



Squash

Sports Technical Manual

Version 1.0





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1.

**WELCOME AND
INTRODUCTION**

Talofa lava and welcome to Beautiful Samoa – home of the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games.

We are excited to host the Pacific Region's largest quadrennial games here in our country, with more than 4000 Athletes and Team Officials from 24 countries competing in 27 sports.

Samoa is honoured to host you for the Games. We are proud of the work that has been accomplished to produce a world-class event for everyone in such a short period of time. Our motto from the beginning has been to "put our best foot forward" and we hope you will agree that we have done just that.

We put athletes and sport at the heart of our work and want to create a stage where you can excel. We are excited to provide an opportunity and platform for athletes to show their potential and create sporting memories at the Games here in Samoa. We admire your dedication to your sport and acknowledge and appreciate all your efforts in preparing your team to compete at the XVI Pacific Games from 7–20 July 2019. We are also eager to give you the best facilities, organisation and support that the people of Samoa can provide so your athletes can compete at their best.

As a nation, we know that to deliver a successful Games for our Pacific athletes, we will all need to be One in Spirit. Faafetai tele lava to each of the teams for the invaluable assistance provided to the Games Organising Committee. We could not have done this without your support.

We are delighted to present the Sport Technical Handbook for the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games.

This publication contains details of the technical arrangements for your Sports and the various aspects of the Games that affect you. Please treat this as your source of reference during the Games.

Our dedicated Games staff and volunteers are here to assist you if you have any questions or issues. You can also seek further guidance from our Sport Information Centre located at the Games Village and Sport Information Desks at every venue.

We believe that the Pacific Games is not only about sports but also about building bonds between our Pacific nations. Therefore, we wish you a fantastic time at the Games. We hope you enjoy our warm Samoan hospitality as well as the camaraderie of the 24 nations from the Pacific that are participating in this year's Games.

One in Spirit!

Hon. Loau Solamalemalo Keneti Sio
Chairperson
Samoa 2019 Pacific Games

Falefata Hele-Ei Matatia
Chief Executive Officer
Samoa 2019 Pacific Games

2.

ORGANISATION

2.1 International Federation (IF) – World Squash Federation

President: Jacques Fontaine

Chief Executive Officer: Andrew Shelley

2.2 Regional Squash Association – Oceania Squash Federation

President: Jim O'Grady

Executive Officer: Carol Kawaljenko

Vice Presidents: Dale Robbins and Dinesh Narayan

2.3 National Squash Association – Samoa Squash Rackets Association

President: Masoe Norman Wetzell

Secretary: Samantha Manu

Treasurer: Jordan Chewlitt

2.4 Squash Technical Committee – Pre Games

Sports Competition Manager: Carol Kawaljenko

IF Technical Delegate: Jim O'Grady

Tournament Director: Carol Kawaljenko

2.5 Squash Technical Committee – Games Time

International Federation (IF)

- World Squash Federation and Pacific Games Council (PGC)
- Technical Delegate (TD): Jim O'Grady – New Zealand

Organising Committee (OC)

- Sports Competition Manager (SCM): Carol Kawaljenko – Australia

2.6 Key Competition Management

Sports Competition Manager: Carol Kawaljenko (Email: carol.kawaljenko@bigpond.com)

2.7 International Technical Officials (ITO)

International Squash Federation Technical Delegate

Jim O'Grady: New Zealand

2.8 National Technical Officials (NTOs)

A full list of NTOs will be published in the next edition of the Technical Handbook in June.

2.9 Technical Committee Meeting Date

The Technical Committee meeting will be held 24 hours prior to the commencement of the competition. This meeting will provide the most current sport-specific information.

The Technical Committee shall ensure that the Pacific Games Squash competition is conducted in accordance with the technical rules and regulations of the World Squash Federation. Updated information will be distributed at this time.

