

ASF REFEREES REPORT 2016

1) Referees Clinics

A total of 13 clinics were conducted this year, attended by 413 participants. The venues were Singapore (5), Naypyitaw, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, Bandung, Dalian, Macau, Shiraz and Colombo. The teaching resources at these referees clinics were Munir Shah (Singapore), Mohd Abdullah Arrffan @ Robert (Singapore), Leslie Ponnampalam (Malaysia) and Peter Chee (Malaysia).

Asia was chosen by WSF to carry out the WSF Ambassadors Programme in Dalian and Macau on 13 June and 19 June respectively. On the refereeing front, Mohd Abdullah Arrffan @ Robert of Singapore conducted the 2 clinics at these venues.

Referees clinics will continue to be the staple diet before any major championship or assessment exercise because they provide an opportunity for attending referees to interact with one another and get updated on the rules and their latest interpretation.

2) WSF Referees from Asia

The number of Asian referees in the list of WSF Referees has remained at 6 from the previous year. The number of WSF Referees in the world has declined marginally from 20 in the previous year to 19 in the current year.

It will be increasingly challenging to achieve the target of 12 WSF Referees, which was set some 4 years ago. PSA is stamping its authority by appointing “PSA Referees” for major events, with WSF’s influence waning in the wake. PSA appears to be achieving its target of having a small group of preferred referees, officiating top level matches on a regular basis. There is a big question mark on what this means for the development of referees in Asia. Nonetheless, we are focusing our attention in the development of National Referees to become Regional Referees by pursuing our programme of improving their competence, knowledge and match management abilities through greater assessment exercises.

The current list of WSF Referees from Asia are:-

- 1) Mohammad Fayyaz (Hong Kong, China)
- 2) Anthony So (Hong Kong, China)
- 3) Yogendra Singh (India)
- 4) Srikanth Seshadri (India)
- 5) Jamshed Gul (Pakistan)
- 6) Tahir Khanzada (Pakistan)

3) Referees Assessment Exercises

We achieved an unprecedented 20 assessment exercises in the year. These were conducted in conjunction with a number of major games and regional events, The assessors in attendance at

these events were Munir Shah (Singapore), Mohd Abdullah Arrffan @ Robert (Singapore), Tahir Khanzada (Pakistan), Anthony So (Hong Kong, China), Mohammad Fayyaz (Hong Kong, China), Amos Yuen (Hong Kong, China), Andrew Ho (Hong Kong), Ebrahim Kamal (Bahrain), Leslie Ponnampalam (Malaysia), Rajiv Reddy (India), Marko Podgorsek (Slovenia), Damien Green (Australia), Russell Weatherbun (Australia).

These exercises were useful in the development of Asian National Referees in their quest to become Regional Referees. The total number of assessments involving Asian referees conducted in Asia during the 6-year period (2011-2016) is reaching 710. This database is a useful source of evidence in capturing the assessment track record of active National and Regional Referees in Asia.

4) **Development Programme**

The ASF will persevere in implementing the WSF CBTA (Competency-Based Training & Assessment) programme for WSF, Regional and National Referees, which was endorsed for adoption by all member countries since early 2011.

Presently, there are **19 Regional Referees** in Asia, listed as follows:-

- 1) Andrew Zhang Wen (China): 2014 - 2016
- 2) Andrew Ho (Hong Kong, China): 2014 - 2016
- 3) Amos Yuen (Hong Kong, China): 2014 - 2016
- 4) Mary Lee Cheng Sim (Malaysia): 2014 - 2016
- 5) Naved Kashif Khan (Malaysia): 2014 - 2016
- 6) Qutaiba Hawamdeh (Jordan): 2014 - 2016
- 7) Dhiraj Singh (India): 2014 - 2016
- 8) Henry Tan (Malaysia): 2015 - 2017
- 9) Said Abdulrasul Salmeen (Kuwait): 2015 - 2017
- 10) Wang Heung Hee (South Korea): 2015 - 2017
- 11) Asif Khan (Pakistan): 2015 - 2017
- 12) Mohd Abdullah Arrffan @ Robert (Singapore): 2015 – 2017
- 13) Munir Shah (Singapore): mid 2015 – mid 2018
- 14) Rajiv Reddy (India): mid 2015 – mid 2018
- 15) Chan Ping Him (Hong Kong, China): 2016 - 2018
- 16) Abdulrahman A. Alowaish (Kuwait): 2016 - 2018
- 17) Ken Ku (Macau, China): 2016 - 2018
- 18) Sajjad Ahmed (Pakistan): 2016 - 2018
- 19) Munawar Zaman (Pakistan): 2016 - 2018

There are **10 Regional Assessors** in Asia, listed as follows:-

- 1) Tahir Khanzada (Pakistan)
- 2) Yogendra Singh (India)
- 3) Rajiv Reddy (India)
- 4) Mohammad Fayyaz (Hong Kong, China)

- 5) Anthony So (Hong Kong, China)
- 6) Amos Yuen (Hong Kong, China)
- 7) Andrew Ho (Hong Kong, China)
- 8) Ebrahim Kamal (Bahrain)
- 9) Leslie Ponnampalam (Malaysia)
- 10) Mohd Abdullah Arrffan @ Robert (Singapore)

There are **2 WSF Assessors** in Asia, listed as follows:-

- 1) Munir Shah (Singapore)
- 2) Fahim Gul (Pakistan)

Key statistics	2016	
	World	Asia
WSF Referees	19	6 (32%)
Regional Referees	38	19 (50%)
WSF Assessors	11	2 (18%)
Regional Assessors	No data	10

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