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cc: WSF Regional Presidents, WSF Commission Members, PSA members, Media, Stakeholders, Accredited Products and Companies

PRESIDENT'S OLYMPIC BID UPDATE

This new year of 2019 begins in the way that the last year ended – with many people asking me about what is happening with the squash Olympic Bid, and what are our chances of succeeding for Paris?

I cannot answer the question of our chances except to say that we are in contention; but can say that we and our partners PSA, supported by our campaign agency Weber Shandwick, are working very hard towards persuading the Paris 2024 Organising Committee that squash would be a great strategic addition to the 2024 edition of the Games.

Very recently the selection process has become increasingly clear in respect of timetable so I can outline that here.



Paris will be providing to the IOC the nominations they decide upon in March, so very soon. Before then, during this month we have a session with them to show just what benefits squash can bring in so many ways. As you can easily understand it is not possible to disclose any of our presentation details now.

If we succeed in being nominated then the IOC Executive Board will decide if they wish to accept the nominations. The key date is 23 June when the IOC members will vote to provisionally accept the one or more sports that have been taken forward.

IOC President Thomas Bach, pictured with Jacques Fontaine recently.

Then, if we have got over this hurdle we would have to wait until after the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo when the new sports for that Games have been reviewed too, before a final decision is made. It could be a long and expensive campaign, but we are totally committed to trying to be in contention all the way through.

Please understand that while we have to keep some strategic cards close to our chest, we and PSA know that we have the backing of the whole sport.

Youth Olympic Games

You will have seen that we mounted a very successful glass court showcasing for squash at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires featuring an interactive front wall; the first time squash has participated in an Olympic event. *[A memory from the Youth Olympic Games (below)].*

Our presence in Buenos Aires was led by Pablo Serna, showed off our strong partnership with PSA, and was superbly supported by all the young Squash Ambassadors and those who sent them, and also attended too. We have promoted our case at many important Games and meetings – I continue to have a very full schedule of travelling to meet international sports representatives and 2024 hosts



very regularly in Paris, Lausanne, and at SportAccord and Olympic Winter & Youth Games and Commonwealth Games as examples.

The PSA Tour shows off the staging possibilities so well, and the great spectator and broadcast spectacle squash represents.

We have used our media to reach the influencers and shown off so much of why squash is the sport of tomorrow as well as now.

Be assured that we are mounting a most professional and carefully planned campaign with just one aim in mind – to secure a cherished place for squash in Paris in 2024.

Thank you for all this support in so many ways, and best wishes for a healthy and successful 2019.

Jacques.Fontaine, President

WSF AGM 2018

There were many outcomes from the AGM, Board and Commission meetings superbly hosted by the Egyptian Squash Federation in Cairo. Here is a digest for general information.

The draft WSF & PSA **Strategic Outline** was reviewed at the WSF Conference. Input received before and during the meeting has been incorporated into the final version.

* The AGM passed a motion to **reduce the maximum warm-up time** before the start of matches from five minutes to four minutes, starting 1 January. For information for all players worldwide. *(Please refer to the published AGM minutes for the full list of motions and their outcomes).*

* **A player who has not reached the age of 18** on the final day of an event may within the next three year period from the applicable final day subsequently exercise a different qualification based upon a reduction of three years to one year in the requirements of K2 and K4.

* The Board reviewed the **budget and also longer term projections** with a view to increasing activity levels as well as reserves, along with commitments such as the Olympic bid and World Squash Officiating development, for example. Increased income generation will be a priority too.

* **The composition of WSF Commissions** was reviewed and updated following consultation *(listed in this edition)*, with the Commercial Commission being split into separate **Commercial and Communication Commissions**.

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* The very successful **Youth Olympic Games** showcasing was reported, and thanks offered to all the supporting players and their nations. **To see a clip that gives the flavour of the Games** click [here](#).

* A number of amendments were agreed to the **WSF World Championship Regulations** for now onwards. These have been uploaded onto the website, and indexed for easy reference.

* The **World Masters Tour** was given the green light. It will link together the Masters Championships of Regions and Nations, and provide the opportunity of a one-stop information centre for players now, and the possibility of rankings to follow. *Full details are in this edition.*

Dates and venue for the 2019 AGM will be announced shortly.