Details of the Squash Technical Committee meeting are as follows:

Date: 7 July, 2019

Time: 1000hrs

Venue: Squash Courts, Faleata Sports Complex

3.

**COMPETITION
MANAGEMENT**

3.1 List of Events

The Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games Squash Competition shall consist of the following events:

Event	Men	Women
Teams Events	•	•
Singles Events	•	•
Doubles Events	•	•
Mixed Doubles Event	•	

3.2 Competition Schedule

Day	Date	Times	Event
1	Mon 8 July	0800hrs – 1900hrs	Mens & Womens Teams Events Preliminary Rounds
2	Tue 9 July	0800hrs – 1930hrs	Mens & Womens Teams Events Preliminary Rounds
3	Wed 10 July	0800hrs – 1700hrs	Mens & Womens Teams Events Preliminary Rounds
4	Thu 11 July	0800hrs – 1700hrs	Mens & Womens Teams Events FINALS
5	Fri 12 July	1000hrs – 1800hrs	Mens & Womens Singles Events Preliminary Rounds
6	Sat 13 July	1000hrs – 1930hrs	Mens & Womens Singles Events Preliminary Rounds
7	Sun 14 July		Rest Day – No Play
8	Mon 15 July	1000hrs – 2000hrs	Mens & Womens Singles Events Preliminary Rounds
9	Tue 16 July	1000hrs – 1930hrs	Mens & Womens Singles Events FINALS
10	Wed 17 July	0800hrs – 1730hrs	Mens, Womens & Mixed Doubles Preliminary Rounds
11	Thu 18 July	0800hrs – 1730hrs	Mens, Womens & Mixed Doubles Preliminary Rounds
12	Fri 19 July	0800hrs – 1600hrs	Mens, Womens & Mixed Doubles FINALS

3.3 Entries, Seeds and Draws

All athletes must comply with entry requirements as specified in the Pacific Games Council (PGC) Charter; Protocol 7.

Please also refer to specific sections relating to Squash Teams, Singles and Doubles Events.

3.4 Entry by Name (Protocol 7.10 – 7.15)

Entries by name containing the names of competitors and the events in which they wish to compete, shall be forwarded electronically, to reach the OC at least forty-five (45) days before the date of the opening of the Games. Thirty percent of the PGA's estimated per diem obligation shall be payable at this time.

A further confirmation of entries by name shall be required from PGAs no later than 30 days before the opening of the Games, from which the official and final per diem obligation will be calculated. A further 30% of this official per diem obligation shall be payable at this time.

PGAs shall pay the remaining per diem obligation no later than the Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) upon arrival and no Games Accreditation shall be issued to PGAs until the full per diem obligation is discharged. (Protocol 7.10)

A pre-DRM in person, or through the use of technology, shall occur within five days after the further confirmation of entries 30 days before the Games. (Protocol 7.11)

Each PGA shall pay at the DRM such sum as the Executive Board may prescribe for each competitor and official entered, which shall be paid into a separate account in the name of the Council (Protocol 7.12)

Entries shall be completed electronically, and shall be forwarded to the OC via the Sporting Pulse provided Games Management System website.

A PGA may also, simultaneously, submit a signed spreadsheet of athlete entries as an additional step to confirm its entries. The OC shall forward the entries to the Council and the relevant International Federations. (Protocol 7.13)

The OC shall send to PGAs copies of "Entry and Eligibility Conditions form" in English and French to be signed by each competitor and to be countersigned by the appropriate PGA and duly affiliated National Federation (NF).

