

**WSF World MASTERS Squash Championships 2024  
AMSTERDAM  
PLAYERS MANUAL**



## WSF President's Welcome ~ August 2024

Welcome to the 2024 WSF World Masters' Championships in the wonderful city of Amsterdam, with its historic canals, world famous artists, many bicycles . . . and the Frans Otten Stadion, one of the largest squash clubs in the world.

If we were in any doubt about squash's bounce back from the pandemic, the huge record entry of over 1,200 registrations for this event is testament to the sport's vibrancy. This Championship also coincides with the start of the new 4-year Olympic cycle of squash's inclusion in LA28, another cause for celebration.

The World Masters Championship is always such a special event as it brings our global masters squash community back together to both compete, renew friendships and make new ones on and off court. It's wonderful to be returning to Frans Otten, which will be an exceptional venue for this event and I'm sure the atmosphere will be amazing. On behalf of the WSF we'd like to thank the Koopman Family for providing their venue for the week of the Championships.

The Championship wouldn't be happening without the support and commitment of a small team of dedicated people to which we owe our huge thanks. To the Board of Squash Bond Nederland for agreeing to host the event, and to the European Squash Federation (ESF) for taking on the organisation. Special thanks to Championship Director Marcel Borst who has recruited his wife Marjolein and family to help manage this huge event. Thanks also to WSF Technical Director Thomas Troedson, Championship Referee Marko Podgoršek and his team of referees who will be relying on you all to help them referee a record number of matches during the week.

It promises to be an exciting and memorable week of squash in Amsterdam. On behalf of the WSF I wish you all every success on court, renewing old and making new friendships. Have an enjoyable and unforgettable stay in the historic city of Amsterdam.

Zena Wooldridge OBE

President, World Squash Federation



## **Dear Players and Officials,**

We are ready to welcome you all for a fantastic sport event, you will be part of the WSF World Masters Championships 2024 in Amsterdam.

## **Welcome to Amsterdam.**

The Championships will be conducted under the World Squash Federation (WSF) World Championship Regulations to be found at <https://www.worldsquash.org/world-championship-regulations-2/>

Collect your accreditation badge at the registration desk upon arrival at the venue. Players must present their passport or identity document on registration to confirm their date of birth.

**Venue:** Frans Otten Stadion - 21 squash courts

IJsbaanpad 43, 1076 CV Amsterdam, Netherlands

Telephone: 020 662 87 67

## **Program of functions** (access with tickets only):

Thursday 15 August; Meet& greet welcome reception (17:00 -20:00)

Friday 16 August: Opening dinner (19:00-22:00)

Sunday 18 August: BBQ players party (19:00-22:00)

Thursday 22 August; Closing dinner & party (19:30-01:00)

**Event website** there you will find all important information for the event.

*And here is the technical stuff..... In no particular order, so you have to read it all.*

## **WSF CHAMPIONSHIPS ADJUDICATING PANEL – CAP**

- WSF Technical Delegate: Thomas Troedsson
- Championships director: Marcel Borst
- Championships referee: Marko Podgoršek

## **REFEREEING**

Do I need to ref a match?

Yes, every player is scheduled to be the referee directly after your own match (either you win or lose) together with your opponent. Both players stay behind the court and use the LiveScore tablets to keep the score.

If you are lucky one of our certified international referees is assigned to the match. The Championships referee can assign you to another match. Or you volunteer to do one as we need all the help we can get.

WSF strongly recommend for all the players to complete the WSO Player course before the commencement of any WSF competitions.

<https://worldsquashofficialing.com/courses/player-certificate-tournament-level/>

## **CLOTHING AND ADVERTISING**

The WSF clothing and advertising regulations will be adhered to. In all matters of judgement or opinion arising from the interpretation of this clothing regulation, the decision of the Championships Referee shall be final.

## **SCORING**

PAR 11 scoring will be used (to 2 clear points).

## **SQUASH BALLS**

The Dunlop PRO XX ball will be used.

## **BAGS**

Please leave your bags while not playing a match in the Bag area on the sub-level, right of the show court (court 21).

## **RACKET SERVICE**

On request and operated at the Dunlop shop.

Please go to the reception of the Frans Otten Stadium (located next to the tournament desk) to ask for prices and possibilities.

- Stringing Service on an automated stringing machine
- changing of grip tape

## **LIVE SCORE**

Live Scoring for all matches on every court

## **LIVE STREAMING on [World Squash TV](#) and the Olympic Channel**

Show Court (court 21), Court 11 and Court 20.

## **ANTI-DOPING TESTING**

Anti-doping tests will be carried out on any or all players at any time from arrival until departure. The WSF reserve the right to implement compulsory dope testing for any player participating in the World Championships.

*([Know the World Championships regulations](#))*

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Depending on your travel plans and the duration of your stay, there are a number of different public transport tickets that are especially valuable for visitors of Amsterdam and the region. Which one suits your plans best?

To the Frans Otten Stadion: Tram 24 / bus stop Ijsbaanpad

<https://gvb.nl/en/travel-information/journey-planner>

## **BY CAR to the courts**

The venue has a paid parking lot, players and visitors can obtain a 50% reduction ticket at the reception desk. Pre-reservation is not available, but there will be plenty of space.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**

Official photographers will take during the event and action photos by Nathalie Goossens. The photo album is accessible via the [event website](#).

## **COOL WATER**

Is it safe to drink tap water?

It is completely safe to drink from the faucet. In the Frans Otten Stadion you can fill your bottles at the faucets in the lavatories/toilets, there will be an extra tap on the sub level near the show court. In the hotel you can safely drink the tap water as well.

## **FIRST AID**

is available during the hours matches are played.

## **PHYSIOTHERAPEUTIC SERVICE**

Physio Service will be offered daily and on request, operated by Dinon Vermeij. Located in the left corner office at the bottom of the stairs, next to the show court stands. A consult/session can be reserved via the reservation list at the Information Desk. The first consult is free of charge, further consults are at own expense.

## **INSURANCE AND RISKS**

Player's enter the event at their own risk, in case of Force Majeure the host nor ESF or WSF can be held responsible for any caused damage.

- Players enter and play in the Championships at their own risk.
- Neither the WSF /ESF, the Host Association, the Host Club nor the Organisers,

will accept any responsibility for injury or other damages arising from participation in the Championships.

- WSF recommends that all officials and participants have full travel, medical and property insurance when travelling to any Championships.

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS AND CONTACTS**

+ Emergency 112

+ Hospitals

o VU Medisch Centrum, De Boelelaan 1117, 1081 HV Amsterdam  
General practice center / HAP: +31 (0)88 003 0600

o SEH AMC, Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam  
Emergency department post / hospital: +31 (0)20 566 2222

## **PRIVACY POLICY**

The tournament shall be run under the terms and conditions as set out in WORLD SQUASH PRIVACY POLICY as published on the WSF website [www.worldsquash.org](http://www.worldsquash.org)

The team will be publishing draws, results, photos of players as well as live footage from matches, players and the venue.

As this is part of the tournament regulations, the host and organisers will deem that players/managers/coaches have accepted these regulations by entering the tournament.