

To: ALL WSF MEMBER NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

cc: WSF Regional Vice-Presidents, WSF Commission Members, SPIN Members, Accredited Products and Companies

ARMENIA & UKRAINE HOST WSF AMBASSADORS PROGRAMME

Armenia and Ukraine will host the 2017 WSF Ambassadors Programme later this year when Malaysia's record eight-time women's world champion Nicol David and Colombian Miguel Angel Rodriguez, South America's highest-ranked player of all-time, lead the latest WSF initiative into the countries' capitals Yerevan and Kiev, respectively.

Launched in 2011, the inspired WSF international promotional initiative takes two leading squash players, together with an international coach and referee, into younger squash nations to help raise the sport's profile - through clinics with national players, exhibition matches, refereeing and coaching seminars, and media presentations.



David, a WSF ambassador on several occasions, and programme debutant Rodriguez (pictured above) will be joined by Belgian national coach Ronny Vlassaks and international referee Marko Podgorsek, from Slovenia. The 2017 campaign will take place from 27 June to 2 July. "The whole group is excited about meeting and interacting with the squash communities, sports authorities and media in Armenia and Ukraine," said WSF CEO Andrew Shelley. "As ever, the opportunity to help younger Federations with their developmental and promotional work is one we relish."

Previously

The WSF Ambassadors Programme first visited the Baltic country of Latvia in 2011, followed by a trip to the African countries of Malawi and Namibia, then Panama and Venezuela in 2013, Papua New Guinea in 2014, before focusing on the Balkan region in 2015 with appearances in Serbia, Romania and Croatia. Last year, the team visited Dalian and Macau in China.

INDIA AND MALAYSIA STRIKE GOLD AT THE ASIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS



Favourites India and Malaysia fulfilled their seedings in the Asian Junior Team Squash Championships, winning the men's and women's gold medals, respectively, in the 18th staging of the biennial regional event in Hong Kong.

Velavan Senthilkumar, the reigning British Junior Open champion and Asian Individual Junior champion from Chennai, put India into the lead against second seeds Malaysia, the defending champions, in the men's final - despatching Ong Sai Hung 12-10, 11-0, 11-2.

When Malaysian number two Darren Rahul Pragasam took a 2/0 lead in the second match, it looked as if a decider would be on the cards. But the plucky 18-year-old Indian Abhay Singh, also from Chennai, staged a mighty comeback - surviving a tie-break fourth game to record an impressive 10-12, 7-11, 11-5, 14-12, 11-6 victory to give the title to India. It was India's first triumph in the championships since winning the title for the first time in 2011 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Women's repeat

The women's final was a repeat of the 2015 climax in Malaysia between defending champions Malaysia and Hong Kong China, the 2011 champions appearing in this year's final for the fourth successive time.

Sivasangari Subramaniam, the reigning Asian Individual Junior champion who made her senior debut for Malaysia in December's WSF Women's World Team Championship, put her country into the driving seat with an 11-5, 11-5, 9-11, 11-5 win over Lui Hiu Lam. The title was sealed by Kuala Lumpur-born Andrea Lee, who beat Hong Kong number two Cheng Nga Ching 11-9, 11-6, 11-13, 11-4.

The win marks Malaysia's seventh women's Asian Junior title since 1993.

RESULTS: Bright Smart Securities 18th Asian Junior Team Championship, Hong Kong China

Men's Final: [1] INDIA bt [2] MALAYSIA 2/0. Velavan Senthilkumar bt Ong Sai Hung 12-10, 11-0, 11-2, Abhay Singh bt Darren Rahul Pragasam 10-12, 7-11, 11-5, 14-12, 11-6. Bronze medallists: Hong Kong China and Pakistan.

