strongly advocating for its inclusion. The FPS is extremely grateful for the invaluable collaboration of the WSF and we remain very optimistic for a positive decision to be announced by Panam Sports at their AGM in December 2020.

**PAN AMERICAN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Due to COVID-19 the Pan American Junior and Senior Squash Championships were cancelled.

Hosts for the balance of the 2019-2023 quadrennial are:

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*2021 Pan Am U23 Qualifier for Cali2021 - San Salvador, El Salvador
SUB REGIONAL GAMES

Pan American Sub-Regional Games are extremely significant Games as they are supported by their respective National Olympic Committees. The FPS continues to lobby for and collaborate with all Sub Regional Games Organizing Federations and Committees to ensure squash is a fixture in these Games. The FPS also advocates for as strong as representation from across the regions as possible in these Games. NOCs view any medals won by their respective country favourably which can further translate into additional funding to their national squash association.

UPCOMING REGIONAL & SUB REGIONAL GAMES

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2020 FEDERACION PANAMERICA DE SQUASH (FPS) AGM

The 2020 FPS Annual General Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on November 28th, 2020. This will mark the first time in the history of the FPS that the membership has been unable to meet in person at an AGM. We are hopeful this will allow greater opportunity for countries traditionally unable to attend to participate in the meeting of the membership.

Numerous by-law changes have been proposed including ones to align with the Olympic movement of gender equity and athlete representation at the executive board level.
OFFICIATING
It collaboration with Squash Canada the FPS will be launching an new officiating program available in English, Spanish and Portuguese in the new year. The program Pan-American Squash Officiating, PSO will be recognized as the leading platform in the America’s and Caribbean and will align with the WSO. The program will also include it’s own official web site www.psofficiating.com. This will be the first ever FPS multi-language platform for squash in Pan America.

COACHING
Paraguay hosted a 3 days L1 Coaching Course in Asuncion where two coaches with the travel support of the FPS, were certified as WSF Level 1 Tutors. We look forward to these coaches grow the program in the Americas.

Argentina- 12 new certified WSF Level 1 coaches, 6 new certified Level 2 coaches. 
Brazil- 8 participated in the course and are awaiting personal assessments as soon as possible once activities resumes.
Canada- 37 NCCP Certified Squash Instructors and 7 NCPP Certified Club Coaches. 
Colombia- 111 candidates participated by webinars during the pandemic and are awaiting personal assessments as soon as possible once activities resumes.
Guatemala – 6 new certified WSF Level 1 coaches.
USA- 45 new certified WSF Level 1 coaches, 25 new certified WSF Level 2 and 15 new certified WSF Level 3 coaches.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
The FPS continues to have numerous member nations participating in individual and team events annually; typically, they include Canada, Colombia, Mexico and USA.

Of great excitement for Colombia and South America, Colombia won 2 bronze medals (Men’s Doubles and Mixed Doubles) at the 2019 World Doubles Champions in Gold Coast, Australia.

The 2019 World Men´s Teams Championships was hosted by the U.S. Squash in Squash on Fire in Washington D.C; a great honour for United States and the FPS.
ELITE WORLD ATHLETES

The FPS continues to be proud of producing world class elite athletes. As of December 2019, three (3) players from Pan America were ranked in the top 10 on the PSA World Rankings: Amanda Sobhy of USA (#8) Diego Elias of Peru (#7) and Miguel Angel Rodriguez of Colombia (#9).

OTHER NEWS

Association of Pan American Sports Confederations, ACODEPA, created its first ever Athlete’s Commission in May 2020 and not only was a squash player elected to the Commission, Mexico’s icon and former World #11, Samantha Teran was appointed President of the Commission.

ACODEPA is an international organization recognized by Panam Sports and the IOC.

For more detailed information on the status of squash in individual countries throughout the region, including competitions, construction, governance, inclusivity, training etc., please refer to the following comprehensive Sub Regional Reports attached.

- North America
- Central America
- South America
- Caribbean

Respectfully submitted by:
Francisco Paradisi,
President of the Federacion Panamericana de Squash, FPS
Canada

From Squash Canada:

The year since the 2019 FPS Annual General Meeting has been a challenging one, as it has for almost every organization. The global coronavirus pandemic has curtailed squash activities across Canada since mid-March. All squash facilities and activities were shutdown in March, with some parts of the country re-opening for solo and family bubble hitting in June. Many restrictions remain on the type of activities that are permitted, with many clubs electing not to re-open due to safety concerns.

