CHAMPIONSHIP HANDBOOK

4th Asian Master Championships

5-8 September 2019

Venue:
Kowloon Cricket Club
Hong Kong

Organized by: ZOMA (HK) Limited
Endorsed by: Hong Kong Squash
Sanctioned by: Asian Squash Federation
Supported by: Kowloon Cricket Club
Sponsored by: Remington Shavers (Hong Kong) Co. Ltd

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Chairman:	Mr. Aaron YIP
Championship Director:	Mr. Amos YUEN
Championship Referee:	Mr. Wan-man WONG
Tournament Secretary:	Mr. Chi-yan CHENG
ASF Technical Delegate:	Mr. Chee-ming LIM (Macau, China)
Committee Members:	Ms. Emily MAK (Hong Kong Squash) Ms. Pinky LI Mr. Peter FRASER Mr. Ho-wai YEUNG

VENUE AND ACCOMODATION

Championship Venue

Kowloon Cricket Club
10 Cox's Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Championship Office

The Championship Office will be located at Macgonwan Room of Kowloon Cricket Club which will be opened from 09:00 a.m. – 7: 00 p.m. on 4 September 2019 and from 09:00 a.m. until all matches finish from 5 September 2019 to 9 September 2019.

Recommended Accommodations

Please arrange accommodation **directly** with respective hotel.

Best Western Grand Hotel
23 Austin Avenue, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
Website: http://bestwesterngrandhotel.com

BP International
8 Austin Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
Website: http://www.bpih.com.hk

Eaton Hotel
380 Nathan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong
Website: https://www.eatonworkshop.com/hotel/hong-kong

Nathan Hotel
378 Nathan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong
Website: http://www.nathanhotel.com

Prudential Hotel
222 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
Website: http://www.prudentialhotel.com

The Mira Hotel
Mira Place, 118-130 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
Website: https://www.themirahotel.com

Entry fee
Participants Fee = **USD 140 (inclusive of welcome dinner and farewell cocktail)**

Entry fee can be paid by Bank Telegraphic Transfer or Paypal (Paypal ID: amos@zomacollection.com) and must be settled **before or on (the closing date)**.

All entry fees in the form of Bank Telegraphic Transfer made payable to:-
Name: ZOMA (Hong Kong) Limited
Address: G/F, 194 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo, Kowloon, Hong Kong
Swift code: BKCHHKHH
Bank name: Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited
Account no: 01235292023798

All bank charges at both ends (remitting and receiving banks) of the telegraphic transfer are to be borne by the participating MNAs.

FULL REFUND of the Entry Fee will **ONLY** be available if withdrawal **before the closing date.**
Entry Fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE** if withdrawal **after the closing date**.

ELIGIBILITY

The Championships is open to all foreign and local players, who are not suspended or banned by the WSF and ASF.

All players must be WSF registered (SPIN) and their registration must be in good standing at the time of entry and then at the time of actual participation.

All player entries must be endorsed by their respective National Association or Federation.

Verification of correct date of birth from passport will be required.

FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The ASF Championship Regulations shall apply and can be viewed on the ASF official website: http://www.asiansquash.org

Events Categories

Men's Age 35-39	Women's Age 35-39
Men's Age 40-44	Women's Age 40-44
Men's Age 45-49	Women's Age 45-49
Men's Age 50-54	Women's Age 50-54
Men's Age 55-59	Women's Age 55-59
Men's Age 60-64	Women's Age 60-64
Men's Age 65-69	Women's Age 65-69
Men's Age 70 or above	Women's Age 70 or above

Age Cut-off Date

5 September 2019

*Each player is eligible to play in a Championship if he is over to specified age on the Start Date of the Championship.

Deadline for entries

25 July 2019

LATE ENTRIES *will* **NOT** *be accommodated.*

For players who need to* ***APPLY VISA**, please submit their entries* ***AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE*** *to ensure an enough time for visa application.*

Withdrawal

Withdrawal of players from the Championships must be notified to the Tournament Director by email. Entry fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE** if withdrawal received **after the closing date.**

Appeal
Any appeal should report to the organising committee and the decision made from Technical Delegate shall be final.

Seeding
Organizer shall be responsible for seeding of individuals as required after the entries are closed. The draw will be made and announced **on or before 29 August 2019**.

Tournament Format for single events
Scoring & Format
All matches will be played to the best of 5 games, 11 points - PAR (Point-A-Rally). WSF Rules of the World Singles Game will be applied throughout the tournament.

Players may be required to play more than one match a day.

Main Draw - There shall be **NO** play-off for 3⁄4 position (3rd place trophy to both losing semi-finalists of Main Draw).

Plate Events - There shall be a championship plate event for all players defeated in their first match. Any other plate will be announced once the entries are closed.

In the event of less than 6 entries in any age-group the Organizer may, at its discretion, combine adjust age-group or run small draws in a round-robin format. Affected players will be advised accordingly.

