

OCEANIA SQUASH FEDERATION

REGIONAL REPORT TO WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION 2019

It was with huge disappointment earlier this year that the squash world learned of our exclusion from the Paris Olympics in 2024. After many years of trying and a massive investment, the bid to have squash in the Olympics appears to be over. It is hard to comprehend the rationale provided by the IOC for the decision when squash delivered on every aspect of the bid process. Perhaps in due course answers will be provided to the WSF as to why the bid failed but for now squash is out of contention and it remains to be seen whether or not it will ever get another chance to be considered for inclusion in the Olympics.

The one positive that has come out of the Olympic campaigns is the closer working relationship between WSF and PSA. It is a partnership that has grown in strength and collaboration over the last few years and it has the potential to become even stronger as time goes on.

On a smaller scale the challenges facing Oceania remain very much the same as they have always been - geography and a lack of resources. While Australia and New Zealand are self sufficient the other member nations struggle with limited resources and meagre facilities. It is credit to them that squash remains strong despite these challenges and often it comes down to a few passionate and dedicated individuals who contribute so much to the sport in the region.

In April 2019 the Pacific Games were hosted in Samoa. With Tonga withdrawing their bid at the last moment Samoa undertook to host the games with only 14 months of lead time. It is a credit to the Pacific Games Council and the Samoan community that the games were such a success. With more than 3000 athletes and 28 sports it was major achievement and one that we will look back on with fond memories.

The squash competition was held at the Faleata Sports Centre with teams from Samoa, New Caledonia, Tahiti, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Norfolk Island. There were around 100 competitors and officials in attendance and the competition comprised singles, a teams event and doubles. A huge thanks must go to Samoa Squash and their organising committee for all their efforts and support which made the event such a success. It was pleasure to be part of this event and the spirit and camaraderie was as good as any international event that I have attended.

2019 PACIFIC GAMES MEDAL WINNERS

Men's Team

Gold	New Caledonia
Silver	Papua New Guinea
Bronze	Samoa

Womens Team

Gold	New Caledonia
Silver	Samoa
Bronze	Fiji Islands

Mixed Doubles

Gold	New Caledonia
Silver	New Caledonia
Bonze	Samoa

Womens Doubles

Gold	New Caledonia
Silver	Samoa
Bronze	New Caledonia

Mens Doubles

Gold	New Caledonia
Silver	Papua New Guinea
Bronze	New Caledonia
Plate	Fiji
Special Plate	Samoa

Mens Singles

Gold	New Caledonia	Enzo Corigliano
Silver	New Caledonia	Yann Lancrenon
Bronze	New Caledonia	Nicolas Massenet
Plate	Papua New Guinea	Christopher Whitchurch
Con Plate	Fiji	Zonal Ali
Special Plate	New Caledonia	Nicolas Faure

Womens Singles

Gold	New Caledonia	Vanessa Quach
Silver	New Caledonia	Christine Deneufbourg
Bronze	New Caledonia	Kareen Marechalle
Plate	Papua New Guinea	Olding Suari
Con Plate	Fiji	Alison Mua
Special Plate	New Caledonia	Christelle Nagle

Philip Cridge Memorial Trophy Life Kapisi

Accreditation of Oceania Markers and Referees

Oceania Markers	Christopher Whitchurch	PNG
	Maverick Wetzell	Samoa
Oceania Referees	Eli Webb	PNG
	Andrew McGoon	Fiji
	Ivan Chewlit	Samoa
	Jordan Chewlit	Samoa
	Chad Rankin	Samoa

Earlier in the year, January 11 - 18, the Oceania Junior Squash Championships were held at the Redcliffe Squash Centre in Queensland, Australia. The bulk of the athletes came from Australia and New Zealand but it was pleasing to see competitors from Singapore, Malaysia, PNG and Fiji. The event rotates each year between Australia and New Zealand and continues to grow in strength and numbers. Following the OJC the Trans Tasman Test Series was held between Australia and New Zealand with New Zealand emerging as the victors. After an absence of a few years the event was revived in 2014 has been held each year since then with great success.

OSF would like to acknowledge the support of Dunlop by way of the squash ball allocation to the region. The member countries are appreciative of the ongoing support from Dunlop.

The OSF Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held in December 2019, in Brisbane. The current OSF office holders have indicated that they are happy to carry on.