Squash Canada had a long list of its national and international championships cancelled. There has not been a sanctioned squash tournament in Canada since March and we do not expect to see any until 2021. The cancellation of international and world competitions has also had an profound impact on our high performance athletes. Squash Canada, concerned about the financial welfare of its top players held a fundraising campaign in support of these athletes who lost various sources of their income during the lockdown.

Squash Canada continues its day to day business, doing different things and in different ways. Many programs have been moved from in-person to virtual, and use of new technologies has helped the organization remain in communication with its membership. Return to play and return to competition guidelines during this pandemic have been developed and shared with our provinces, who have jurisdiction on return to sport.

Membership numbers are expected to decrease in 2020-21. Squash Canada will be extending the ‘normal’ squash season in 2021 by 6 to 8 weeks in an effort to attract players back into clubs. Our major championships will be held into June and July to provide allowing for more time in the calendar for our provinces and clubs to schedule their tournaments.

The Canadian Junior Open, Canada’s top international junior open that regularly attracts players from more than 20 nations, will be staged on July 2-6, 2021 at the Club at White Oaks, in Niagara on the Lake, Ontario. We hope to continue to see many of the top players from the Pan Am Region as has been the case for many years now.

Safe sport remains a top priority in Canada. Squash Canada has launched a wide-reaching program that requires screening, police record checks, training in the prevention of harassment, abuse and discrimination, concussion education, the ‘rule of two’, and other forms of training. In light of social unrest in many parts of the globe, Squash Canada has also taken a
position against racism, and has put in place steps to enhance its diversity, equity and inclusion practices to ensure that as an organization and sport we improve the diversity of participants in the game of squash and to create an inclusive environment that embraces and empowers full engagement by all in the sport.

The Canadian Inclusivity Squash Program (CISP) in Conception Bay South, NL held a successful second session including the hosting of the Canada’s first ever squash tournament open solely to mentally, physically and emotionally challenged individuals, attracting 10 enthusiastic competitors. The season ended with an virtual Closing & Awards Ceremony via Zoom inspiring the launching of two more CISP Programs; CISP Toronto, ON and CISP Calgary, AB who are set to open in the new year.

Squash Canada remains proud to have granted the FPS permission to use and translate its national officiating program materials into Spanish and Portuguese in an effort to increase the development of officiating throughout the Pan Am Region.

Squash Canada wishes its friends and colleagues across the Americas and Caribbean the utmost of good health and safety during these unprecedented times.

**United States**

*From US Squash:*

- Construction continues on the **Arlen Specter US Squash Center**, set to open at the beginning of 2021. The Specter Center will feature 20 courts: 18 singles courts including 2 all glass exhibition and two convertible softball doubles courts, and two additional North American hardball doubles. The facility will also house the US Squash headquarters, the U.S. Hall of Fame, and a Learning and Innovation Center together with community partner SquashSmarts. The Specter Center will be a US Squash Community Affiliate facility, providing and modeling programs that deliver broad access to the sport for new players from all backgrounds.
- The **US Squash Community Initiative** was founded in the summer of 2020, focused on provision of access and lifelong engagement in squash to people spanning the entire socio-economic spectrum, fostering lasting relationships across generations, genders, races and religions and building a lasting and diverse community rooted in shared values.
- Part of the Community Initiative is the designation of **US Squash Community Affiliate** facilities. The program begins the process of developing more formal relationships with key regional facility partners that are closely aligned with US Squash’s mission of promoting squash’s growth and development by increasing access and awareness, supporting meaningful lifelong engagement in the sport, and encouraging sportsmanship while
achieving competitive excellence. Community Affiliates conduct US Squash programs and activities to build the sport, inclusive of scholastic teams, grassroots development programs, high-performance programs, squash and education programs, adult squash development, and accredited leagues, ladders, and tournaments. Community Affiliates receive programmatic assistance including US Squash software and support services, regional and national promotion, and coordination on pilot programs focused on creating and testing best practices for growing the sport.

