STATE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

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SELECTION CRITERIA FOR MAJOR GAMES 2022
PRESIDENT’S DESK

It is indeed heartening to note that squash events have started albeit only the closed events; 4 state associations have completed the state closed events in their respective states; Kerala, the first state in December 2020 followed by Tripura and Karnataka in January of 2021, the latest Tamil Nadu in February and I’m sure many more states would be following suit in the coming months. Although, this is a good sign of things going back to a new normalcy, I would like to remind you that the pandemic is still not yet over and we must continue to remain cautious till such time everyone gets vaccinated. Nevertheless, I sincerely appreciate the patience and resilience shown by the squash fraternity during the past year!

SRFI SECRETARY GENERAL APPOINTED AS FISU TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR SQUASH

Congratulations to SRFI Secretary General Cyrus Poncha for his appointment as International University Sports Federation (FISU) Technical Committee Chair for Squash for the period (2021-2024) by the FISU headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland. FISU looks forward to a fruitful collaboration by drawing upon the experience of Poncha having been an integral part of 2014 & 2018 World University Championships.

TRIPURA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, AGARTALA, 16-17 JAN 2021 | 1 STAR

The All Tripura Squash-Rackets Association conducted its state closed championship featuring 56 players in 6 categories. Dr. Sujit Roy, Chief Advisor, All Tripura Squash Rackets Association was delighted with the response and said “Although players from a few categories participated, this initiative was a welcome move and we hope to encourage more players to play competitive squash”. The final winners were: Boys U-15: Sachin Kumar; U-19: Mahi Uddin; Girls U15: Rani Kumari; U-19: Sharmishta Bhattacharjee; Women: Machuma Begam Chowdhury; Men: Siddharta Jaisal
The 3rd edition of the Karnataka state Closed Squash Championship, organised by the SWYNG & Sportsfort, was held at the SWYNG courts, Sarjapur Road from 30th January - 1 February 2021. All the players and spectators followed the COVID protocol which was very seriously implemented by the organizers.

With 2 courts at SWYNG, KSRA conducted the matches for a total of 133 entries in 13 categories. The matches on day 1 started after a small inaugural function with the lighting of diyas by a local MLA. Matches started on time with many going the distance of 5 games which resulted in the last match of the day ending at 9.45 pm.

Similarly, on days 2 and 3, all matches went off very smoothly. The finals witnessed some hard fought matches in the MO 45 and the BU 17 events. President Karnataka Squash Mr. K.P. Balasubramaniam was happy with the response and said he is delighted to see the growth of squash in Karnataka.

Velavan Senthilkumar and Sunayna Kuruvilla lifted the men’s and women’s titles at the TN State closed championship 2021 held at the Indian squash Academy.

Velavan got the better of Navaneeth Prabhu S while Sunayna beat Aparajitha Balamurugan. Earlier in the day top-seeded Navaneeth went down in a marathon 80 minute encounter to 2nd seeded Shreemann Raghavan. In the race for the Girls under 19 title Abhisheka Shannon won a hard fought match coming back from 1-2 games against Pooja Arthi R to lift the title. There were celebrations in the Parasrampuria family with Darshil winning the boys under 13 and sister Diva winning the girls under 11 category.

General Secretary of the Tamil Nadu Squash Rackets Association S Balasubramaniyan gave away the prizes. “It was encouraging to observe the enthusiasm of all players who participated in the first event in Tamil Nadu post the lock down” said Mr Balasubramaniyan.

Selection Criteria

22nd Commonwealth Games, Birmingham (28 July - 8 August 2022)

Commonwealth Games
Up to 3 players each (male & female) may be selected for the individual event
Up to 2 pairs each (men’s, women’s & mixed) may be selected for the doubles event
Up to a maximum of 5 players each (men & women) may be selected part of the contingent

Selection of probable will be on the following criteria:
1. Performance at National Championships
2. SRFI / PSA ranking

Note:
1. The SRFI reserves the right to call such other players who, in their opinion, are promising enough to represent India at these championships.

Selection for the individual event will be on the following criteria:
1. Performance at the National Championships 2021 & 2022 which will be held in April 2021 & First quarter of 2022
2. The National Champion 2022 will be automatically selected as a probable in the contingent of 5 players.
3. Selection Trials March / April 2022
4. PSA ranking as on April / May 2022

Selection for the doubles event will be on the following criteria:
1. Performance at National Camps
2. Compatibility of players
3. Future Potential

Note:
1. Dates mentioned above are tentative.
2. Selection Trials for the individual event will be common for both the CWG & AG.
3. Performance at the above will be considered by the selection committee for final selection of the contingent.
4. Decision of the selection committee will be final and binding.
5. Players will be considered for selection subject to them signing the SRFI standard Player Agreement.
Selection Criteria

19th Asian Games, Hangzhou, China (10 - 25 September 2022)

Asian Games
Up to 2 players each (male & female) may be selected for the Individual event
Up to 4 players each (male & female) may be selected for the team event.
Up to a maximum of 4 players each (men & women) may be selected as part of the contingent.

Selection of probable will be on the following criteria:
1. Performance at National Championships
2. SRFI / PSA ranking

Note:
1. The SRFI reserves the right to call such other players who, in their opinion, are promising enough to represent India at these championships.

Selection for the individual & team event will be on the following criteria:
1. Performance at the National Championships 2021 & 2022 which will be held in April 2021 & First quarter of 2022
2. The National Champion 2022 will be automatically selected as a probable in the contingent of 4 players.
3. Selection Trials April / May 2022
4. PSA ranking as on April / May 2022
5. Performance at National Camps

Note:
1. Dates mentioned above are tentative.
2. Selection Trials for the individual event will be common for both the CWG & AG.
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