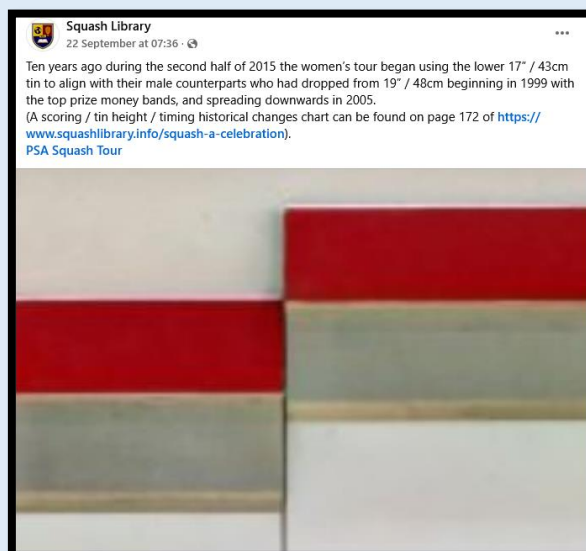
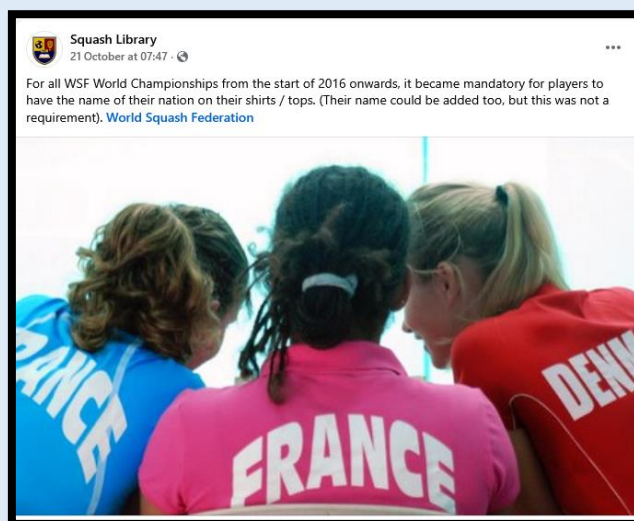
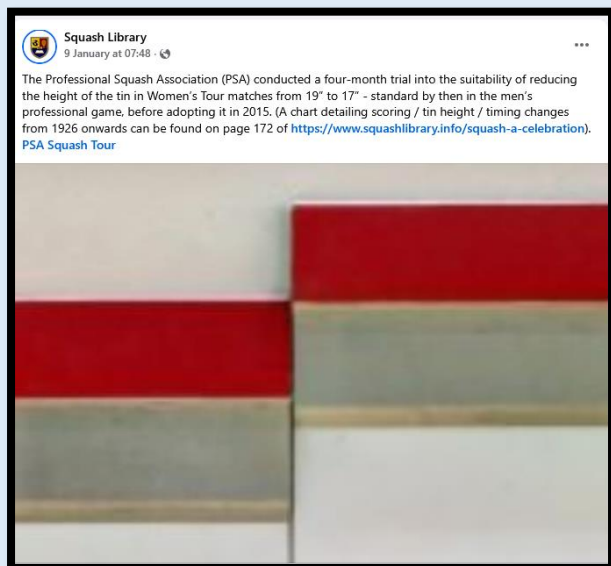


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## 2026



## 2025

Squash Library  
11 August at 07:44 · 🌐

Before the 1980s seeding positions in draws were fixed so that if they got through the quarters would see 1 v 8, 4 v 5, 3 v 6, 2 v 7. Semis would be 1 v 4, 2 v 3.

Clearly this favoured the top seed as on paper they would have the easiest quarter final against the 8<sup>th</sup> seed, while the 4<sup>th</sup> would play 5<sup>th</sup>. The top seed would then play the winner of the 4 v 5 encounter. Then, in the final the match would be against the winner of the close 2 v 3 battle.

At that point random draw was adopted instead – the clue to more fairness in a variety of options being in the word ‘random.’