Final positions: 5 Iran, 6 Republic of Korea, 7 Jordan, 8 Singapore, 9 Sri Lanka, 10 Japan, 11 Chinese Taipei, 12 Macau

Women's Final: [1] MALAYSIA bt [2] HONG KONG CHINA 2/0. Sivasangari Subramaniam bt Lui Hiu Lam 11-5, 11-5, 9-11, 11-5, Andrea Lee bt Cheng Nga Ching 11-9, 11-6, 11-13, 11-4. Bronze medallists: Japan and Singapore

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WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TO TAKE PLACE IN EL GOUNA



The delayed 2016 PSA Women's World Championship will take place from 5-14 April at El Gouna, Egypt. The world's best female players will compete for this title in Egypt for the first time since the 2014 World Championship when Nicol David claimed an unprecedented eighth title by defeating Raneem El Welily in a thrilling five-game finale in Cairo.

World No.1 Nour El Sherbini (pictured), the 21-year-old from Alexandria, will go into the event as defending champion after becoming the youngest person ever to win the championship when she defeated Laura Massaro in last year's title-decider. El Sherbini will be hoping to make it back-to-back wins during a week that also sees elite male players compete for the annual El Gouna International.

Current WSF Accredited Companies are:



NATIONAL / REGIONAL DATES 2018

As Regions will be aware, PSA provide protected dates in the calendar to support Regional and National Championships who want to avoid Tour event conflict for their players. PSA have confirmed those applicable for 2018 to enable you to plan. As previously PSA set aside dates as follows:

Regional Championships. *Protection for a period of seven days, following from the last Monday in April, from all PSA tournaments in the same region and from PSA 15 and above elsewhere*

Regional/National Championships. *Protection for a period of seven days, following from the second Monday in February and second Monday in June, from all PSA tournaments in the same country, if requested to the PSA a minimum of six months before the respective Monday of the denoted week, and from tournaments of PSA 35 and above in the same region and from tournaments of PSA 50 and above elsewhere.*

Next year using the formula the weeks will be:

12 - 18 February 2018

30 April - 6 May 2018

11 - 17 June 2018

Regions and nations are encouraged to use these dates for events.

BARBADOS HOST CARIBBEAN WSF LEVEL-2 COACHING COURSE



One of the latest batch of WSF Level-2 Courses was held recently in Barbados. Tutor Colin White and new WSF

Level 2 Tutor, Karen Meakins from the home club – Barbados Squash Club - delivered the *WSF Coach Education Programme* course to coaches from three Caribbean Islands.

All participants were successful in their practical delivery and understanding of the syllabus, but must complete their course work before they can join the growing list of WSF Level 2 Coaches around the world.

Pictured (L to R): Karen Anderson (Jamaica), Dave Scott (Trinidad), Lilianna White (Barbados), Colin White, Karen Meakins (Barbados), Don Benn (Barbados), Gavin Cumberbatch (Barbados).

ST LOUIS HOST WORLD HARDBALL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2017 World Hardball Doubles Squash Championships will be staged in St Louis, in the US state of Missouri, from 21-24 Sept.

The 12th edition of the championships, featuring Men's, Women's and Mixed events and organised by the Squash Doubles Association (SDA) and Women's Squash Doubles Association (WSDA) Pro Tours under the auspices of the World Squash Federation, will take place at the Racquet Club of St Louis and Missouri Athletic Club.

England's John Russell & Clive Leach are expected to defend the Men's title they won in 2015. It was also an English pair, Suzie Pierrepont & Carrie Hastings, who claimed the Women's title in the same championships, while Canadians Viktor Berg & Stephanie Hewitt are the defending Mixed champions.