WADA UPDATES THEIR LIST

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) 2019 Prohibited List came into effect on 1 January 2019; a Summary of Major Changes in the 2019 List is attached herewith for your information. The new List and Summary can also be found on the [WSF website](#).

Beta-2-Agonists are used in inhalers. Some are not prohibited if used in correct prescribed doses and a urine threshold level of the drug is not exceeded. Not all Beta-2-Agonists are accepted, some remain prohibited.

Tretoquinol (trimetoquinol) is added as an example to those Beta-2-Agonists that are prohibited. This is an ingredient in oral cold and flu medications, particularly in some countries in Asia.

The message for athletes who use Beta-2-Agonists, for asthma, is to make sure to check the one being used is acceptable. Otherwise, a drug test will be positive. If a prohibited one is necessary for medical reasons, then a TUE is required.

Remember: Athletes are responsible for the substances in their bodies, so much check before taking anything.

SQUASH COUPLE NOMINATED

A record number of candidates, 25, will be competing for The World Games Athlete of the Year 2018 title. They include Egyptian husband and wife Ali Farag & Nour El Tayeb, who not only have won Tour titles separately, but uniquely, the US Open together!



The online voting started on January 1, so you can vote for them [here](#)

The 25 candidates from 25 The World Games sports have been proposed by their international federations based on extraordinary achievements in 2018 or for several years. Everyone can vote once per day during January for their candidate online. After the first round, lasting until 15th January, the ten athletes or teams with the highest ranking will move into the final.

WSF ACCREDITATION

WSF Accredited Products available from these companies mean assured standards when building or renovating squash courts.

Contact details on the [WSF website](#)

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WATCH OUT FOR THE WORLDS 2019

February/March

2018/19 PSA World Championships becomes the First Million-Dollar Squash Tournament



The City of Chicago will host this tournament for the next two cycles, in winter 2019 and 2021, and it has been renamed The Walter Family PSA World Championships in those years. Dates in 2019 are 23 February – 1 March.

The 'Worlds' in Chicago will be the first squash tournament to offer a \$1 million prize fund.

The new prize money amounts to a doubling of the 2017 purse and will be split equally between the men's and women's events.

Under a separate agreement with the Walter Family, the Windy City Open, the PSA World Series tournament, will return in 2020 to Chicago with a \$500,000 prize pool - making it the most lucrative PSA World Tour event outside of the World Championships.

The University Club of Chicago will host the event.

June

The WSF World Doubles at the new Australian National Centre in Gold Coast



The 2018 WSF World Doubles Championships will be held on Australia's Gold Coast from 17th to 21st June.

Six ASB courts, which transform into four doubles courts, along with the showcourt, have been transferred after hosting the squash in Oxenford Film Studios at the Commonwealth Games last year. They now form the Australian National Centre at nearby Carrara Stadium.

Once again competing nations will vie for medals in the Men's, Women's and Mixed events, with hosts Australia currently holding the Men's title while neighbours New Zealand are reigning Women's and Mixed champions.

With the PanAm Games coming up this year too, some Pan American nations are likely to use the World Doubles as they prepare for the event in Lima, Peru.

July/August

WSF World Juniors takes place in Kuala Lumpur

The event, featuring the WSF Women's World Junior Team Championship from 5 - 9 August and preceded by the Men's & Women's WSF World Junior Individual Championships from 30 July to 4 August, will take place at the Bukit Jalil National Squash Centre in Kuala Lumpur, home of the sport's Commonwealth Games debut in 1998 and with a centre court named after Malaysia's greatest squash player.

Malaysia has hosted several WSF world championships - 2019 marking the third time the Asian nation has staged the Women's Junior Team event, following the 1993 edition in Kuala Lumpur and 2001 in Penang.

The biennial team event was last staged in New Zealand in July 2017

where Egypt won the title for the sixth time in a row. Egypt also holds both Individual titles, but there are several players from other nations who will be on a mission to topple them.



December

Watch in Washington, the WSF Men's Team Championship

For the first time in the event's 50-year history, the WSF Men's World Team Squash Championship will be staged in the USA in 2019.

Since its launch in 1967 in Australia, the Men's World Team Championship has been staged in 12 countries - including Canada in 1977 - but never before in the USA.



It will be held at *Squash On Fire*, the state-of-the-art membership-free facility in Washington, DC, a superb new 'pay to play' facility which opened above

Washington's newest fire station. It boasts eight squash courts, including an all-glass showcourt.