Completed forms for each athlete must be returned to the OC no later than the DRM. The Council shall approve the text to this form based upon the guidelines contained in Regulation 20. 34 (Protocol 7.14)

As per Article 25 (5), late entries by name will not be accepted. (Protocol 7.15)

3.5 Final Entries (Protocol 7.16 – 7.21)

The names of those competitors finally entered for each event shall be confirmed to the OC at the Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) at least 48 hours prior to the official opening of the Games. With the exception of the provisions of Protocol 7.18, no amendments to a PGA's delegation of athletes may be made after the DRM. (Protocol 7.16)

Only those competitors whose names appear on the individual entry Forms shall be eligible for final confirmation for participation. (Protocol 7.17)

When a competitor is injured after being included in the final entries forms, a substitute may be nominated on production of a medical certificate from the doctor designated by the OC provided this nomination is made before midnight preceding the opening event of the tournament in which the injured competitor would have taken part. The substitute's name must have been entered in the Individual Entries forms of that sport. (Protocol 7.18)

Each PGA shall be required to ensure that Article 8 is observed with regard to the selection and management of its team. (Protocol 7.19)

The Executive Board may require the OC to reject an entry, which does not comply with the requirements of the Charter, or for any other good or sufficient reason. (Protocol 7.20)

Penalties shall be imposed on the PGA for entries submitted that do not comply with the Council Charter. These penalties shall be payable to the PGC and shall include a minimum monetary fine of US\$1,000 or removal of the PGA's voting rights at the next Council annual meeting, or both. (Protocol 7.21)

3.6 Conditions of Entry

For the Pacific Games, Pacific Mini Games and in respect of all activities of the Council and events under its control, there shall be no discrimination against any member country or person on any grounds whatsoever, including race, gender, religion or politics. (Article 8)

The Executive Board may require the OC to reject an entry, which does not comply with the requirements of the Charter, or for any other good or sufficient reason. (Protocol 7.20)

3.7 Maximum Entries

The maximum number of players per Country who may compete in the Pacific Games Squash competition is as follows:

- Maximum of 10, with no more than 5 of the same sex (Regulation 6.16)

3.8 Draws

The draw will be conducted in accordance with IF Rules. Further details will be provided at the Technical Committee Meeting.

3.9 Competition Rules and Regulations

3.9.1 Rules

The latest publication of WSF Squash Rules shall be used:

- Squash Singles Rules (effective January 2019)
- International Doubles rules (effective January 2015)

3.9.2 Player Eligibility

In addition to any eligibility rules of the Pacific Games stated in Article 26 of the Pacific Games Council Charter, each squash player must have a valid WSF Squash Player Identification Number (SPIN) obtainable from WSF. The SPIN numbers for all players must be emailed to the Tournament Director at least 5 days prior to the commencement of the first event.

3.9.3 Scoring

- Teams and Singles Events: Point-A-Rally, best to 5 games
- Doubles: Point-A-Rally, best to 3 games

3.9.4 Official Ball

Dunlop Pro Squash double yellow dot ball.

3.9.5 Practice Times

Each country shall be allocated practice times prior to the commencement of the Squash Competition (depending on team arrivals), and during the Games (dependant on court availability).

Details of designated practice times shall be prepared by the Tournament Director and provided to Team Managers.

3.9.6 Protective Eyewear

Junior Players – any player under the age of 19 years as at the first day of competition (Monday, 8 July 2019) must wear protective eyewear on court at all times whilst training, warming-up or competing.

Doubles Matches – ALL players must wear protective eyewear on court at all times whilst training, warming-up or competing.

3.9.7 Refereeing and/or Marking

A qualified official shall officiate all matches.

Players may be required to score a match as determined by the Tournament Referee.

3.9.8 Drug Testing

All players are responsible for ensuring that any medication taken (either prescribed or otherwise) is not classed as a prohibited substance under the WADA regulations.

3.9.9 Technical Meeting

It is mandatory for all competing Countries to be represented. Each country may be represented by a maximum of 2 persons, and if necessary an interpreter.

The meeting will review details of the competition arrangements concerning Samoa 2019 generally and the Squash Competition.

Each country is required to provide the meeting with the following ranking lists for both genders:

- Teams event: ranked order of players;
- Singles: ranking list plus copy of country's latest national rankings, and
- Doubles: ranking list of all doubles combinations.