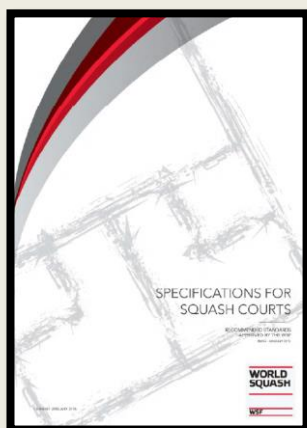
"The SDA is very excited to be working with the World Squash Federation, the Racquet Club of St. Louis, the Missouri Athletic Club and the WSDA to bring the World Hardball Doubles Squash Championship to the United States in September of this year," said SDA Board Chair Kevin Luzak. "The event will be the highlight of the 2017-18 calendar with the largest draws and one of the largest purses of the season for both the SDA and WSDA tours. The St. Louis team is already gearing up for what will undoubtedly be a blockbuster event at a fantastic venue."

The prize fund is more than \$70,000 - with parity offered in the men's and women's draws. Matches will be streamed live on the tournament website worlddoubles.com

ADVANCE NOTICE – WSF COACHING CONFERENCE 2017

The WSF Coaching Conference this year is going to be hosted in Colombia. Dates are 14 – 16 September. Full details will be available shortly.

WSF COURT SPECIFICATIONS UPDATED



WSF has extensively updated its specifications for Squash Courts, featuring various new clauses and drawings.

The WSF Squash Court Specifications 2017 provide an invaluable source of information for all architects, specifiers and builders, with details of dimensions, materials and tolerances for court flooring, walls, lighting,

and all the other facets that make up a squash court.

Chris Herridge, the WSF Technical Committee Director manager of the updating process, commented: "WSF provides the WSF Court Specifications so that there is one comprehensive source of technical information for all involved in the court construction process.

"This, linked to the WSF Accredited Product listing of those materials that are known to be excellent, suitable materials ensures that for players, whatever their standard, will have a very good court to play on." New courts must be built to the specifications and must only use WSF Accredited Products for WSF World and Regional Championship events.

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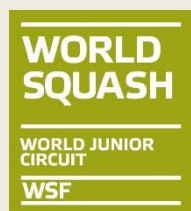
WSF COURT SPECIFICATIONS:

www.worldsquash.org/ws/resources/court-construction

WSF ACCREDITED PRODUCTS & COMPANIES:

www.worldsquash.org/ws/resources/accreditation/complete-court-accreditation-cca/wsf-accredited-companies

WSF WORLD JUNIOR CIRCUIT



Events that are part of the WSF World Junior Circuit take place throughout the year. Here are the forthcoming ones.

View the current WSF World Junior rankings click [here](#).

March 2017

03 – 05 German Junior Open
30 – 02 Norwegian Junior Open

April 2017

08 – 11 European Junior Individual
14 – 17 Oceania Junior Championships
21 – 23 Luxembourg Junior Open
21 – 23 New Zealand Junior Open
21 – 23 Slovenia Junior Open

May 2017

05 – 07 Croatia Junior Open
20 – 21 Liechtenstein Junior Open
26 – 28 Spanish Junior Open

WORLD JUNIORS 2018 AWARDED TO CHENNAI

For the third time since 2002, India will host the WSF World Junior Squash Championships after winning the rights from the World Squash Federation to stage the 2018 event in Chennai.



The Men's & Women's World Junior Individual Championships will take place at the Indian Squash Academy from 18-23 July, followed by the biennial Men's World Junior Team Championship from 24- 29 July.

"Indian squash has had a history of conducting Mega squash events," said Squash Rackets Federation of India President Debendranath Sarangi (*above*). "I am delighted that we have won the bid to host the WSF World Junior Championships 2018. The Indian Squash Academy in Chennai is a fantastic venue and we look forward to welcoming global players to our Championships."

Chennai again

India first staged the men's individual and team events in 2002, then both individual events together with the Women's team event in 2009 – both in Chennai.

WSF President Jacques Fontaine added: "There have been World & Asian Championships regularly staged in Chennai – the Indian Federation provide excellent facilities as well as being great hosts. Taking this important WSF Championship to India will open another chapter that we look forward to."

Pakistan will look to defend the title they won for the fifth time in the 2016 men's team championship in Poland – where India finished in sixth place.