- More than ten championship events were run directly by US Squash prior to the March shutdown, highlighted by the **FS Investments U.S. Open Squash Championships** in October, a PSA World Tour Platinum event, and the **U.S. Junior Open Squash Championships** in December which was contested by nearly 750 players from 44 countries.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for the sport in the U.S. as it has worldwide. US Squash has been working closely with facilities, teaching professionals, district leaders, committees and the community of players to facilitate ongoing engagement in the sport and a safe transition back to play. Juniors and adults will begin a phased process of return to accredited competition in October. The safety of all individuals at accredited competition remains the top priority of US Squash. All accredited competitions – whether league or tournament play – may only take place in facilities that abide by all governmental guidelines as well as US Squash policies for return-to-competition.

**Mexico:**

*Update Pending*
Information from Central America Squash

The growth and promotion of Central-America’s Squash has been a hard duty regarding of being third world countries with low and limited budget. The affiliated Federations and Associations to the FPS (Federación Panamericana de Squash) are Guatemala, El Salvador and Panama. Costa Rica has been an affiliate in past years and is willing to reestablish their federation. There is some information that Belize and Honduras have Clubs with Squash Courts, however they have never established contact with the other Central American Federations or the FPS. Nicaragua has been always isolated from squash.

In 1997 the Central American Squash Confederation known in Spanish as “Confederación Centroamericana de Squash, CCS”, was established by Guatemala, El Salvador and Costa Rica. However, this Confederation haven’t been active for the last 15 years. The Guatemalan Sports Association for Squash known in Spanish as “Asociación Deportiva Nacional de Squash” and the Salvadorian Squash Federation known in Spanish as “Federación Salvadoreña de Squash” are making some efforts to reestablish it again, however is necessary that the hole region gets involved to built a Confederation.

The actual national federations and associations at Central America are:

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**GUATEMALA SQUASH**

Major Governing Body: **The National Sport Squash Association In Spanish** Asociación Deportiva Nacional de Squash (Aso. Squash).

After 24 years of political discussions and requests form Aso. Squash to the National Sports Govern of Guatemala, in march 2019, the first public squash complex was completed and open to anyone Guatemalan who wants to practice squash. The compound is equipped with nine (9) squash courts, and they will be built 2 more stadium courts, one doubles court and one singles court.

The process of installing courts in the Association's sports complex was concluded, in which there are 9 new individual WSF certified squash courts.
With a monthly payment of only Q100.00 hundred quetzals is about U.S.$15.00 you can practice the sport of squash in a public place in Guatemala. In 2019, this settled the attention from many
people to practice the sport of squash and the development of Guatemalan squash is starting to grow, the projection in to grow from 30 to 40 more squash players each year. At this point, Aso. Squash has already received allot of kids from different foundations and public schools and allot of people who use to play just started to play again. From March 2019 to March 2020 the Aso. Squash gather about 40 new members and the growth of squash appears to be massive in all squash levels and ages. However, after de Covid Pandemic Months, from march 2019 to present, the Squash Complex has lost allot of attention and only the Mayor and Junior Squad have the permission to train in the squash courts.

**Best international and national results of the Guatemalan men's and women's senior team from September 2019 to date.**

During the pandemic timeframe, there has been no participation with a major selection. Here are some of the results obtain by Guatemalans Pros at PSA Tournaments from the year 2019 to 2020.

1. PSA The Kiva Club Open 2019 tournament, held in the city of Santa Fe, New Mexico, United States of America.

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2. PSA Celestino Martinez Memorial Tournament 2019, held in the city of Palo Alto, San Francisco, United States of America.

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3. PSA Life Time Vegas Open 2019 tournament, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, United States of America.

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4. PSA Life Time Atlanta Open 2020 tournament, held in the city of Sandy, Springs, Fulton County, State of Georgia, United States of America.

Best international and national results of the Guatemalan men's and women's Junior Team team from September 2019 to date.

Participated in the South American Youth Squash Championship
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The most important private squash clubs at Guatemala are: Delfines Club, Fitness One Pradera, and SPORTA and the most important public complex is the Guatemalan Squash Association.