Squash Library  
26 March at 07:52 · 🌐

In the 1980s Dr Eric Farr started his TeleSquash format. ‘I want to shorten the rallies, increase the number of winners, speed up the scoring and put life into the spectating,’ he said. Farr (pictured), a lecturer at Aberdeen’s School of Agriculture in Scotland had coached Peter Nicol supporting father Pat Nicol in his early years. He then promoted events at the local Aberdeen Squash Club to show off his format.

In TeleSquash the maximum number of strokes per rally was limited to 15, game scoring was to 15 with a two-point clear lead required. Top players such as Nicol, Jansher Khan, Peter Marshall and Chris Dittmar competed for the prize money while Farr compiled the statistics.

His research showed that the rally lengths under TeleSquash rules were comparable with the lengths in county league squash. The games were shorter, the game scores closer, the last games were closer and a higher number of rallies end in winners. Under TeleSquash rules there was a nick every 3.7 rallies.

This short-lived initiative was taking place as the men’s tour was moving from HIHo to PAR15 scoring and a lower tin in 1989, before going down to PAR11 in 2004.

[PSA Squash Tour](#)



Squash Library  
25 March at 08:00 · 🌐

The 2018 Canary Wharf Classic in London was the first ranking PSA Tour event to be played using a best-of-three games format. Rounds before the semi-finals used best of three, with the last two rounds reverting to best-of-five. [PSA Squash Tour](#)



Squash Library  
20 February at 07:58 · 🌐

A calculated move! When ISPA (now PSA) was formed in 1974, rankings and seedings were decided by committee. Then in 1979, a move to computer calculations using points for rounds reached, the size of event, and using an average, was evolved. Here: <https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources>, on the library website, are the original details with examples for members at the time.

[PSA Squash Tour](#)



2024

2023

Squash Library  
30 September at 08:27

A major rule change for the pro game came in 35 years ago in 1989 when ISPA (Men, now PSA M/W) proposed ed this. (Full rule change details from 1920s to present are in 'Squash Then And Now': <https://www.squashlibrary.info/squash-a-celebration> for details. PSA Squash TourWorld Squash Federation

**As from January 1989 all ISPA tournaments should be played with a lower tin 43cm (17in) as opposed to the present 48cm (19in), with American scoring [PAR], players having only one serve and that the cut or service line should be abolished.**

***(All except the service line abolishment came into effect)***

Squash Library  
8 May at 06:36

20 years ago this month PSA piloted the scoring move down from 15 to 11 points per game at the 2004 Super Series Finals in Broadgate, London. At the time the PSA Chief Executive Gawain Briars said, 'There has been major interest on this issue over the last few years, with other associations wanting scoring harmony in the professional divisions, promoters wanting a system which they consider is more attractive to their customers, and broadcasters (and now possibly streaming) wanting a more abbreviated game to suit the 'one hour' viewer attention span.

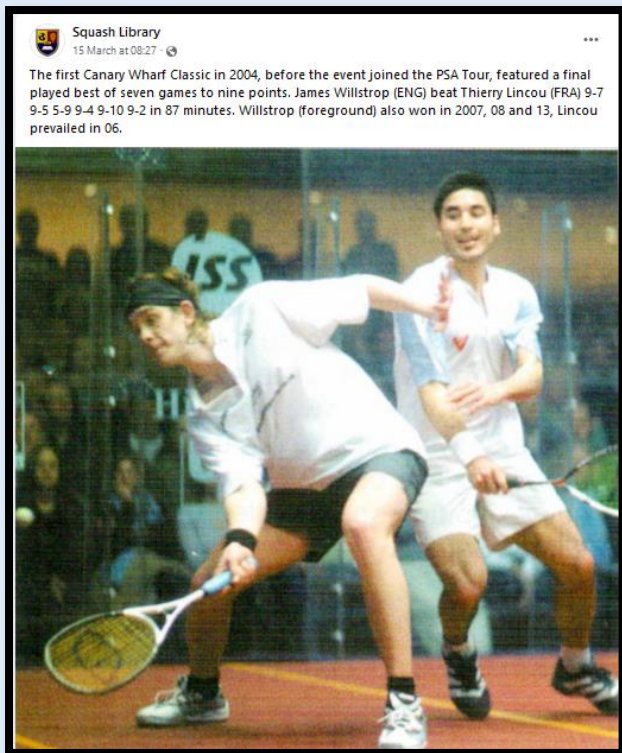
The first event to use it was the Hong Kong Open in August that year.  
Squash - PSA World TourHong Kong Squash