NEW STUNNING BACKDROP IN COLOMBIA

The incredible Parque el Santísimo will become the latest spectacular venue to host a professional squash tournament between March 8-11 when it stages the inaugural Ciudad de Floridablanca – the most lucrative South American Women's tournament ever.



The 2017 Ciudad de Floridablanca takes place between March 8-11. Located in

Floridablanca, Colombia, the Parque el Santísimo will house a specially constructed glass court in the shadow of the 'Christ the Redeemer' statue – offering spectators an unparalleled view of the surrounding cities of Bucaramanga and Floridablanca.



The recommendations of the Independent Review of WSF undertaken by I Trust Sport last year are a cornerstone as the WSF Board continue to raise WSF governance standards.

Some of the recommendation were acknowledgement of work in progress or already completed, such as introducing an independent Ethics Commission.

Ongoing

Meanwhile, so much more is ongoing. An earlier strategic plan is being revised to reflect the policies and cohesive intentions of the Board. WSF and PSA are regenerating collaboration with more detailed arrangements including a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Initial plans are being moved forward with PSA towards another Olympic Games Programme bid once the host city and pathway for 2024 become known.

Refereeing is also a priority that has already seen discussions on how PSA can assist educational and training aids and both can develop a larger pool of even better referees operating at the top level.

Revised structure

The WSF Committee / Commission structure has been completely revised – see full information below – to help these groups to become even more effective and proactive. A risk management process is being put into place and other areas of the report are under review at present.

At the February WSF Board meeting it was decided that changes should be made to the structure to help advisory groups to become strengthened, streamlined and generally more proactive. The mixture of Committees and Commissions will be dropped – and all main groups will now be called Commissions.

Separate Focussed Groups

There are some significant structural changes. These include the introduction of an Audit & Finance Commission, splitting Coaching and Development into separate focussed groups, parting Olympics from other International Games; and also separating the referee education and training from the active side of allocation, event attendance, assessment and grading.

- Terms of Reference for each of the Commissions are being prepared.







- The Chairs of Commissions will normally be a specialist in the field (currently the Director), with the Director role being dropped.
- Commissions will usually have a Board member as a liaison rather than Chairman, excepting where they have a specialist background.
- Commission membership would not ordinarily exceed five persons, and with a minimum of three Regions represented.
- There will be a review of Commission membership every two years so that a degree of regeneration can be incorporated to maintain freshness.
- Chairs will submit Board reports twice a year.
- The Board will consider suggestions from Regions and Chairs received as part of their process of deciding the composition of the Commissions.

WSF COMMISSIONS 2017

ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION
ATHLETES COMMISSION
AUDIT & FINANCE COMMISSION *(New)*
CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMISSION
COACHING COMMISSION
COMMERCIAL COMMISSION
COURTS & EQUIPMENT COMMISSION
(Was Technical Committee)
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
(New – split from Coaching)
DISCIPLINARY & APPEALS COMMISSION
ETHICS COMMISSION *(New)*
MAJOR GAMES COMMISSION
(New – split from Olympics)
MASTERS COMMISSION
(Was a Sub-Committee)
MEDICAL COMMISSION
OLYMPIC GAMES COMMISSION
PARA-SQUASH COMMISSION
REFeree EDUCATION & TRAINING COMMISSION *(Refereeing split into two)*
REFeree MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
(Refereeing split into two)
RULES COMMISSION
SQUASH 57 COMMISSION *(New)*

CERTIFIED EYEWEAR BRANDS 2017

The following brands have passed national safety standards and, having applied for WSF Certified listing, are the only brands permitted for use in WSF, Regional and many national junior events.