Dates are 15 – 21 December, and in the last major event of the year, Egypt will be defending the title they won in 2017 in Marseille.

DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY, AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE – IN NORWAY



Around three years ago the Norwegian Federation Board under the Presidency of Otto Kalvø embarked upon their vision of improving all aspects of the organisation under the banner "More players, better players". This was

broken down to performance/club development/coach education/tournament structure and ranking/referee development/tournaments.

As the best possible starting point the Norwegian Squash Federation secured 1 million Norwegian Krone (\$116,000/£91,000/€103,000) from Sparebankstiftelsen DNB for a national junior development programme for 20 clubs over 2 years.



Linked to this have been a number of elements, including:

- A programme of club visits to meet club committees, deliver on court activity with members and focus on the key areas of development and coach education. So far 32 of their 41 active clubs have been visited.
- Develop a new event structure and ranking system.
- Establish a three year club development and coach education under the leadership of Matthew McFahn.
- Build refereeing and coaching courses.
- Appoint Lauren Selby as National Coach to manage performance via a new, Performance Programme with a clear pathway for talent development.
- Regular national training squads for both junior and senior players.
- A new regional programme in both the East and West of Norway, with newly hired regional coaches to lead the programmes there. (A Regional programme is also about to start in the North of Norway)

The Programmes already appear to be paying dividends at elite level. Last season Norway entered a women's senior team in the European Championships for the first time and they won bronze in Division 3. The U19 team finished 14th two years in a row at the European Teams, Norway's highest ever placing.

A great template and platform for the future.

WSF APPROVED BALLS













Dunlop provide the WSF Adopted Ball, which is used for all

WSF World and Regional Championships.

A number of manufacturers make balls that have been tested to conform to the WSF Squash Ball Specifications and so are quality assured.

They are all listed here:

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|  | Artengo SB 990 Squash Ball |
|  | Black Knight Ball |
|  | Dunlop XX Yellow Dot Championship Ball |
|  | Eye Squash Ball |
|  | HEAD Sport AG Yellow Dot Ball |
|  | Huashen Double & Single Yellow Dot Balls |
|  | Karakal Squash Ball |
|  | MR Price Sport Maxed Squash Ball |
|  | Taiball Yellow Dot Ball |
|  | Tecnifibre Squash Ball |
|  | Victor/VICTEC Doppel-Gelb Squash Ball |

WSF EYEWEAR POSTER

In order to minimise the small danger of eye injury to youngsters WSF makes the wearing of suitable protective eyewear mandatory for juniors, as well as encouraging players of all ages to consider doing so.

To help promote awareness of eye protection still further we have a scalable poster that can be downloaded by centres and placed on court doors, notice boards or in changing rooms.

It can be found [here](#)

WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES 2019



Registration is now open for the Summer 2019 World Transplant Games which take place

in Newcastle/Gateshead, in North East England, from 17-24 August.

The Games are a celebration of a second chance of living life to the full as participants will be recipients of organ and/or tissue transplant or will be living donors or donor families.

Squash is one of 16 sports included in the schedule for transplant recipients, will compete by gender in the following age groups: 15-17, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80+.

The venue for squash will be the North East's premier racket sports venue, The Northumberland Club in Newcastle upon Tyne.

To register for the Games and to find out more go to <http://worldtransplantgames.org/>

WSF CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS 2019

The updated World Championship Regulations applicable for World & Regional Championships have been uploaded following on from decisions taken at the recent AGM and Championships Commission meetings.

Regions were informed earlier, and for your reference the control sheet at the front lists the changes. You can find them on the World Squash website [here](http://www.worldsquash.org/)

Current WSF Accredited Companies are



WSF CERTIFIED EYEWEAR BRANDS 2019

The following brands have passed national safety standards and, having applied for WSF Certified listing, are the only brands permitted for use in WSF, Regional and many national junior events.