Further technical meetings may be convened during the Games as deemed necessary at a venue and time to be advised.

3.10 Teams Competition

3.10.1 Team Configuration

A maximum number of five (5) players can be nominated in both the Mens and Womens Team Events.

3.10.2 Number of Players Contesting Each Tie

Men: 4 players

Women: 3 players

3.10.3 Draw

A Round Robin Draw will be used for all Team Events.

If a team withdraws after the first Technical Meeting, or during the course of the competition, a walkover will be allocated to the opposition team.

No team will be scheduled to play more than two (2) ties on the same day.

3.10.4 Player Ranking Order

The ranked order of players must be confirmed at the Technical Meeting and this order is to be maintain throughout the event.

Team Managers may appeal the Ranking Order of another country. If this cannot be resolved during the Technical Meeting a written appeal must be lodged within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the Technical Meeting.

3.10.5 Order of Play

Playing order for all ties will be determined at the Technical Meeting using a method agreed by Team Managers.

The agreed daily playing order shall be distributed to all Team Managers on the first day of play.

3.10.6 Daily Team Lists

45 minutes prior to the start of play for each tie, Team Managers must lodge the names of the players who will be contesting the tie.

Once the list has been lodged no changes can be made unless in the event of illness or injury to a player originally nominated.

3.10.7 Scheduled Playing Time

All team members must be ready to play at the scheduled start time for the tie. Players who arrive after the scheduled start time cannot be reinstated in a team.

If any player is not in attendance all other players must move up the order and the uncontested match shall be forfeited as a walk-over, unless in extenuating circumstances where the Tournament Director and/or International Technical Delegate may allow late attendance.

3.10.8 Determination of Placing

At the completion of the Preliminary Rounds teams will be ranked, e.g. 1 to 6.

Each tie shall be decided on:

- matches won;
- games won when matches are even;
- points won when matches and games are even.

In the event that 2 teams have equal overall points a count back of differential points will be used.

3.11 Singles Competition

3.11.1 Player Eligibility

All players nominated to compete in the Teams Event are eligible to compete, in addition to those players who are accepted as individual entrants.

3.11.2 Player Entries

Each country is eligible to nominate a maximum of 5 players of each gender.

A list of confirmed players for each Country must be lodged no later than 9:00am on Thursday, 11 July 2019 to allow sufficient time for the draw to be formulated.

3.11.3 Player Seeding

Eight (8) players shall be seeded in each Draw.

The Tournament Committee shall seed ten (10) players to cover the possibility of early withdrawal of a player seeded in the top 8. Seedings shall be based on the performance of players in the Teams Competition and current ranking.

The seeding list shall be provided to Team Managers no later than 1000hrs on Thursday, 11 July.

Seeding Appeal is allowed (refer to Appeals Section) and must be lodged by 1100hrs that day. A decision will be advised no later than 1200hrs of that day.

3.11.4 Draw

A draw that allows all players to continue to play throughout the Tournament regardless of a win or loss shall be utilised.

Players from the same country will not be drawn to play each other in their first match where possible.

Should more than 32 entries be received for an event a qualifying round shall be conducted to reduce the number of entries to 32.

The Singles Draws will be produced by 1600hrs on Thursday 11 July and distributed to Team Managers and Officials as soon as possible.

Team Managers must immediately notify the Tournament Director of any player withdrawals. In the event a player withdraws after the Singles Draw has been distributed, or during the course of the competition, a walkover will be allocated to the opposition player.

3.11.5 Player Registration

All players must register at the Control Desk at least 30 minutes prior to the official starting time for each of their matches.

3.12 Doubles Competition

3.12.1 Doubles Events

The following Doubles Events shall be contested:

- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

3.12.2 Player Eligibility

All accredited players are eligible to contest the Doubles Events.

3.12.3 Team Entries

A country may enter two (2) teams in each of the Doubles Events.