GUATEMALA PRIVATE SQUASH

DELFINES CLUB
Founded in the 1980s and launching squash in 1995. Delfines Club has been the historic squash club from Guatemala with 5 squash courts, 4 singles courts and 1 doubles court. Organizing from Central American Games to Pan-American Games. Delfines Club was the home of the Guatemalan Squash Association from 1995 until 2019. Now everything is run privately with more than 3,000 members, and **about 70 of those members being constant squash players**, Delfines Club remains in the memory of every Guatemalan as the place for squash. However, the membership cost is really high for the Guatemalan lower and lower middle class, so many people that wanted to play squash couldn’t do it. Delfines give the opportunity to the Guatemalan Squash Association to train with 30 athletes every month, and the Guatemalan National Squads and players from all times had come from Delfines. Players as Javier and Juan Manuel Martinez, The Pensabene brothers, Diego Asturias, Pamela Anckermann, Jose Paulo Mendez, Mauricio Sedano, The Enriquez generations, Erwin the father, and Josue and Alejandro actual no.1 and 2 from the country, The Bonilla Family, Fridolino Bonilla, Winifer Bonilla and Bryan Bonilla, Ricardo Toscano, Italo Bonatti, Antonio De La Torre, Martin Prentice, The Flores brothers, Maria del Carmen Rimola, Irene Barillas, The Osorio sisters, among others. Delfines Squash Academy powered by Sguash, private academy of Delfines Club is an WSF certified academy, and has grown to get around **30 pupils** in the last 2 years.

FITNESS ONE PRADERA
Founded in the 1990s as World Gym (now known as Fitness One) and launching squash in the 2000s with 5 singles squash courts. Fitness One give the possibility to many Guatemalans to play squash at a lower entry fee, budget and monthly payments. Fitness One is located in one of the most central locations in Guatemala City with many malls and amenities around. Fitness One is a more oriented gym business model, but at the end one of the most prestigious fitness brands in Guatemala. Not having a proper squash academy until 2018, they haven’t created any squash players that participate in the national squad. However, some of the national squad players decided that train in Fitness One, regarding to their excellent squash courts and fitness programs. Players who have been training at this gym are The Martinez Brothers, Diego Asturias, Jose Paulo Mendez, Antonio De La Torre, Mauricio Sedano and Italo Bonatti. Even not having a
proper private squash academy Fitness One has been the cradle of amateur players. People started teaching and coaching themselves about squash with information from the national squad players and Internet and online programs and squash advanced by it itself. Fitness One has developed around 300 amateur players since their origins and from their 4,000 members, **there are about 60 active squash players at this gymnasium.** Since 2018 they hurled a new WSF certified squash academy that has about **40 pupils** that are growing their squash skills and abilities, and the development of squash is being promoted.

**SPORTA**
Instituted in the 2000s, and establishing the first five ASB Squash Courts in Guatemala in 2005 is the most enthusiastic Squash Club in Guatemala, they have organized 15 International PSA Tournaments since they open their doors, starting with PSA M5 from US$5,000 to US$50,000. The owners are totally in love with squash and they really want to promote squash in their club and Guatemala. Their private academy, Match Point Academy, started in 2005 and ended in 2017, managed by Luis (Pico) Mérida and later by Pamela Anckermann with their group of coaches (Cesar Martinez, Abraham Nicomedes, Luis Quisquinay, Luis Pedro and Sebastian Flores) they developed and new litter of squash juniors and players. Some of those juniors part of the junior Guatemalan Squad, Esteban Martinez, Johann Marckwordt, Cristian Urruela, Javier Urruela, Gabriel Bardales, Maria Fernanda Pinot, Hector Montpeque, Adrian Castillo, Roberto Escalon, Diego Ibarra among others. Match Point Academy developed allot of amateur players letting squash to grow more and more, their pick point they managed to train about 80 to 100 players in the academy. Since 2018, Pamela Anckermann moved to the United States to work as a coach and Sporta Squash Academy was created, they haven’t developed any new players but a new litter is being molded with about **40 pupils**. The new coaches are Antonio De La Torre and Bryan Bonilla. Besides the development of the Private Squash Academy from SPORTA, more people started playing more and more squash in the area of Highway to El Salvador Municipal District of Fraijanes (about 30 minutes’ drive from the city center with no traffic and about 1 hour and 30 minutes with traffic). SPORTA is one of the most successful fitness centers in Guatemala with about 5,000 members and **about 50 of those members play squash at an amateur level.**

Other clubs, gyms and apartment buildings with squash courts located in the Guatemalan District are:
- Futeca Sport zone 14, 1 court **about 30 squash players.**
- Equestrian Club and Golf Club EL Pulte, 2 squash courts **about 10 players**
- Golf Club EL Pulte,2 squash courts **about 10 players.**
- San Isidro Country Club, 1 squash court about **10 players.**
- Lomas Condominium 2 squash courts, about **10 players**
- Hacienda Nueva Country Club 2 courts, about **10 players.**
- Santuarica de Muxbal, 2 courts, **about 10 players.**
- AVIA apartment building 1 court **about 6 players.**
- Las Margaritas Apartment building 1 court **about 6 players.**