BRAND NAME	APPROVED MODEL
	Turbo (AC 114) Turbo Jnr (AC 114 Jr) Lasers (AC 111) Sight Guard (AC 112) Kona (AC 119) Kona Junior (AC 119 Jr) Lynx (AC 122) Stiletto (AC 620) Air Frame Small (AC 641SM) Guardian AV (AC 660)
	Dunlop I-ARMOR (R-07) Dunlop Junior (9903 Jr) Dunlop Vision (R-16)
	Grays GT Eyewear
	Shield Pro R16 Covet R615 Radar R43 Radar Jr R717JR
	i-Mask
	2500 (9903 Jnr) Pro 3000 (R43)
	Mantis Protective Eyewear
	Rage (9903V) Rage Junior (9903JR) Prolite (RB10C) Speed (R601) Attitude (Pro2) Shark (R43) Marvel (SE-7)
	Rage (9903V) Rage Junior (9903JR) Prolite (RB10C) Speed (R601) Attitude (Pro2)
	ASTM F803
	R615

WSF DIRECTORY

The current edition of the WSF Directory with updated National Federation addresses, WSF Committee /Commission details, and much more besides is on the WSF website [here](http://www.worldsquash.org).

WSF ANNUAL MEMBER NATION SURVEY

Seventy nations, from the largest to the smallest, responded to the WSF Member Nation Survey 2017.

There was a great deal of detail that will help shape WSF planning, but as an overview:

- 89% of all nations report that participation is growing or stable in their country.
- 80% report that the number of courts is growing or stable.
- 33 of the nations now have a national centre
- 60% have a national referee qualification system in place (with only six nations having no qualified referees in their country)
- 72% have a national coaching qualification system in place (also with six nations with no qualified coaches)
- 81.4% of nations do receive some governmental / national sports authority funding (with 44% of them receiving a fixed annual sum, 36% with a fixed sum and additional payments based on competitive success, and 19% having funding based purely on results).

WORLD DOUBLES IN AUGUST



Four days after the World Games in Poland, so a double entry for some nations, there will be a number of countries already preparing pairs to take part in the WSF World Doubles in Manchester, England, which take place 1 – 5 August. Play is at the National Squash Centre where titles won at last year's event in Darwin, Australia will be defended or see new winners.

With the Commonwealth Games 2018 in Australia, together with other events such as PanAm Games, the timing works well for team selection.



Official WSF Magazine

English coaching experts give their views on how England can challenge Egypt at the top of the sport. Meanwhile, Rod Gilmour looks back at the life of former world no.2 Mike Oddy, who died recently.

For these features and more, please click here:

<http://www.squashplayer.co.uk/features/features.htm>

MOSCOW HOSTS WSF LEVEL 1



A large group of 17 Russian coaches, amongst them a strong contingent of seven females, met at the Club Raketa in Moscow for the first WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Russia.

WSF Tutor Kostya Rybalchenko from Ukraine was in charge of delivering the course. He came well prepared with the complete WSF L1 syllabus translated into Russian, which is now available for all Registered Coaches in the resources section of the WSF website. Thus having tackled the language barrier and with his experience of working along with Peter Hirst for a number of courses in Ukraine the course was a great success. Sixteen candidates managed an immediate pass, with only one candidate needing re-assessment.

Russian Squash is pushing hard to develop coaches and course organizer Alexander Andreev has already arranged for a WSF Level 2 course to be held at the end of March - again at the Club Raketa. This time Belgian Ronny Vlassaks and Austria's Michael Khan will tutor.

WORLD MASTERS GAMES



There will be the maximum of 450 squash players participating in April's World Masters Games in Auckland, New Zealand

Squash is one of 28 sports to feature in the 10-day festival of sport that will see 25,000 competitors from around the world in Auckland.

Squash events are for ages 35+, with male and female players in five year bands up to 80+. Three team categories will also be contested: 35+, 45+ and 55+.

REFEREE SYSTEM – BROADCAST MATCHES













PSA have refined the operation of the broadcast match referee system. It features a new protocol which is now simplified and includes the following amendments:

- The new version does not allow a player to refer a Tin line decision to the Video Referee
- A player can appeal to the Match Referee in the normal way but cannot force a Video Referee referral
- All Video Referee referrals for pickups are at the discretion of the Match Referee
- If conclusive evidence is seen by the Video Referee the VR can overrule a Match Referee decision.