Team Managers shall provide a list of doubles pairs for all three (3) events, in ranked order, no later than 1000hrs on Tuesday, 16 July.

Team Managers must immediately notify the Tournament Director of any player withdrawals.

3.12.4 Player Replacement

A player may be replaced in the event of player injury or illness, provided that any changes are advised at least one (1) hour prior to the schedule starting time of the first match of that pair. Only one (1) player of a doubles pair may be replaced.

No player can be replaced once the pair has played their first match.

3.12.5 Seeding

Four (4) pairs shall be seeded in each draw.

The Tournament Committee shall seed six (6) pairs to cover the possibility of early withdrawal of a pair seeded in the top 4 and provide the seeding list to Team Managers no later than 1100hrs on Tuesday, 16 July.

Seeding shall be based on the performance of players in both the Teams and Singles Events and other known performances in Doubles Events.

Seeding Appeal is allowed (refer to Appeals Section) and must be lodged by 1200hrs that day. A decision will be advised no later than 1300hrs of that day.

3.12.6 Draw

A Knockout Draw (with Plate Events) will be used for all Doubles Events unless there are less than eight (8) pairs competing. With seven (7) or less pairs, a Round Robin draw with play-offs for Medals shall be utilised.

Teams from the same country shall not be drawn to play each other in their first round match where possible.

The Doubles Draws shall be distributed to Team Managers and Officials no later than 1800hrs on Tuesday 16 July.

3.12.7 Player Registration

All doubles pairs must register at the Control Desk at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time for each of their matches.

3.13 Oceania Championships

3.13.1

The results of the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games squash competition will be recognised as the official results of the 14th Oceania Championships.

3.13.2 Eligibility

To be eligible to win an Oceania Championship a player must be a registered player of a fully financial member of the Oceania Squash Federation.

3.13.3 Phillip Cridge Memorial Trophy

This trophy shall be awarded to the player who is considered the most improved throughout the Championships and displayed good sportsmanship throughout the Games.

This award is dedicated to Phillip Cridge from Papua New Guinea for his untiring efforts to develop and promote the game of squash in the Oceania Region.

Team Managers, Tournament Referees and the International Technical Delegate shall have one (1) vote each. Details of voting requirements shall be advised at the Technical Meeting.

3.14 Protests, Appeals and Arbitration Procedures

3.14.1

All appeals will be considered by the Squash Appeals Committee on submission, in writing, to the International Technical Delegate.

3.14.2

Appeals can only be lodged by a Team Manager, member of the Tournament Committee or an official Referee.

3.14.3

An Appeal Committee of 3 persons will be formed within 1 hour of an appeal being lodged. No member of the Committee shall have been involved in, or referred to, in the Appeal.

3.14.4

The decision of the Appeal Committee shall be relayed to all parties referred to in the Appeal as soon as possible after it has been considered.

3.14.5

Should the Committee not reach a majority decision in its deliberations the International Technical Delegate shall have the casting vote.

3.14.6

All appeals must be lodged within one (1) hour of the incident or event.

3.14.7 General Appeals

An appeal may be lodged in relation to the application of rules of the Technical Manual or the conduct of the Squash Program generally.

The parties in the Appeal have the right to further Appeal to a Disputes Committee under Article 28 of the Pacific Games Charter, where it is considered the decision of the Squash Appeals Committee is in conflict with the provisions of the Charter.

3.14.8 Player Ranking Order – Team Events

A country may dispute the composition of another country's order of ranking tabled at the Technical Meeting.

3.14.9 Player Seedings – Singles and Doubles Events

A country may dispute the Tournament Committee's initial seeding list. Should an appeal be upheld, the seedings will be adjusted accordingly. There is no further right of appeal should the original appeal be dismissed.

4.

**COMPETITION
VENUE**

4.1 Squash Courts Faleata

The squash competition of the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games will be held at the Squash Courts, Faleata Sports Complex.

