

Dear Team Convenors,

Wish to inform that WSF has changed the primary and official scoring system for the game of squash to point a rally to 11 points (PAR-11) with effect from 1 April 2009. A message from the World Squash Federation, the international federation and governing body for squash, is attached for your kind reference.

Following to the change, the PAR-11 will be used in all international competitions (junior, senior & master) and major games sanctioned by the World Squash Federation and all its Regional Federations including the Asian Squash Federation, the European Squash Federation, the Squash Federation of Africa, the Federation of Panamericana de Squash and Oceania Squash Federation. Besides, the PAR-11 has been used for all professional tournaments sanctioned by the PSA (Professional Squash Association) and the WISPA (Women's International Squash Players Association) for men's and women's events respectively.

The World Squash Federation is making every effort in bidding for inclusion of squash in the 2016 Olympics and having a uniform scoring system at professional, national and club levels is one of the fundamental criteria for a successful bid. This year is a critical year for the bidding and the result will be announced in October by the International Olympic Committee. Besides, the PAR system is commonly used across all contemporary racquet sports such as table-tennis, tennis, and badminton and is considered to be the most advanced, spectator- and media(TV)-friendly.

Hong Kong Squash, being a key and active member of the World Squash Federation and the Asian Squash Federation, has its obligation to promote the new official scoring system. From now on, PAR-11 will be used for the Hong Kong Closed Championships, the Hong Kong Junior Closed Championships, the Tecnifibre Squash Cup, the Inter-school competitions, the Inter-District and Inter-Regional competitions and any other future competitions to be organized and sanctioned by Hong Kong Squash. Also, the PAR-11 will be used in all matches of the Summer League 2009.

The PAR-11 had been used in the top divisions of the past Summer League seasons as well as by Div 1 & Ladies 1 in the Hong Kong Squash League with no adverse comments received. It is now proposed that we will adopt the new scoring (PAR-11) system for the Hong Kong Squash League in the coming 2009/2010 season. We will like to have your comments by replying to the League Office on or before 8 May 2009 to indicate whether your team would either (i) support, or (ii) against, or (iii) have no comment on using the new scoring system in 2009/2010 season. We wish to make an early decision so that the League players have ample time to become familiar with this scoring system.

Thank you for your kind attention and cooperation. We look forward to your reply before 8 May.