(Full details at <http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/psa-referee-system>)

WSF will be adopting this for World Championship filmed matches. Where matches are not filmed, therefore not enabling video review, the three referee system will continue.

WSF APPROVED BALLS

	Artengo SB 990 Squash Ball
	Black Knight Ball
	Dunlop XX Yellow Dot Championship Ball
	Eye Ball Squash Ball
	HEAD Sport AG Yellow Dot Ball
	Huashen Double & Single Yellow Dot Balls
	Karakal Squash Ball
	MR Price Sport Maxed Squash Ball
	Prince Rebel Pro Ball
	Taiball Yellow Dot Ball
	Tecnifibre Squash Ball
	Victor/VICTEC Doppel-Gelb Squash Ball

WSF WORLD CALENDAR

The WSF World Calendar of events is updated monthly and can be found at <http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wsf-calendar>

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SPIN INFORMATION

For players, all players who wish to play in all World Individual and Team Championships, Regional Events and World Junior Circuit events at all age levels will need to be registered. Their SPIN (Squash

Personal Identification Number) stays with them for life.

For individual events where national federations enter their players they will do so using the SPIN of the players. Similarly, in those events where players enter themselves e.g. World Masters, they will do so using their SPIN.

For team events of all ages in World and Regional Championships, Member Nations will enter their teams into the event using the on-line system. Squad and Team submissions can also be made on-line.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

Any player, irrespective of age, can register themselves - or their federation can do so on their behalf - by completing the on-line registration form. They should also let their national federation know that they are doing so.

The current SPIN registration fee - paid on-line - is a once only lifetime fee of GBP15.00 (not annual).

Notes: Half of all the fees paid by the players (or Member Nations on their behalf) are split equally between the five Regional Federations to help fund development initiatives.

Tournament Planner software is used to take entries for National Junior Opens, with players at U19 level able to claim World Junior ranking points.

WHERE DO PLAYERS REGISTER?

Simply go to **www.worldsquash.org/spin**

TEAM OFFICIALS

All designated team officials attending with teams or individual players must be WSF Registered with a SPIN at the time of attendance. (This Regulation covers anybody with access to the playing area, so, primarily, managers, coaches, physios)

MEMBER NATION LOGIN

Separately, all WSF Member Nations have their login so that they can view all registrations from their country, enter WSF Championships and do so for WSF individual events.



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WSF MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP IN FRANCE

The WSF has awarded the rights to host the 2017 Men's World Team Squash Championship to France – four years after the European country hosted the biennial event for the first time.

The championship will be held in Marseille, from 27 November to 3 December, at Modern Squash and Salle Vallier, where the final stages will be presented on an all-glass show court.

It will be the 2013 champions England that will defend the title after the 2015 championships, due to be staged in Egypt, were postponed. Hosts France, runners-up in 2003 and 2009, are expected to be led by world No.3 Gregory Gaultier, the 2015 individual World Champion who would be making a ninth successive appearance in the event.



French Squash Federation President Jean-Denis Barbet (*left*) said, "In 2017, Marseille is the European sport capital and our Championship will close this great sport year with our world event."

France is extremely proud of being the host nation for the

Men's World Team Championship once again; and our staff, in partnership with the city, the host club and the Ligue of PACA (Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur), will organize this competition as well as we have achieved in Nîmes, Mulhouse and Paris."

While WSF President Jacques Fontaine, himself a Frenchman, commented; "My country has been at the forefront on welcoming the world of squash to World Championships in our French cities, and I am very pleased that we shall next do so in Marseille. Two of the French Federation all-glass show courts will be used to not only provide great viewing opportunities but the stage for international broadcast too".