4.2 Travel time

The Squash Courts, Faleata Sports Complex are approximately 15 minutes journey time from the Games Village.

4.3 Facilities

The venue will provide the following facilities:

- Competition Management Room
- Toilets, showers and changing rooms
- Sport Information Desk

4.4 Technical Details

All competition and practice matches will be played at the Squash Courts, Faleata Sports Complex.

4.5 Sport Information Desk

Each competition venue will have a Sport Information Desk (SID). This will be your main point of contact during your stay to provide you with additional information you may require, as well as being the main collection point of relevant competition information.

The main Sport Information Centre (SIC) will be located in the international zone at the Games Village, Faleula, Apia.

5.

TRAINING VENUE

Training for Squash will take place at the Squash Courts, Faleata Sports Complex.

5.1 Travel time

This venue is located approximately 15 minutes journey time from the Games Village.

5.2 Facilities

The venue will provide the following facilities:

- Competition Management Room
- Toilets, showers and changing rooms
- Sport Information Desk

5.3 Availability

The training venue will be available from Friday, 5 July 2019. A detailed training schedule will be drawn up for all teams.

5.4 Amendment and Booking of Training Venues

Upon arrival in Apia, each team will receive a detailed schedule of the slots they have been allocated before and during the event.

Amendments to and the booking for additional training times should be done through the Sports Competition Manager at the Squash Courts, Faleata Sports Complex.

5.5 Media Access to Training Venues

Media will not be permitted at any Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games Non-Competition Training Venues.

However, nominated PGA team photographers will be permitted.

Media access at all Pacific Games Competition Training Venues will be at the discretion of the Sports Competition Manager.



INFORMATION

6.1 Information before 4 July 2019

PGAs requiring any information or clarification should contact the relevant Sports Competition Manager.

6.2 Information from 4 July 2019

The main Sport Information Centre (SIC) is located in the Games Village at the Faleula Methodist Compound. There will also be a Sport Information Desk at each of the Competition Venues.

6.3 Sport Information Centre at the Games Village

The SIC at the Games Village will be open from 4 July 2019. It will open from 0700hrs until 2200hrs and will provide Chef de Mission, Team Managers and Team Officials with critical information relating specifically to training and competition for each of the 27 Sports.

Athletes will not have access to the Sports Information Centre.

The SIC will be staffed by personnel who can liaise directly with relevant Sports Competition Managers, to provide a one-stop sport, transport information and troubleshooting service to Team Officials and their technical staff.

The SIC will provide all sports information and results. Other general services offered by the information centre are:

- Distribution of technical information, such as results, start lists, competition schedules etc.
- Distribution of information regarding Technical meetings, seedings and draws, Technical Officials appointments, training sessions, transport arrangements, etc.
- Procedures for PGAs to book/amend training sessions.
- Procedure for PGAs to declare training sessions open to the media and for advising media on a daily basis of any "open" training sessions.
- Providing communication links between Competition Venues, Competition Management and Teams.
- Receipt and authorisation of requests for Athlete Venue Meals.
- Co-ordination of sports and other information for PGAs.

6.4 Results

Results will be available for publication and online between 30 and 60 minutes after the conclusion of the competition.

7.

MEDICAL

7.1 Games Polyclinic

The Village Medical Centre at the Games Village will provide primary medical care services from 4 July – 22 July, 2019 to all Athletes, Team Members and Officials.

The Games Polyclinic will be open daily between 0700hrs and 2200hrs. Emergency medical, dental, pharmacy advice and dispensing services will be provided on a 24-hour basis.

7.2 Technical Officials

Technical Officials will be able to use the facilities at the Games Polyclinic during the stated times of operation. Technical Officials can access all of the services provided, including the stated 24-hour emergency services.

7.3 Competition Venues

Medical services will be provided for athletes at each of the Competition Venues. The service will be available from one (1) hour prior to start of competition until all athletes have been treated. Where required by the sport, paramedic ambulances will also be on standby at the venue.