There are other Clubs with American squash courts (the older American dimensions) some of this clubs are:
- Lawn Tennis Guatemala with 2 courts (place where the first Guatemalan Squash court was made in the 1950s). They have about **15 players**.
- Primera Raqueta (First Raquet Club) about **10 players**.
- Club Español (Spaniel Club) 2 courts about **10 players**.
- Club Americano (American Club) 1 court, about **10 players**.
- Club Casa Tiro y Pesca 3 courts, about **15 players**.
- Guatemala Country Club, 2 courts about **10 players**.
- Altavista Country Club, 2 courts about **6 players**.
- Scandinavia San Cristobal, 1 court about **20 players**.
- Club La Villa, 4 courts about **15 players**
- Guatebanco, 4 courts about **4 players**.

There are other squash clubs in other Guatemalan districts and cities such as:
- Club Antigueño 2 squash courts about **5 players**.
- Club La Trinidad at Retalhuleu about **5 players**.
- IRTRA at Retalhuleu about **8 players**.
- Club Cantabria about **8 players**.

The total of active squash players at Guatemala from initiation to professional or national squad are about **500 players**.

**EL SALVADOR SQUASH**

The most important private squash clubs at El Salvador are: Maya Country Club, International Sport Circle (Círculo Deportivo Internacional - CDI), Arab Club (Club Árabe) and World Gym and the Public Squash Courts at Polideportivo Merliot from The Salvadorian Squash Federation (Federación Salvadoriana de Squash).

**Maya Country Club & Squash Para Todos El Salvador Fundation**

Headquarters of The Salvadorian Squash Federation (FSS) from the year 2000 to 2015. In 2015 the FSS was dissolved and the Squash For All (SPT) Fundation started with a program of 30 kids and juveniles at this point SPT works with a youth of 85 kids. Maya Country Club also works with a private squash academy with 15 more players, forming a total of 100 youth program. They also have about 50 adult active squash players.

**Círculo Deportivo Internacional (International Sport Circle (CDI))**

Nelson Coronado.

**Club Árabe**

Really old club founded in 1940s with a different name, started squash 13 years ago with three squash courts. David Alfaro is their Head Coach and works with private squash lessons. There are about 50 squash players in this Club.

**World Gym Salvador**

Byron Garcia.

**Federación Salvadoreña de Squash (FSS) - Polideportivo Merliot**
The FSS was closed for a couple of years, because of some governmental regulations. However, they have reestablish their federation, with two squash courts at a Public Place. Luis Quisquinay is the head coach since 2018 and the Federation has created about 50 new squash players.

1. Neither the Senior Men's or Women's National Teams have participated in Sept. Tournaments. 2019 to date.

2. Neither the Men's or Women's Youth Teams have participated in Sept. Tournaments. 2019 to date.

3. The construction process of the Federation fields is still in process, after having been stalled for several months due to the pandemic. We hope to finish the third singles court still this year. The plan is to make 5 singles courts, 1 glass singles court and 1 doubles court. I will send you photos in the next few days.

4. We cannot speak of growth in squash in these times, due to the pandemic. The clubs are slowly beginning to open, but the influx remains relatively low at the moment.

5. The clubs were forced to close by the pandemic and the current situation is mentioned in point 4. During the pandemic, some clubs and the federation were conducting physical training sessions online for junior athletes. Likewise, there were online conversations by older athletes with junior athletes, in which various topics and experiences in the field of squash were discussed.

We do not participate with the juniors in the US or Canadian Youth Open.

El Salvador participate in the South American youth in Ecuador, obtaining a bronze medal in the men's U-17: Sebastian Campos Chahin

**Squash players in El Salvador:** we estimate that there are around 200 players in the country, including children, Juniors and adults.

**COSTA RICA SQUASH**
Costa Rica Squash is ruled by 2 main clubs that are Santa Ana Country Club and Costa Rica Tennis Club. The Costa Rican Squash Federation has been started, but is not an active member of the FPS, at this point, but there are many efforts to rebuild it.

**Santa Ana Country Club**
With 3 squash courts and the most populated squash club with 80 active players.

**Costa Rica Tennis Club**
With 5 squash courts and about 50 squash players. This has been the historic squash cub fro Costa Rica at all times.