USE OF KCC FACILITIES

Each player will be eligible for temporary membership of the Club from 4-9 September 2019, both dates inclusive.

During this period, all players will be allowed to make use of the Club's sports and leisure facilities free of charge.

Temporary members will also be allowed to make use of the Club's food and beverage outlets. Details of the Club's sports and leisure facilities, food and beverage outlets and the hours of operation can be found on the Club's website.

Temporary members who wish to use the Club's food and beverage outlets will be required to purchase a debit card to pay for their food and beverage consumption in the Club. Cash cannot be used anywhere in the Club.

Temporary members must carry their temporary membership card with them at all

times when in the Club. Temporary members will be required to show their temporary membership card when making use of the Club's sports and leisure facilities.

The Club does not permit the use of mobile phones to make voice calls inside the Club's premises. A fine of HK700 will be levied for breaches of this regulation.

Multiple breaches may result in temporary membership privileges being terminated. All temporary members are subject to club rules.

TOURNAMENT T-SHIRT

All participants will receive a tournament T-shirt.

INDEMNITY & INSURANCE

All participating associations, competitors and officials agree to indemnify and hold the organising committee, Hong Kong Squash and Asian Squash Federation free and unaccountable for and against any claims for personal injury, death or property damage, arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in the Championships.

NEWS & COMMUNICATION

Information Boards will be located at the Championship Venues. Participants should consult the Information Boards on a regular basis for updated news.

FUNCTIONS

Welcome Dinner will be held on 4 September 2019, at 6:30pm at Kowloon Cricket Club.

Farewell Cocktail will be held on 8 September 2019 at Kowloon Cricket Club, immediate after the prize presentation.

Trophies for all events will be presented immediately on the conclusion of all matches, in the afternoon of the finals day on 8 September 2019.

OFFICIAL BALLS

The Dunlop Revelation Pro XX (double yellow dot) ball will be the official ball for the championships.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

It is the players' responsibility to keep their own belongings safe and close by while in the Venue. Please DO NOT leave any personal belongings include the squash bags

unattended any time. The Organiser will not be liable or responsible for any loss, theft or damage to your personal belongings.

PLAYERS ON COURT

It is the responsibility of each player to be ready to play 15 minutes before the start time of match.

PRACTICE COURTS

Practice courts in KCC are available one day before the tournament (4 September 2019).
Each player can only book ONE session (30 minutes).
Players can book practice court session in advance by email to asianmaster@zomacollection.com.
Courts are allocated in a first come first serve basis.

RACKET-STRINGING SERVICE

Rackets stringing service will be available at the venue.

TIN HEIGHT

The tin height for the 4th Asian Master Championship shall be 19 inches.

VISA INFORMATION

Hong Kong Squash will apply for the work visa exemption for the overseas players but it is subject to the approval of the Hong Kong Immigration Department. The Organizer will inform the players if any news updated from the authorizing department.

But for those players who are national requiring visas to come to Hong Kong for visit, they should submit application for entry visa at least 6 weeks in advance before travelling. For more details, please visit the below link: -
https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/visit-transit/visit-visa-entry-permit.html

The **visa application fee (USD25)** is non-refundable, regardless of the visa application result. In addition, the successful visa applicant will have to pay for a **DHL delivery charge (USD70).**

Players from non-visa free countries are strongly advised to contact **Ms. Emily Mak, Executive Director of Hong Kong Squash (email: emilymak@hksquash.org.hk) on or before 15 July 2019** so as to allow enough time for their visa application.

ASF CODE OF CONDUCT

The following offences may be subject to penalties and/or disciplinary action.

The following offences may be subject to penalties under Rule 17 of the International Singles Game of Squash and of the International Doubles Game or Squash, and/or be subject to disciplinary action by the ASF Disciplinary & Appeals Committee:

AB1. A participant who verbally or physically abuses his opponent, the Marker, Referee, officials, spectators or sponsors.

AB2. A participant who shows dissent to the Marker, Referee or officials, including foul or profane language and obscene or offensive gestures.

AB3. A participant who abuses playing equipment or the court

AB4. A participant who fails to comply with the conditions of entry of a Championship including any rules with regards to clothing or advertising.

AB5. A participant who having entered a championship or accepted an invitation to play withdraws from the event or fails to attend.

AB6. A participant who fails to complete a match for a reason other than injury, illness or emergency situation.

AB7. A participant who defaults from a Championship. The Disciplinary & Appeals Committee may require evidence or proof of 'bona fide' injury, illness or other emergency situation.

AB8. A participant who fails to make himself available to meet reasonable request for interview by the media.

AB9. A participant who does not comply with the Rules or spirit of the Game.

AB10. A participant guilty of any other unreasonable conduct which brings the Game into disrepute, including behaviour as a result of intoxication by any means including recreational substances such as alcohol, marijuana and hallucinogens.