7.4 Training Venues

Medical services provided to the Training Venues shall be on an on-call basis. Referrals from team doctors requiring further attention can be attended to at the Polyclinic.

Where required by the sport, paramedic ambulances will also be on standby on an on-call basis.

7.5 Prosthesis Repair

Prosthesis repairs will be carried out at the Games Polyclinic, at the stated daily operating times of 0700hrs to 2200 hrs.

7.6 Doping Control

The Athletes are informed that drug testing will be organised for the duration of the XVI Pacific Games, in close collaboration with the World Anti-Doping Association – (WADA).

It is the responsibility of supervisors and Athletes to refer to the list of prohibited substances and to abstain from consuming them.

The list can be downloaded from the World Anti-Doping Association website (www.wada-ama.org).

Any Athlete that tests positive to a prohibited substance will be disqualified from the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games.

8.

TRANSPORT

8.1 Athletes and Team Officials

Athletes and Team Officials from each country will use dedicated private vehicles for their movement through Games locations including the Games Village, the competition venue, the training venue and the dining halls. This/these vehicle(s) will come with a dedicated driver who will be the responsibility of the sport to which it is allocated. These vehicles will come with a dedicated driver. Each team is responsible for the driver. The vehicles will be available from the date of arrival of the team to the end of competition.

8.2 Technical Officials

Technical Officials will use a Technical Official Shuttle Service for their movement to and from their accommodation to the Competition Venues. This service will run from date of arrival through the day after competition. As different sports are accommodated at different hotels, the service will be dedicated to each group of Technical Officials. Technical Officials will use a pool vehicle service to access the dining halls on an individual technical official basis.

8.3 Competition Venues

Shuttle Bus Services to Competition Venues will cease upon completion of that venue's competition. Note the shuttle bus service does not stop at every competition venue.

Bus services to all Sporting Venues cease by 1900hrs, on 20 July 2019.

9.

GENERAL REFERENCE INFORMATION

9.1 Technical Committee

The Squash Technical Committee will meet on Sunday, 14 July at 1000hrs at the Squash Courts, Faleata Sports Complex.

Please note that the date, time and place of the meeting will be confirmed on 25 June 2019 at the latest.

Role of the Technical Committee.

The Technical Committee will abide by the following rules enacted by the Pacific Games Council Charter amended on June 17, 2018.

Protocol 15 of the Pacific Games Charter: Organisation of the Different Sports Competition Committees.

15.1 The Council has complete control of the policy of the Games.

15.2 The OC shall set up its own sports division and also one such sports competition committee for each sport. Each National Federation of the Host PGA affiliated to the relevant International Federation whose sport is included in the programme of the Games shall appoint one of its representatives to serve on the sports competition committee. Each representative shall keep his /her governing body informed on progress made. The governing body shall maintain close liaison with the sports competition committee of its sport and be initially responsible, within the overall policy of the OC, for the arrangements of its sport.

15.3 Under the direction of the Council, the Organising Committee shall convene meetings of a PGC Technical Committee for each sport. The PGC Technical Committee will supervise and assume complete control of the technical arrangements for the sport, and ensure that the sport is conducted in accordance with the relevant International Federation's regulations unless as varied by the PGC Executive Board.

15.4 Membership of each PGC Technical Committee shall consist of two representatives from the Host country/territory, one representative from each of the other competing countries/territories and the International Federation representative (or their nominee), all with voting rights. Other members may be co-opted, but without voting rights.

15.5 The date, time and place of the meeting of a PGC Technical Committee for each sport will be communicated to all PGAs at least one month prior to the opening of the Games. The meeting itself will be held not more than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the sport.

15.6 Each PGC Technical Committee shall elect its own chairman and have an officer of the Council as an ex-officio member.