Facilities continue to be a major challenge for our member countries but it is encouraging to see new courts being built and refurbishment programmes underway in Australia and New Zealand. The Carrara Sports Complex on the Gold Coast, a legacy from the 2018 CWG, is now up and running. The Fraser Park Sportsville 6 court facility is now open in Wellington, as is the Don Preston 8 court facility in Christchurch. This is a very positive and encouraging sign for squash in the region.

Final Results for the Oceania Junior Championships 2019:

Under 11 Boys

Eric Marsh (1)
Nickolai Wolpers (2)
Brodie Bennett (5)
Zezima Waitai (3)

Under 13 Boys

Reece Holmes (1)
Aryna Madan (2)
Oliver Dunbar (3)
Riley McCracken (5)

Under 15 Boys

Oscar Curtis (1)
Apa Fatialofa (2)
Tom Marshall (3)
Ryan Ko (5)

Under 17 Boys

Elijah Thomas (2)
Ethan Eyler (1)
Gregory Chan (4)
Leo Fatialofa (3)

Under 19 Boys

Gabe Yam (1)
Anthony Lepper (2)
Glenn Templeton (5)
Temwa Chileshe (3)

Extra Game

Jaime Mitchinson
Brooke Cornish-Madden

Under 11 Girls

Zoe Lepper (2)
Grace Spencer (1)
Sarbani Maitra (3)

Under 13 Girls

Anabel Romero-Gemmell (3)
Maja Maziuk (5)
Maia Smales (1)
Soha Khatri (2)
Madi Lash (4)

Under 15 Girls

Natalie Sayes (1)
Sophie Hodges (2)
Ella Lash (4)
Diana Galloway (6)

Under 17 Girls

Sze Yu Lee (1)
Ella Burge (3)
Kurstyn Mather (5)
Jena Gregory (2)

Under 19 Girls

Alex Haydon (2)
Anika Jackson (1)
Winona-Jo Joyce (4)
Annmarie Holst (6)

Level 1 Coaching Course - Suva, Fiji. April 2019

Names of participants:

Dinesh Parmeshwar Blair Macaskill Sydney Simpson Alfred Soakai Daniel Fong Eleni Tabua Nitesh Prasad Janice Chan	Makita Tusega Andre Roxburgh Linda Barton Sailesh Pala Lalin Goonesekera Valerio Tuccini Filiope Lesuma
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Course Content

WSF Philosophy (Guiding principles)

- Games Based
- Subconscious Learning v conscious learning
- Coach the intention not the action
- Sally Sunflower - Understanding different styles

AnnDelivery

- Self-Reflect as a Coach
- Understand The role of a WSF L1 coach
- Introduce LTPD model
- Understand the coaching process of learning to play -simple rallies-PDA
- Understanding the use of WSF coaching tools – For coaching simple rallies
- Understand the purpose of generic skills
 - Agility - Balance- Co-ordination - Speed
 - Catching – Passing – Striking
- How to relate to early learner Squash Players
- Understand different learning styles and the need for different coaching styles
- Introduction and demonstration principles
 - Introduce the key principles / process of lifting drives – drops -boasts -volleys into simple rallies progressively
 - Understand and demonstrate the patterns of movement within simple *Open Skill* rallies
- Safety on court

Lesson Planning

- Understand and describe the difference between coaching an individual and a group
- Plan and deliver an individual lesson to develop simple rallies
- Plan an develop group lesson of fun and simple rally situations

Did anyone achieve Level 1 status, if so who

All candidates will achieve level 1 status subject to completing registration and level 1 fee £16 all candidates have registered a SPIN.

What worked, what didn't, how can it be improved for the future.

Based on the feedback and my overall feel generally the course went well. The ability to adapt the content and delivery to suit the environment helped the course to go well.

The coaches have a new set of tools they can now use that will provide improved learning experiences for their players.

There were only two courts for 15 candidates the preferred number is 4-6 coaches per court to allow maximum participation. But as mentioned we adapted to make this work.

Ideally It would have been good to have a projector and a white board this would have made the visual information easier to present.

The course material is designed to be delivered over a minimum three days, I prioritised key areas/topics to deliver. Where possible add an extra day would make it easier. I suggest for future courses we send some pre course content for the candidates to absorb prior to attending the course.

One barrier for completing the certification is the cost of registering for SPIN and course certification fee. The big challenge and I assume this could be relevant across the region excluding NZ & Australia is the quality and number of facilities.

Future opportunities

Possibly a regional coaching conference. Future L2 courses targeted for coaches from the Pacific Islands maybe early 2020.

What does OSF have to do to make these courses more successful.

I suggest the development of regional coaching panel to develop a regional coaching plan with some representatives from the Island nations.

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