

OCEANIA SQUASH FEDERATION REFEREEING NEWSLETTER - March 2015

PACIFIC GAMES REFEREES

Appointed (overseas) Referees are:

Mr John Small, Australia. <u>Tournament Referee</u>. National Refereeing Manager, Regional Referee/Assessor Mr Chris Buckland, New Zealand. National Refereeing Director, National Referee Mr Neil Butler, Australia. National Referee/Assessor Mr Craig Sandy, Australia. National Referee

My intention has always been to have all Oceania countries independent of overseas Referees. As well as the obvious aim of having all matches well-refereed, these 4 Referees will be making it their priority to assist, mentor and assess as many people as possible to help them achieve accredited Oceania Marker and Referee status. They will be available at all times to assist with any explanations you may require.

Certificates for successful new Markers and Referees will be made at the final Presentation evening.

Local Referees

There will also be some Papua New Guinea referees appointed when their accreditation is complete.

These PNG candidates have completed, or are working on, the Squash Referee Theory Examination Paper

	As at 15/03/2015		As at 15/03/2015
Tony Incoll	Completed	Freddy Morove	Working towards
Imong Brooksbank	Completed	Moraeina Wei	Working towards
Murray Fletcher	Almost finished	Phyonna Silikara Gangloff	Working towards
Ariki Vai	Almost finished	Edmond Pereira	Working towards
Chuck Leet	Working towards	Elma Suari	Working towards
Daryl Sirigoi	Working towards	Freddy Morove	Working towards

OCEANIA REFEREE ACCREDITATION LEVELS

Oceania Marker

This accreditation is for Oceania countries outside of Australia and New Zealand. This is an introductory level to officiating to encourage candidates to progress to full Oceania refereeing accreditation. Candidates must pass 2 marking assessments on matches at any level during major OSF events.

Oceania Club Referee

This is the introductory accreditation level in Oceania (outside of Australia and New Zealand). Candidates must pass marking and refereeing assessments on 2 matches, usually at their own standard of play, during major OSF events.

Oceania National Referee

This is the highest level of accreditation for Oceania (outside of Australia and New Zealand). Candidates must pass marking and refereeing assessments on at least 3 matches between the top 20 male players participating at major OSF events.

LET'S IMPROVE ON THESE NUMBERS AT THE PACIFIC GAMES

Accreditation Level	Cook Islands	Fiji	New Caledonia	Norfolk Island	Papua New Guinea	Samoa	Vanuatu	Total
Marker (Oceania)	7	12	7	2	10	13	4	55
Club (Oceania)	7	4	8	1	6	3		29
National (Oceania)	1		3	2	1			7
	15	16	18	5	17	16	4	91

DOUBLES RULES - A brief reminder

SCORING

- Best of 3 games
- Point-A-Rally to 11 points (no 2-point advantage at 10-all)

TIME BETWEEN GAMES

• 90 seconds

CLOTHING

- Partners must wear the same colour shirt and preferably the same colour shorts/skirts
- The shirt colour must be different from the opponents'

SERVICE

- Serving order alternates between teams as A1, B1, A2, B2
- Serving order must remain the same throughout a match

RECEIVING SERVE

Partners must receive from the same side of the court throughout each game, but ...
 Can change receiving sides at the start of each game

INTERFERENCE

- If A1 swings at the ball and misses, A2 can hit the ball (except for return of serve)
- If both partners appeal, the decision giving the greater reward to the striking team stands, e.g. stroke is greater than let, and let is greater than no let

Stroke if:

- The outgoing opponent has played the ball back close to the body and then does not make a reasonable effort to avoid interference - particularly for direct access to the ball and preventing a reasonable swing; or
- The outgoing opponent's ball has gone close to the partner's body and the partner does not make any effort to avoid interference.

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