The image shows a promotional poster for the 'Super Series Squash Finals' event. At the top left is the 'Brit Insurance' logo. The main text reads 'Super Series Squash Finals EVENT PROGRAMME 10th - 14th May 2004'. Below this, it says 'Broadgate Arena, London' and 'Presented by The British Land Company plc'. On the right side, there are four small action photographs of squash players. At the bottom, there is a red diagonal banner with the text 'SQUASH IN THE CITY' and a small circular logo. Below the banner is a night-time photograph of the London skyline with the River Thames. The logo for 'THE SQUASH' magazine is also visible in the bottom right corner.

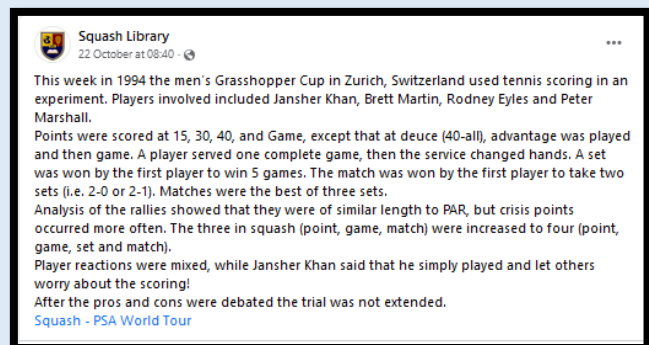
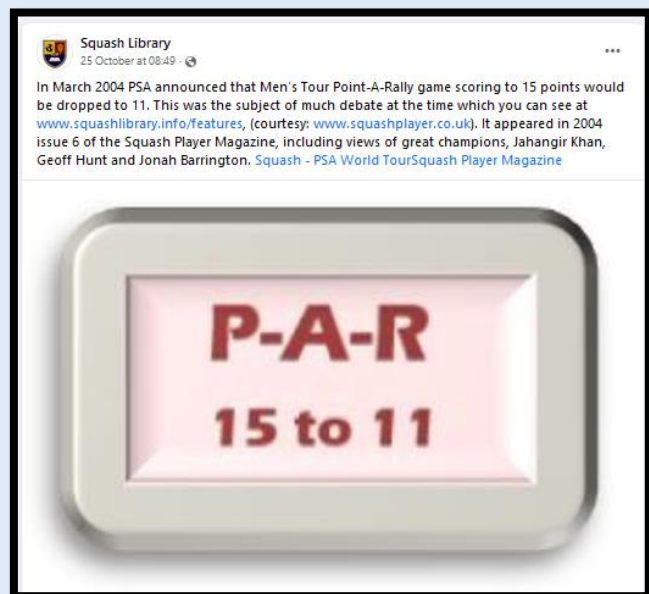
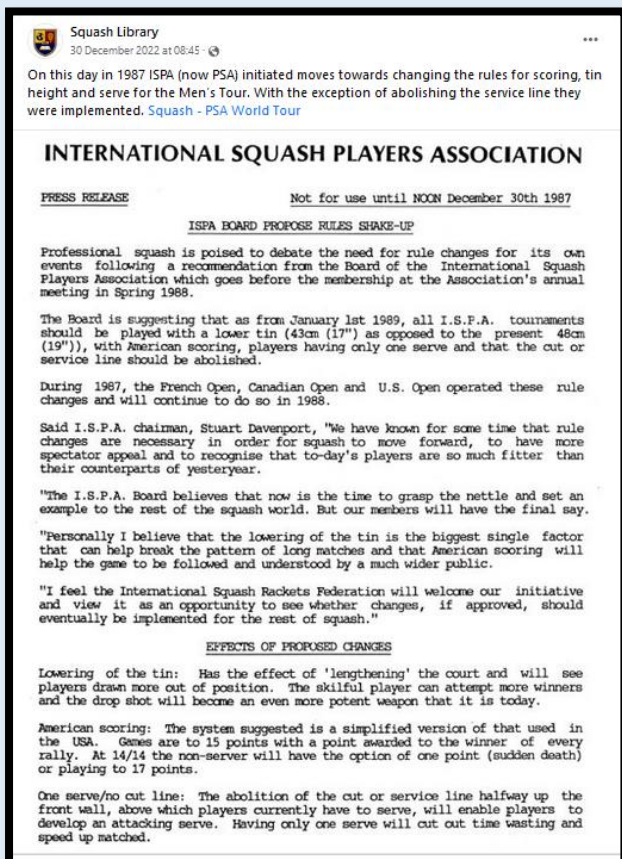
Squash Library  
18 April at 08:34