**Club Campestre Español**
About 25 players

Club La Guaria
About 10 players.

San Jose Palacio Club
About 15 players.

There are about 180 active squash players in Costa Rica.

Information directly from Squash Unidos, Costa Rica Squash.

First of all extend a fraternal greeting, we speak to you on behalf of the United Squash Players Association where first of all we want to illustrate a little the dynamics that we have had this year regarding the practice of Squash and especially with the United Squash Players Association.

Initially we want to publicize how Squash is developed in Costa Rica, where it is played only in private clubs and each club is developed as best it sees fit. At the beginning of the year, in conversations with Squash players, we analyzed that at the national level we did not have any type of representation, so together with players from the Spanish Country Club, the United Squashistas Association was created in order to join forces to carry out projects to promote Squash, at the moment we are the only association endorsed by the Costa Rican Sports Institute.

At the level of the players who wanted to make the association, several goals were set:

- Create an Association endorsed by the national managers of Costa Rican sports.
- Encourage the other clubs to form their own associations in order to create the Federation.
- Carry out projects for the massification of sport to involve new prospects.
- Make a list of players at the national level to see what is available.

Due to the reality that occurred due to Covid-19, the following was achieved:

- Be able to make the association.
- Due to a pandemic situation, courts were closed. So the goal that we set ourselves was to create a protocol so that sport could be practiced again, which was achieved in an effort by the Association in conjunction with the Ministry of Sports.
- Thanks to the implementation of the protocol, we visualize ourselves at the level of the organizations in charge of national sport.
- As we are already in practice, we hope to be able to meet with the different clubs to make a list of the players who practice the discipline in the country, and with this we can have a vision of what human material we are working with.
- In addition to motivating players to join the association or it depends on the climate that exists to motivate a federation.

The idea is that we can bring together the different squash sectors at the national level, so that together we can make our sports emerge, with nothing more to add and thanking the interest shown, we say goodbye.

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PANAMA SQUASH

Their governmental squash institution official name is National Squash Organization of Panama, known in Spanish as, “La Organización Nacional de Squash de Panamá”. The most important squash clubs are Club La Unión de Panamá and Club Raqueta de Panamá.

Panama National Team  
Pedro Altamiranda Jr., Alejandro Méndez, Andrés Méndez & Ricardo Delgado  

Club La Unión de Panamá with 4 squash courts. About 50 active players. With the potential for many more squash players because there are about 5,000 members in this club.

Club Raqueta de Panamá with 3 squash courts. About 100 players, 25 active players and the rest 75 play both squash and Paddle.

There are about 150 squash players in Panamá.

Regarding to the year 2020  
Panama has planned classifying to the different competitions of the Olympic cycle for 2022.  
Panama has 8 pre-selected national players competing for first four national places.

Panama has not been able to hold nationals this year due to the pandemic-Covid 19 but, the idea is to resume the tournaments as soon as they have the order to proceed from their national authorities.

SQUASH FOR ALL LATIN AMERICA

Ranked amongst one of the deadliest cities to live in according to various polls, El Salvador Guatemala need much help. The roots of the problem are many, and as important as they are, they are not being addressed with the intensity they should; one of the most important ones being
our Education system. The poor education system not only affect the quality of opportunities the majority of the population can access, but it lacks content on values and life skills that can come of extra help to those tens of thousands "graduating" every year. The lack of opportunities, humane and descent payed jobs has then been one key trigger for our youth to quit school and join the gang force. And that is the main problem we are trying to address. Creating quality opportunities to learn new life skills, access a better education, while pursuing an athletic career that could break the cycle of life these students have been destined to live.
+500 Alumnos Servidos
57 Alumnos Activos
90.8% de Asistencia
Mejora General en desempeño Académico
Continuidad Escolar

SQUASH PARA TODOS

CABALLEROS & CAMPEONES
SQUASH PARA TODOS OR SQUASH FOR ALL IN GUATEMALA

Squash Para Todos Guatemala is the first squash Foundation for lower class people in Guatemala. The Foundation headquarters is Delfines Club. Squash For All Guatemala, started in the year 2016, with the organization of squash tournaments, thanks to the initiative from the coach Joan Lezaud, who worked at El Salvador for a couple of years and then moved to Guatemala and brought the program. The Foundation works with the support of Glasswing International Guatemala (www.glasswing.org). Squash Para Todos Guatemala is an extension of Squash Para Todos El Salvador, who was the first squash Foundation in Central America, founded by Carlos Shonenberg in the year 2015.

