



# OCEANIA SQUASH FEDERATION UPDATE

## 2014/15 Officers

The 2014/15 OSF Officers are as follows:

President	Mr Neven Barbour	New Zealand
Vice President	Mr Jim O'Grady	New Zealand
Vice President	Mrs Vicki Cardwell	Australia
Executive Officer	Mrs Carol Kawaljenko	Australia

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## Vanuatu Squash

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Vanuatu Squash Association, its members, families and all the residents of Vanuatu after the devastation of Cyclone Pam. We hope that everyone is safe and well.

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## Tahiti Squash (*Federation Tahitienne de Squash*)

OSF are pleased to advise that the Tahiti Squash Federation was confirmed as a Full Member at the 2014 General Meeting. This brings our Membership to 10 countries.

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## 2015 Member Affiliation Fees

The 2015 Member Affiliation Fees were retained at the same level as 2014. Members are reminded that fees are due for payment by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2105.

*Note: Tahiti has been granted free-of-charge membership for 2015, after which time they will be required to pay affiliation fees.*

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## Development Programs

The education of Officials is an important part of ensuring the ongoing development of squash. In 2015 OSF will concentrate on the development of officials within our smaller Member Nations.

### Coach Education

Our first project, the Coach Education Development Program, was conducted in Fiji under the direction of Australian Coach, Marc Forster. The aim of the program is to increase the number of qualified squash coaches in our smaller Member Countries, who can continue to develop squash in their country. This program has been possible with the support of the Commonwealth Games Federation and WSF. OSF is very appreciative of their assistance as programs such as this would not be possible in the Region without their support.

Marc visited three different locations, Lautoka, Suva and Savusavu, over 10 days working with prospective coaches and conducting coaching for players (junior and senior). He also familiarized the prospective coaches with Australia's National *OzSquash* Program, a program based on the 'Playing for Life' philosophy introducing children to the game of squash using modified equipment. 3 OzSquash kits have been dispatched to Fiji to assist them in their junior development programs. A follow up program will take place later this year to finalise accreditation of targeted coaches.

It is anticipated that similar programs will be conducted elsewhere in Oceania.

### Referee Accreditation

Another project will be the accreditation of Oceania Markers and Referees. Whilst this will happen for some players during the Pacific Games as we have done in past years, OSF is planning to run

programs outside the Games over the next 12 months. There are several Papua New Guinea candidates who are currently working towards accreditation, including undertaking the Squash Referee Theory Examination Paper. It is anticipated that some of these candidates will get their full accreditation during the Pacific Games.

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### **2015 Pacific Games – PNG (4-18 July)**

Preparations for the 2015 Pacific Games in Port Moresby, PNG are well under way. Currently 5 Member Countries have indicated they will be contesting the squash competition – Fiji, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Tahiti, plus 1 male player representing Tokelau. A new squash facility is currently being built at the Port Moresby Racquets Club. The Centre will have 3 singles courts that can convert into 2 doubles courts. The Teams Event matches will commence on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July and the final event (Mixed Doubles) will finish on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. A Presentation Dinner hosted by PNG Squash will be held on the final evening of play.

The Squash Technical Manual (Rules & Playing Arrangements) is currently being developed by the Games Organising Committee and will be distributed shortly. To assist you in early deliberations please note the following:

Entries - Countries may enter a maximum of 10 players – 5 of each gender.

Teams Event – In the Men's Event 4 players will contest the tie but only 3 players will contest a tie in the Women's Event. Players can be rotated in each tie so that they all participate.

There has been a change in determining medal winners in the Team Events. The preliminary round will be played as a Round Robin Draw where all teams play each other. At the end of the Round Robin matches there will be a play-off for the medals. The teams ranked 1 & 2 will play in the Gold Medal match and teams ranked at 3 & 4 will play the Bronze Medal match.

Singles Event – All players registered in the final athlete entry list are eligible to play. A Monrad Draw will be used whereby all players continue through the draw, regardless of a win or loss. At the completion of the event Oceania rankings for all players will be produced.

Doubles Events (Men's, Women's, Mixed) – Countries can enter 2 teams in each of the doubles events. Again a monrad draw will be used. The Men's and Women's events will be fully completed before the mixed event commences.

Medal Ceremonies will be held at the completion of every event.

We are fortunate to have Derek Hunter appointed as our Tournament Director and assisting him will be myself as International Technical Delegate and John Small from Australia as the Referee Director. In addition to this a further 3 Referees from Australia and NZ have been appointed.

If you have any queries relating to the Pacific Games please don't hesitate to contact me.

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### **2015 Commonwealth Youth Games - Samoa (5-12 September)**

Preparations for the Youth Games are well on the way with squash included as one of the nine sports to be contested. Players aged 14-18 years will contest both Boys and Girls Singles events.

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