Highly ranked players disrupting draws by being unseeded when their rankings dropped having not competed in many months due to long term injuries or possibly pregnancy was dealt with by the Women's Tour (WISPA) with the introduction of Pegged Ranking in 2003. This enabled players to resume at a seeding level reasonably close to their one at the time they stopped, and so avoiding impacting those they would play against too. It was later also added by the Men's Tour (PSA). The Library has uploaded full Tour Rules going back to the 1980s at [www.squashlibrary.info/psa-tour-guides](http://www.squashlibrary.info/psa-tour-guides), so the details can be viewed there. Squash - PSA World Tour

A large, stylized blue clothes peg graphic is centered on the page. The peg is oriented vertically with its top ends pointing upwards. It has a dark grey metal spring mechanism in the middle. The background is plain white.



## 2022







Squash Library

4 October at 09:08 · 🌐



At the PSA AGM in 1988 (then male members only, and called ISPA), the players voted in favour of these rule changes, for example to try and reduce the length of matches via a lower tin, along with other amendments: [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)

1. Lowering the tin from 19" (48cm) to 17" (43cm), - only for 'Grand Prix' events at that point;
2. Point-A-Rally scoring to 15 points instead of only scoring points when serving (before moving to 11 point games);
3. Increasing the gap from 90 seconds to two minutes between games;
4. Single serve rather than two (as had been put forward for the game generally).



Squash Library

3 May at 09:02 · 🌐



For World Doubles Championships, Commonwealth Games and other major events from 2012 onwards the height of the tin used for men's, women's and mixed events was lowered from 43cm (17") to 33cm (13") with the expanded doubles court width of 8.42 metres (27.63 ft), as used from 2010, being maintained. This followed player testing which showed that lowering the tin by 30% encouraged shot-making and using the full court for more entertaining play for spectators and broadcast viewers alike.

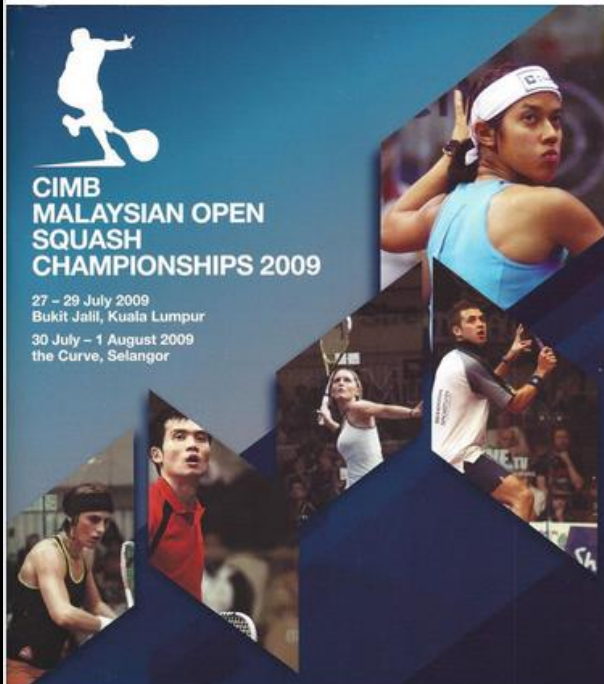


Squash Library

21 July at 08:36 · 🌐



Twelve years ago today (21 July 2009) the Women's pro Tour moved from scoring with serve to Point-A-Rally to 11, and so aligned with the Men's Tour. After trials, the launch event was the CIMB Malaysian Open starting on that date. [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)[Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia](#)[World Squash Federation](#)[CIMB Malaysia](#)