| BRAND NAME | APPROVED MODEL |
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| | Artengo SPG 100 Size S Artengo SPG 100 Size L |
| | Turbo (AC 114), Turbo Junior (AC 114 Jr) Lasers (AC 111) Sight Guard (AC 112) Kona (AC 119) Kona Junior (AC 119 Jr) Lynx (AC 122) Stiletto (AC 620) Air Frame Small (AC641SM) Guardian AV (AC 660) |
| | Baller, Coverage Crunch, Dominance Swag, Field, Homerun League, Playoff |
| | Dunlop I-ARMOR (R-07) Dunlop Junior (9903 Jr) Dunlop Vision (R-16) |
| | Grays GT Eyewear |
| | Shield Pro R16 Covet R615 Radar R43 Radar Jr R717JR |
| | i-Mask |
| | 2500 (9903Jnr) Pro 3000 (R43) Overspec (KA642)p |
| | Mantis Protective Eyewear |
| | Rage (9903V) Rage Junior (9903JR) Prolite (RB10C) Speed (R601) Attitude (PRO2) Shark (R43) Marvel (SE-7) |
| | ASTM F803 |
| | R615 |

MASTERS EVENTS LINKED WORLDWIDE

WSF is integrating World, Regional and National Masters events into a **WSF World Masters Tour (WMT)**, being in five year age bands from 35+ to 80+, to create an exciting unified structure for Masters Players.

- The published calendar with event contact listings will enable players to plan their competing from information all in one place.
- After reviewing movement of players between regions, if viable an accompanying **WSF World Masters Rankings** can be developed.
- National and Regional Federations will set their own general regulations but there are a number of general requirement listed here that must be adhered to for all events that wish to be part of WMT. These may change at the discretion of the WSF Masters Commission in the future.

Components

Tier 1. *WSF World Masters Championships.*

Tier 2. *Regional Open Championships.*
(It is hoped that each Region will run a Regional Masters Open annually or biennially)

Tier 3. *Regional Closed and National Open Masters Championships.*

National Event Registration

Registration will be accepted of the nationally titled Masters Open Championships of WSF Full Member National Federations, but where the region does have an authorised Masters Circuit in place only those events that form part of it will be eligible for WMT.

General Requirements

- The entry into WMT Registered events will be open to any player aged 35 years old plus on the start date, with the categories being in five year bands.
- Differing age groups may be registered separately if not held together, and it is not a requirement that all age groups are held and registered.
- WMT events will run throughout each calendar year. There are no specific breaks within the year.
- There will be no limitations on the number of WSF Masters Tour events that can be

scheduled in any given week, except that the approval of any WSF National Federation events within a WSF Region must be given by that region when part of their Circuit if they have one, and all events subject to WMT approval to ensure Tour cohesiveness. WSF World Masters Tour events must be registered at least three months prior to the start of the event.

- Entry fees / package charges will be at the discretion of the promoter.
- There is no minimum prize money requirement.
- Any WSF Approved Ball (Double Dot), Par11 scoring and a 19" tin must be used for all matches. *(Note: Dunlop is the WSF & Regional Adopted Ball and will be used for all World and Regional Events)*
- All participants in all age categories of each event must have a current and active SPIN (Squash Personal Identification Number) throughout the period of the entered event.



Every event must use a WSF Certified Software system to manage its' entry and draws in order for SPINs to be verified and results sent in an appropriate format to be processed for ranking and records purposes.

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- There will not be a fee payable for WMT event registration.
- The WMT logo will be provided for all events as will a listing on the WMT calendar (including entry information)
- There are no requirements or restrictions for WSF members or promoters with regards to draw size, event format, seeding, refereeing etc. for any WMT event, except that there must be finishing positions determined so that ranking points may be awarded if rankings are initiated.

Start Date

All categories of events may be registered immediately, with the earliest start date of WMT events being 1st March 2019.

Events may be registered [here](#)

PSA JANUARY RANKINGS



SOBHY ON THE RISE, MASSARO TOO



England's Laura Massaro and America's Amanda Sobhy (*left*) have moved up to World No.7 and World No.11, respectively, after the PSA Women's World Rankings for January.

Massaro defeated Wales' Tesni Evans to win the Monte-Carlo Squash Classic, PSA

Challenger Tour event last month to lift her first PSA title since the British Open in May 2017.

Meanwhile, Sobhy has risen two places to No.11 - her highest ranking since October 2017 - and the Boston-based Harvard-graduate will look to break back into the top 10 when she competes on home soil later this month at the J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions in New York.

Egypt's Raneem El Welily will begin the new year at World No.1 ahead of previous incumbent Nour El Sherbini, while Nour El Tayeb stays at No.3. New Zealand's Joelle King and Camille Serme take the other two spots in the top five.