PSA RANKINGS – March 2017



Serme chasing El Sherbini



The PSA Women's World Rankings for March sees France's Camille Serme (*left*) – who currently leads the Women's PSA Road to Dubai Standings after triumphs at the Delaware Investments U.S. Open and J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions in recent months – only 400 points behind World No.1

Nour El Sherbini, the Egyptian World Champion who retains top spot for a 10th consecutive month.

Raneem El Welily remains at No.3, Nouran Gohar at No.4 and Laura Massaro rounding out the top five.

United States No.1 Amanda Sobhy (No.6), Malaysia's eight-time World Champion Nicol David (No.7), England's Sarah-Jane Perry (No.8), Egypt's Omneya Abdel Kawy (No.9) and former World No.3 Alison Waters complete the top 10.

New Zealand's Joelle King sits a place behind Waters as she plots a return to the world's top 10, while the likes of Nour El Tayeb, Emily Whitlock and Joey Chan all hold onto their respective rankings of No.13, No.15 and No.17 for a second month in a row.

Tesni Evans of Wales claiming a place amongst the world's top 20 for the second time in her career.

Egypt's Salma Hany Ibrahim takes the last spot inside the world's top 20.

PSA Women's Rankings – March 2017

1	Nour El Sherbini	EGY
2	Nouran Gohar	EGY
3	Raneem El Welily	EGY
4	Camille Serme	FRA
5	Laura Massaro	ENG
6	Amanda Sobhy	USA
7	Nicol David	MAS
8	Sarah-Jane Perry	ENG
9	Omneya Abdel Kawy	EGY
10	Alison Waters	ENG
10	Joelle King	NZL
12	Annie Au	HKG
13	Nour El Tayeb	EGY
14	Joshna Chinappa	IND
15	Emily Whitlock	ENG
16	Victoria Lust	ENG
17	Joey Chan	HKG
18	Donna Urquhart	AUS
19	Tesni Evans	WAL
20	Salma Hany Ibrahim	EGY

Willstrop back up to six



England's James Willstrop (*left*) has moved up three places to World No.6 after the PSA Men's World Rankings for March were released, with the Yorkshireman reaching his highest ranking since November 2014.

A combination of a hip injury and illness saw former World No.1 Willstrop tumble down the rankings over the past two years, at one point dropping out of the world's top 20 in late 2015.

But a stunning return to form from 'The Marksman' saw him claim semi-final finishes at the Delaware Investments U.S. Open and J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions this season, resulting in a virtuoso charge up the World Rankings which sees him mixing with the world's elite once more.

Egypt's Mohamed ElShorbagy holds on to top spot for a 15th successive month ahead of nearest challenger and World Champion Karim Abdel Gawad, while Frenchman Gregory Gaultier, three-time World Champion Nick Matthew and the enigmatic Ramy Ashour complete the top five.

Australia's Ryan Cuskelly is the biggest mover in the top 20 alongside Willstrop, moving up three places to a career-best World No.12, one place behind Fares Dessouky, who rises to World No.11, which is also a career-best ranking.

PSA Men's Rankings – March 2017

1	Mohamed ElShorbagy	EGY
2	Karim Abdel Gawad	EGY
3	Gregory Gaultier	FRA
4	Nick Matthew	ENG
5	Ramy Ashour	EGY
6	James Willstrop	ENG
7	Marwan ElShorbagy	EGY
8	Ali Farag	EGY
9	Simon Rösner	GER
10	Tarek Momen	EGY
11	Fares Dessouky	EGY
12	Ryan Cuskelly	AUS
13	Omar Mosaad	EGY
14	Miguel Angel Rodriguez	COL
15	Daryl Selby	ENG
16	Paul Coll	NZL
17	Max Lee	HKG
18	Cameron Pilley	AUS
19	Mathieu Castagnet	FRA
20	Stephen Copping	RSA

WORLD GAMES IN JULY



Entries for the World Games close on 17th March. Soon we will know who will be participating in the international multi-sport event - designed for sports or disciplines or events within a sport that are not contested in the

Olympic Games that is held every four years.