15.7 No PGC Technical Committee can validly meet without at least 50% of participating PGAs (excluding the Host) in that sport being present.

15.8 The PGC Technical Committee may alter the order and timing of events during and between each day of competition on the programme, but it may not alter the detailed programme and/or dates of sport competition without the approval of the PGC Executive Board.

9.2 International Rules

The events will be organised in conformity with the regulations of the international rules of Squash:

- Squash Singles Rules (effective January 2019)
- International Doubles rules (effective January 2015)

9.3 Medals

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in the Pacific Games Squash in accordance with the PGC Charter; Protocol 26.

- Four (4) or more contestants: Gold, Silver and Bronze
- Three (3) contestants: Gold and Silver only
- Two (2) contestants: Gold only
- One (1) contestant: No Event, No Medal

9.4 Medal Ceremonies

In conformity with Protocol 23 of the Charter, the Medal Ceremonies will be held at the completion of the Teams, Singles and Doubles Events.

Each Athlete is requested to wear the official sports uniform of her/his delegation to attend the Medal Ceremony.

Athletes should attend all Medal Ceremonies in their official PGA team tracksuit and appropriate footwear, even when the Medal Ceremony is scheduled for a different day to the day of competition.

9.5 Personal Clothing and Personal Equipment

As per the Pacific Game Charter:

Regulation 17 Part II Rules Relating to Identification of Personal Clothing and Personal Equipment.

There shall be no advertising or publicity on personal equipment and competition clothing used or worn at the Games. Subject to the International Federations rules identification of

the manufacturer (name and/or logo) of the equipment and or clothing may appear, if not marked conspicuously for advertising purposes as follows:

1. **Manufacturer's Identification:** The identification of the manufacturer shall not appear more than once per item of clothing and equipment.
2. **Equipment:** Manufacturers identification shall not exceed 10 per cent of the surface area of the equipment that is exposed during competition and shall not be more than 60 square centimetres.
3. **Headgear (hats, helmets, sunglasses, goggles etc) and gloves:** Any identification of the manufacturer shall not exceed 6 square centimetres.
4. **Clothing:** One identification of the manufacturer (logo, name or combination) may appear on each article of clothing worn by athletes, officials or judges (vest, shorts, track-suits etc), the maximum area of which shall be 15 square centimetres with a maximum height of 4 centimetres. No other form of advertising or sponsorship on clothing shall be permitted.
5. **Shoes:** The normal distinctive design pattern of the manufacturer is permitted. The manufacturer's name and/or logo may also appear, up to a maximum of 6 square centimetres, either as part of the normal distinctive design pattern or independent of the normal distinctive design pattern.
6. Variation of the above rules shall be subject to approval of the Executive Board.

9.6 Eligibility

All athletes wishing to compete in the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games must comply with current requirements for representing a Country and participating in the Games according to the PGC charter; Article 26.

In the event of a challenge to a competitor's eligibility, the Executive Board shall immediately refer the challenge to the Disputes Tribunal in accordance with PGC Charter; Article 26.8.

The Tribunal's decision shall be final. No further challenges shall be considered thereafter.

Pacific Games Association delegation entries are required to be finalised, confirmed and posted on the Pacific Games Council and Organising Committee websites 20 days prior to the commencement of the Games. PGC Charter; Article 26.10

9.7 Mixed Zone

On each competition site a zone dedicated to exchanges between the Athletes and accredited journalists will be reserved near the exit from the competition area (mixed zone). Athletes and team supervisors are requested to cooperate with the media.

9.8 Charter of the Games

The events will be organised in conformity with the Pacific Games Council Charter which should be referred to whenever technical information which does not appear in the international regulations.

The Pacific Games Council Charter can be downloaded from the Samoa 2019 Pacific Games' website (www.samoa2019.ws) in the "About Us" section.

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MAPS AND PLANS

Detailed venue maps will be released in the next edition of the Technical Handbook in June.