Sarah-Jane Perry stays at No.6 ahead of compatriot Massaro, while Egypt's Nouran Gohar drops to No.8. England's Alison Waters rises a place to No.9, switching with Evans, who rounds out the top 10.

PSA Women's Rankings – January 2019

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|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| 1 | Raneem El Welily | EGY |
| 2 | Nour El Sherbini | EGY |
| 3 | Nour El Tayeb | EGY |
| 4 | Joelle King | NZL |
| 5 | Camille Serme | FRA |
| 6 | Sarah-Jane Perry | ENG |
| 7 | Laura Massaro | ENG |
| 8 | Nouran Gohar | EGY |
| 9 | Alison Waters | ENG |
| 10 | Tesni Evans | WAL |
| 11 | Amanda Sobhy | USA |
| 12 | Annie Au | HKG |
| 13 | Nicol David | MAS |
| 14 | Joshna Chinappa | IND |
| 15 | Victoria Lust | ENG |
| 16 | Salma Hany | EGY |
| 17= | Hania El Hammany | EGY |
| 17= | Joey Chan | HKG |
| 19 | Olivia Blatchford Clyne | USA |
| 20 | Yathreb Adel | EGY |

GAWAD RETURNS TO TOP FIVE



Egypt's Karim Abdel Gawad (*left*) will start the new year inside the top five on the PSA Men's World Rankings after winning the CIB Black Ball Squash Open last month.

Alexandria-born Gawad, a former World No.1, defeated World No.2 Ali Farag in the final to capture his first Tour Platinum tournament since

January 2017 and is rewarded with a four-place rise to World No.5 in the January rankings.

Fellow Egyptian Mohamed ElShorbagy stays at No.1 for a 10th successive month after Farag squandered the chance to take top spot at the Black Ball Open. The battle for World No.1 will reignite at the J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions later this month - if Farag wins the tournament and ElShorbagy bows out at the semi-final stage or earlier, then the former will claim top spot.

Germany's Simon Rösner is the highest-ranked non-Egyptian at No.3, while Tarek Momen is the other player featured in the top five.

Colombia's Miguel Angel Rodriguez and New Zealand's Paul Coll stay at No.6 and No.7, respectively, while Marwan ElShorbagy drops three places to No.8. Frenchman Gregory Gaultier - who is currently out of action due to a knee injury - drops to No.9, with Mohamed Abouelghar completing the top 10.

PSA Men's Rankings – January 2019

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|----|------------------------|-----|
| 1 | Mohamed ElShorbagy | EGY |
| 2 | Ali Farag | EGY |
| 3 | Simon Rösner | GER |
| 4 | Tarek Momen | EGY |
| 5 | Karim Abdel Gawad | EGY |
| 6 | Miguel Angel Rodriguez | COL |
| 7 | Paul Coll | NZL |
| 8 | Marwan ElShorbagy | EGY |
| 9 | Gregory Gaultier | FRA |
| 10 | Mohamed Abouelghar | EGY |
| 11 | Diego Elias | PER |
| 12 | Saurav Ghosal | IND |
| 13 | Max Lee | HKG |
| 14 | Ryan Cuskelly | AUS |
| 15 | Raphael Kandra | GER |
| 16 | James Willstrop | ENG |
| 17 | Omar Mosaad | EGY |
| 18 | Nicholas Mueller | SUI |
| 19 | Daryl Selby | ENG |
| 20 | Tom Richards | ENG |

NATIONALS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MALLS

In Japan



Photo by Tetsuya Kano.

For the first time in Japanese Squash history, the Nationals were held on an all glass show court.

Semi-finals and finals moved to a glass court at Lyon plaza of Tressa Yokohama, the shopping mall in which boasts 30,000 visitors in a regular weekend and where more than 4,500 squash spectators gathered.

Princess Tsuguko of Takamadonomiya, the Japanese Squash Association's Honorary President attended.

And Israel



The Israel Squash Association have held the finals of its 2018 National Championships at Ramat Gan's prestigious Azrieli Ayalon Mall on its all glass court for its first time ever.

The all glass court was centrally located providing excellent viewing both on the ground floor and 2nd floor above to thousands of shoppers.

Every day groups of youngsters were taken on court to introduce them to the game and to encourage them to take it up, as part of a development programme.

