

TOURNAMENTS OVERVIEW

The sport of Squash emerged in a number of island countries across the Pacific region in the 1950's and 1960's with the construction of squash facilities. This led to the desire for a formalised competition to be introduced for the sport, limited to the smaller countries and excluding Australia and New Zealand who were further developed and very strong in the sport.

Squash was included in the 1979 Fiji South Pacific Games for the first time as an optional sport.

Following the 1979 Games it was agreed that a competition between countries should be held on a regular basis and hosted by various countries. The competition was to be called the South Pacific Cup. New Caledonia hosted the first South Pacific Cup in 1980.

As the South Pacific Games were held on a four yearly basis and squash was then only an optional sport, the South Pacific Cup was contested in the intervening games and those years when squash was not included in the South Pacific Games programme.

In 1992 when the Oceania Squash Federation (OSF) was formed, responsibility for the rules and playing arrangements for the South Pacific Games Squash competition was placed with OSF. The South Pacific Cup was also handed to the OSF.

A high priority of the OSF was to lift the profile of Squash in the Oceania region and establish its position as a regular sport at all future South Pacific Games and where possible, South Pacific Mini Games. This resulted in consolidating the contest into the Oceania Squash Championships, and incorporating a common set of rules, regulations and playing arrangements to be applied for the event. The original South Pacific Cup is still contested as part of the Championships programme.

Squash has also identified as a sport for inclusion in the Pacific Mini Games and was first included in the 2001 Norfolk Island Mini Games. The Mini Games are held every four years in the alternate two year period to the Pacific Games. In the years when the hosting country does not have squash facilities a separate event, the Oceania Squash Championships, is held.

To assist in the ongoing development of the Oceania Region, the OSF, with support from its members, endeavours to conduct the following Tournaments on a regular basis:

- *Oceania Close Championships*
- *Oceania Masters Championships*
- *Oceania Junior Aged Open Championships*
- *Oceania Open Championships*

To view the Oceania Calendar of Events please [click here](#).