This year the Polish city of Wrocław hosts the Games. Action takes place at the Hasta La Vista Club which hosted the WSF World Juniors in 2013 on 25 – 28 July. Enlarged since then it features over 30 courts as well as its own three sided permanent show court, to which will be added an all-glass show court erected in the club's badminton hall.

Entries are being taken in a combination of finishing positions in the last respective Men's and Women's World Team Championships and wildcards.

WORLD JUNIORS IN NEW ZEALAND IS APPROACHING



Championships Chair Wayne Werder has reported, 'the excitement is ramping up here in Tauranga as we look towards the World Junior Squash Championships in July. Planning is progressing well; a great team of sponsors (Gold Sponsors are Craigs Investment Partners, Carrus Corporation, University of Waikato), a great team of volunteers already, and the venues are undergoing renovations in preparation for the Championships. All in a City that is right behind us helping to ensure this event is a great experience'.

Event Accommodation - The superb Trinity Wharf Tauranga Hotel is the official Hotel for the Championships - reserved for all individual athletes and teams. Preferential accommodation rates for fans and supporters has also been confirmed. All details can be found on www.wsfworldjuniors.com

Meanwhile, the NZ Junior Classic is a new event being run during the World Championships. Open to all New Zealand and international juniors (who will not be part of their national squad for the World Championships).

WSF Junior World Championship 2017 dates:

July 19-24 Individual Championships

July 25-29 Team Championships (Women).

WSF Accredited Products available from these companies mean assured standards when building or renovating squash courts.

For a full list of all Accredited Products please [click here](#)

R & B DESTROYED



A massive fire recently destroyed a historic three-storey Badminton & Racquet Club of Toronto.

The Club's four squash courts and one doubles squash court have hosted many historic events. The Club also features other racket sports including tennis, platform tennis, table tennis, and badminton. With a rich tradition since 1924, as one of Canada's premier clubs, the home to provincial, national, and international champions has been lost.

NEW LOGO FOR AFRICA



The WSF regional federation for Africa has now followed the European Federation in linking their logo to the WSF one as part of increasing alignment.

AUCKLAND'S MINATURE COURT



The first showcase of the 2017 Squash Auckland Summer Beach Series recently, with beachgoers both young and old testing their skills on the miniature squash court. Squash Auckland coaches and representatives were on hand to offer advice and share information about many of the programmes run by the Squash Auckland affiliated clubs, as well as offer up Free Club Night Visit cards to encourage new players to try squash out on a proper court.

DANGERS OF DOPING
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WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
Most medications on the Prohibited List can be bought at a pharmacy — so they must be safe to use, right?
No! Medications are for people with specific health issues — not for healthy athletes. They were not approved to be used by healthy people, in higher doses and in combination with other substances.

WHAT ABOUT DIETARY OR NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS?
"All-natural" does not mean "safe".
Supplement companies are not tightly regulated — meaning you never know what you are taking. There could be a banned substance in your "all-natural" supplement.
USE AT YOUR OWN RISK!
You can't change your what is written on the label.

WHAT'S AT RISK?
All medications have side effects — but taking them when your body doesn't need them can cause serious damage to your body and destroy your athletic career.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD YOU KNOW?
METHODS
There are also methods of administering substances or manipulating your physiology that are banned. These methods can also have negative effects on your body. For example:
Blood doping, including having blood transfusions to change the way your blood carries oxygen to the rest of your body, may result in:
• An increased risk of heart failure, stroke, kidney damage and high blood pressure
• Problems with your blood — like infections, poisoning, clumping of your white cells, and reduction of platelet count
• Problems with your circulatory system
HIV/AIDS
As with any injectable drug, using a syringe to dope puts you at a higher risk for contracting infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and hepatitis.

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