Israel's former Prime Minister and ex-Mayor of Jerusalem, Ehud Olmert, an avid supporter of squash, looked on enthusiastically from front row.

SQUASH 57 UPDATE

Standard Rules

The Standard Squash 57 Rules, complete with racket and ball specifications, can be found in the Squash 57 section on the website [here](#).



For Masters

For nations that have a Masters Open Championship that includes 57 categories, there are slots in National Masters Open registration forms to include them so that we can make 57 players aware of the international competition opportunities.

In Japan The first Japan 'Squash 57' event took place at the Tokyo American Club (TAC) in December, with all squash courts being dedicated to this



introductory event facilitated by Patrick Osborn (Chair of the WSF's Squash 57 Commission), Noriko Kamiya (Secretary General of Japan Squash), Richard Kenny (Chair, TAC Squash Sub-Committee) and Susanna Yung (Recreation Director of TAC) who made this event possible.

A diverse group of members, including juniors and tennis players, attended with both singles and doubles were coached, played and enjoyed by all. The legacy of the event will include informed squash coaches/players, Squash 57 rackets and balls being available at TAC, Squash 57 events being added to the TAC and Japan Squash calendars.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

The WSF Development Commission have collected details of several national development programmes as a resource for all member nations. They are on our website [here](#).

More programme details are welcome

A PLAYER'S STORY - Jamie McAnsh

My story really begins in 2014 when I woke one day with a massive reduction in lower limb mobility. They call it neurological paralysis. I was later diagnosed with a condition called Complex radial pain syndrome (CRPS)

I started playing Squash in the later half of 2016 in a wheelchair, in an initiative promoted by Disability Sport Wales and hosted by Rhwibina Squash club. From there with the help of the volunteer coaches, a cannon and alongside Physiotherapy I managed to start playing the game out of a wheelchair, on crutches and later on callipers alone.

Onto callipers

The move to callipers started one day when I had a puncture in my chair and it was suggested to try a new idea. I was enjoying the game more and more as my movement improved but felt that there was something missing I needed to compete. I needed to play with the intention of winning, so I researched callipers that would offer my legs some support and with that I started playing up right.



I continued to play using a 2 bounce rule but I knew that as my now goal was to play in an able bodied tournament as a player with a lower limb imperilment I needed to play by the standard rules.

The start of the journey

And so my journey began. I have always been very determined to reach my goals or as I tend to call it climb my mountains. And so I joined the club league

tables. I even managed to go up a league and by winning some and losing a lot more I have gained in experience and confidence to hold my own on court.

Going overseas

As part of the clubs social side I decided to travel to Slovenia, at first simply to watch but as I knew the guys would all be there and the confidence that brings,

I asked what they thought about me playing. As always I was greeted with a very positive reaction.

I signed up for my SPIN and later learned of the Masters tournament right here in Wales. For me this journey has been a case of one step at a time climbing a mountain that no one has climbed before. A mountain within a sport that up until now or as far as I am aware has never been achieved by a player with a lower limb imperilment. So I decided to go for it and as of December 2018 I reached that summit when I played in the 35+ category Welsh Open Masters in Cardiff.

I am hoping that in my time playing on a home ground I will raise questions and awareness. Hopefully get people talking about what I am doing, and perhaps spread the concept to other clubs around the UK or even perhaps other countries.

THE WORLD'S MOST ACTIVE CLUB?

Is Hong Kong Football Club home to the Most Active Squash Club in the World?

They think so but want to hear from the busiest squash clubs around the world who challenge this bold claim.



Here is what HKFC Squash has been up to this year....

- **34 teams** (over 250 registered players) competing **in the HK Winter Leagues** playing some 600 team matches. HKFC **Summer League** with over 80 team matches. **Overseas tours** to Bangkok, Singapore and Melbourne. **7 Inter-Club Matches** (typically with 20+ players per team). **HKFC Masters Open** (May/June). Quealink HKFC **PSA 30** International (Sept). **International 3s** (open and masters teams event). **HKFC Junior Open** (ASF Silver) (December).

- **Coaching** programmes throughout the season for players of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

- **Social events** and club nights all year plus golf, tennis and cricket matches for good measure!

- **Section Tournaments** (Club Champs, Handicap, English Scoring, World Cup....and more)

WSF CERTIFIED SOFTWARE

These good event management packages all meet the requirements to link with SPIN verification, and for results uploading to WSF & PSA Satellite Tours e.g National Junior and Senior Championships, and other WSF co-ordinated events.