At Squash Para Todos Latin America, is commit to the International Global Goals for a Sustainable Development. Through their daily operations, the main objectives will always be oriented to Reducing Poverty, seeking a Quality Education, Good Health and Well Being for the population we serve and those around them.

The main idea of the Foundation is to keep children out of violence and wrong paths in life by playing the sport of squash and give the opportunity for more kids to playing and know the sport. Squash Para Todos Guatemala also has the task to discover new squash talents and give many abilities to the kids to be more prepared for their future life. At this moment SPT Guatemala has only 10 members that are starting their squash career.
The entire squash year for South America was challenging in all regions due to the Covid – 19 pandemic. Nevertheless, a lot of news came from those countries. Most countries kept their national teams training through different platforms on the internet and some countries are now slowly coming back to on-court activities.

**Argentina** had to stop all sport activities as per September due to COVID-19 and by today only few places can have sport taking place. There were many online activities such as Referee Courses, Webinars about fitness training and also about technical and mental aspects of the game. There was a process of following the needs of the national team athletes thru this quarantine. The AASR (Argentinean Squash) has issued a protocol, approved by the government which is used in some regions of the country to get back on court.

**Bolivia** has been working a lot with its national teams via webinars. They set up a program with 3 coaches, working with both the juniors and adults teams. Unfortunately local Federation had to cancel the 2020 Pan American Championships due to COVID, the event was going to be in the city of “Cochabamba” (please confirm).
As a future event, they are working hard on the planning for the squash as part of the program for the “1st Youth Bolivarian Games Sucre 2021”, a regional multi-sports games to take place next year.

**Chile** had a great year, they kept up the momentum gained in the Pan Am Games of Lima 2019 where they achieved a bronze medal in women doubles, that also give hopes as the Junior Boys won the South American Jr in 19, considering the chances for the Squash to be part of Pan Am Games 2023 in Santiago.

**Colombia** has a project of its own stadium, it will be on the high performance center in Bogotá. The goal is for it to be ready for January 2021. Colombia signed an agreement with the French Federation for 2021-2023 and will be working side by side in high performance training on high altitude. A protocol was stablished to return to courts as per September 2020.

**Paraguay** organized the South American u23 champion in October were they took 4 out of 5 gold medals including the Male and Female Individuals, Female and Mixed doubles. In January 2020 the construction of a new Center Court at the National Center started and its ready for opening featuring a total of 5 courts, one of them with a movable wall and one with 3 glass walls. With approved protocols the training on court started in August 2020.

**Peru** had a great year of the squash. The Youth team toured around North America, and the National Junior team played in Quito, Ecuador in the South American Juniors. During the quarantine the training continued thru webinars and the National Team started training under approved protocols in July, 2020.
The 2019-2020 season has been one of the most challenging for our sport and certainly one of the most challenging for our members across the region.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic and for the safety of all, for the first time since its inception, CASA have had to cancel both Junior and Senior Championships in the same year. Those events were to have been hosted by Bermuda and Jamaica. We recognize and commend the hard work that both organizing committees had already put in before the decision to cancel the championships was made. We hope to have an opportunity to see their work come to fruition in 2021.

Courts in the region are gradually reopening and safe sport continues to be a priority for CASA members.

While squash has been on a “Hold” in the Caribbean, the CASA Board has taken this opportunity to focus on some internal corporate and technical matters such as updating the Senior and Junior regulations and the CASA Constitution with the goal to be able to incorporate CASA at an Not-For Profit in the Cayman Islands.

Doubles play was incorporated in the CASA Senior Championships for the first time in August 2019 Championships and will be introduced in the Junior Championships in 2021.

Several squash events were cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, therefore having the effect of 2021 stacking up to be a busy year in Squash. Many countries are dealing with the financial fallout of the pandemic, therefore has brought to the forefront for consideration, whether the CASA Championships should move to a BI-Annual Championships. This is under consideration and feedback from members.

The first virtual AGM for CASA was held August 2020 which was successful and thanks to all members in supporting this.

CASA Executives will continue to monitor the pandemic in the region and discuss with the
proposed host for the Junior and Senior Championships in 2021, proposed dates, safety measures and travel restrictions to make an informed decision.

Picture from 2019 CASA Junior and Senior Championships