

ASF Referees Committee Report 2020

The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic forced the world's population to alter daily routines, including sports such as Squash. This unusual situation has physical, psychological, and behavioral consequences to all individuals and all personnel related to squash. There were strict Standard Operating Procedures introduced and set by WSF & PSA to conduct tours during Pandemic. In 2020, Asia was affected too and only a few tours were conducted in the region.

Here I would like to mention that due to COVID-19 and there were few refereeing activities around the world and in Asia, ASF decided to only carry out the Regional Referees Re-Nomination process and the relevant MNF'S have been informed already.

There were only a few ASF Focal points meetings held virtually. During meetings many issues raised and discussed specially Regional Referee Re-nomination (CBTA) requirement for One year, WSO (World Squash Officiating) and other refereeing related matters.

Regarding WSO, as a member of the WSO (World Squash Officiating) commission, I would like to bring it to the notice of the ASF MNF's that WSO has a grand plan for the referees across the world. WSO will have 5 levels of referees ranging from Level 1 (club level) to Level 5 (WSF level). Once the WSO plan is in place all referees across the world will be registered with the SPIN (Squash Personal Identification Number) and will be categorized according to the current status.

WSO plan to standardize the referee curriculum universally. WSO website will provide videos and literature for all the referees to use.

WSO has already started interaction with MNF's and sharing information of its plan. The WSO is almost ready and waiting to be rolled out. Hopefully the WSO should be on track in the beginning of 2021.

Referees Clinics:

During the year 2020, we have conducted 10 clinics and 266 candidates participated. The clinics were held in Hong Kong China, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Pakistan. The clinics were conducted by the following personnel.

Tahir Jamil Khanzada (Pakistan)

Leslie Ponnampalam (Malaysia)
Naved Kashif Khan (Malaysia)
Anthony So (Hong Kong, China)
Arrffan Abdullah (Singapore)

WSF Referees from Asia:

The list of the following WSF referees from Asia region remained unchanged at 6 since last 5 years. The current list is as follows:

Mohammad Fayyaz (Hong Kong, China)
Anthony So (Hong Kong, China)
Yogendra Singh (India)
Srikanth Seshadri (India)
Jamshed Gul (Pakistan)
Tahir Jamil Khanzada (Pakistan)

Referees Assessment Exercise:

In 2020, a total number of 27 assessments were carried out in 3 different tournaments and countries involved Malaysia, Thailand and Pakistan, conducted by Mohd Abdullah Arrffan, Leslie Ponnampalam, and Tahir Jamil Khanzada.

I would like to thank the Committee Chairman, Mr. Debendranath Sarangi from India for his support and cooperation and also thank to my focal points. In 2021, we look forward and hope that more MNF's will conduct many championships in Asia region to boost the Squash activities during and post pandemic.

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