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|  | ClubLocker |
|  | RankedIn |
|  | SportyHQ |
|  | Tournament Software |

- Wing Ding (Fancy Dress) **Charity Squash** – 12 teams' crazily costumed players (adults and juniors) raised US\$30,000 for local charities in 2018.

(pictured)

If another club can beat that do let us and them know.

(HKFC (www.hkfcsquash.com) say that they are always looking to establish new connections with the global squash community. Get in touch with Malcolm Kerr – Chairman@hkfcsquash.com.

WSF & PSA SATELLITE TOURS

These events form part of the WSF and PSA Satellite Tours.



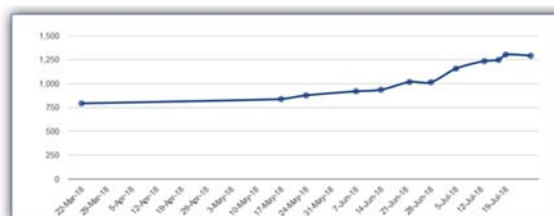
- **WSF World and WSF Regional Junior Championships**
- **National Senior & Junior Championships**
- **National Junior Opens**
- **Satellite Tournaments**

General details and event registration [here](#)
World Junior ranking lists can be seen [here](#)

SquashLevels.com



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A KEY ELEMENT OF THE YOUTH OLYMPICS SHOWCASING

With so many attractions in Tecnópolis Park, where the squash showcasing in Buenos Aires took place, sports already on the Olympic programme could have easily overshadowed the squash showcasing at the youth Olympic Games.

But squash had over 400 youngsters entering the show court each day and that was, in no small measure the impact of interactiveSQUASH creating an immersive fun experience, packed with exciting visual and fully interactive gameplay.

The system knows where the athletes are at all times, following every move on the court, and detects precisely where the ball is hitting the front wall so many games and training modules can be created.

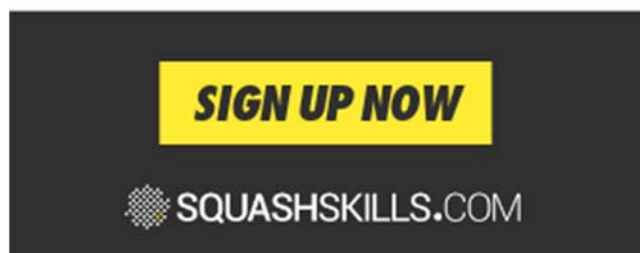
Explosions!

In Buenos Aires the showcourt featured the system, with its sensor loaded tins, tracking cams and even infra-red, paired with a full LED video front wall that was built behind the glass to create the perfect display for scoring, sponsor's logos & videos and constant action with targets and explosions becoming part of the friendly matches.



The system was also programmed to help running the demonstration, that had a special time-based format, using audio and visual cues to create a smooth flow of timed warm-ups, games and breaks. This vastly facilitated the work of the organisation and was really well received also by the players.

Does this picture resemble anything like the standard or traditional way to showcase the sport? All the "chess-like" strategy, seemingly impossible athleticism and thrilling action that made squash famous at first are still present but now simply got paired with technology to become even more inclusive, connected and smart.



TOC PRIZE MONEY GROWS



The 2019 J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions returns to Grand Central Terminal for the 22nd consecutive year as the second richest event on the PSA World Tour with a combined purse of \$360,000 — the highest prize money in tournament history— held across an expanded nine days of match play between January 16-24 in New York City.

Since 1995, one of the sport's longest-running and most iconic tournaments has attracted the world's top squash players to the majestic Vanderbilt Hall in Grand Central. The competition will take place once again on the state-of-the-art Oracle NetSuite SuiteSuccess all-glass court.

And in other news:

World Masters 2020.



Please note that the dates of this event at the Hasta La Vista Club in Wroclaw, Poland have been brought forward by two days and will now be Sunday 23 – Saturday 29 August 2020

Compression clothing


The World Championship Regulations have been amended so that Masters players (only) can wear full body compression clothing.

University Squash Championships 2020

The FISU World University Squash Championships for 2020 have been confirmed for 20 – 26 July in Shanghai, China. Hopefully you will be able to encourage participation from your country. We will circulate entry information when received in due course.

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