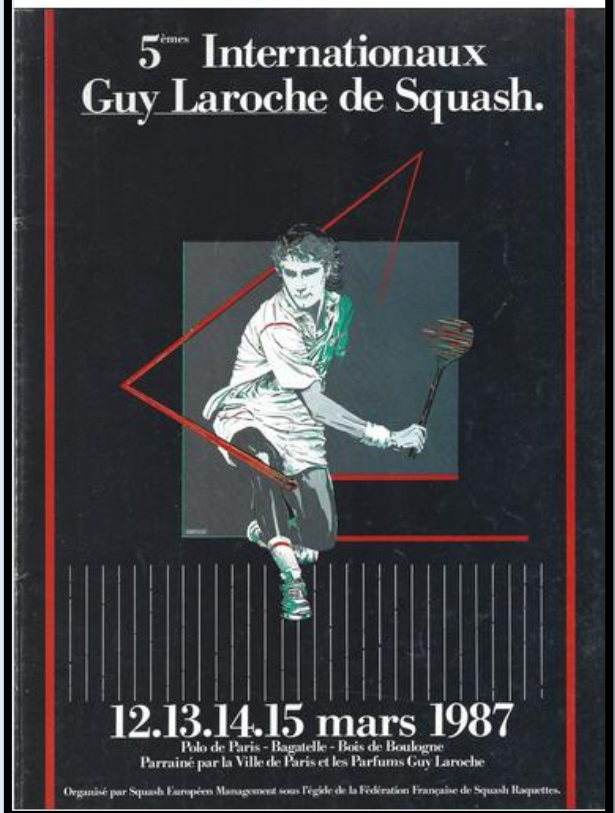


Squash Library

19 April at 09:11 · 🌐



The 1987 French Open saw a number of experimental rules used. PAR scoring (to 15 points), one serve, the front wall cut-line removed and the tin lowered to 17"/43cm. Excepting cut-line removal, the three changes fed into the pro-game - although scoring later moved from 15 to 11 point games. [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)[FFSquash - Fédération Française de Squash](#)



**Squash Library**  
28 March at 09:30 · 🌐

Sunday prompt:  
Tour scoring & tin height key dates.


Scoring:

- Before 1995 scoring was to 9 points (hand in/hand out)
- In 1995 the Men's Tour moved to Point-A-Rally (PAR) to 15 points.
- The Men's Tour went down to 11 point games in 2004
- The Women's Tour moved to PAR in 2009

Tin:

- Men's Tour dropped from 19"/48cm to 17"/43cm in 1990
- The Women's Tour aligned at 17"/43cm in 2015

[Squash - PSA World Tour](#)



**Squash Library**  
11 March at 08:40 · 🌐

In 1968 after having been hit in his left eye by a racket causing loss of vision, Dr E.D. Kerr of High Wycombe in England had a metal protective mask made. His prototype was not taken up – probably because it would seem that protection was limited, especially with holes wide enough for a ball to pass through.  
(As from 1 January 1999 WSF mandated that all Juniors and Doubles players were required to wear protective eye-guards during competition play).



**Squash Library**  
12 March at 08:43 · 🌐


In 2004 a landmark joint World Squash Anti-Doping Code was signed between the World Federation (WSF) and the Men's & Women's Pro Tours (then PSA & WISPA). The three associations published a common code in their regulations so that testing and penalty procedures became jointly administered.  
At that time the Director General of WADA, the World Anti-Doping Agency, stated "Squash has set an example of how professional organisations and leagues can work hand-in-hand with an International Federation to use the Code as the basis for the fight against doping in sport. It is an example we at WADA would encourage all professional organisations and leagues around the world to follow." World Champions Nicol David & Nick Matthew seen here promoting 'clean sport' in 2011.

[Squash - PSA World Tour](#)[World Squash Federation](#)



**Squash Library**  
29 January at 09:15 · 🌐

When the World Federation was formed in 1967, the Davis Cup Tennis Regulations were adopted to cover player eligibility. At that time there was opposition expressed about allowing qualification through residence, but shortly after when squash-specific Rules were compiled the first Regulation insisted upon residence for the two years before the event date, and four of the last five years. This was changed to four years, and then in 2008 reduced to three years to gain a residential qualification. [World Squash Federation](#)

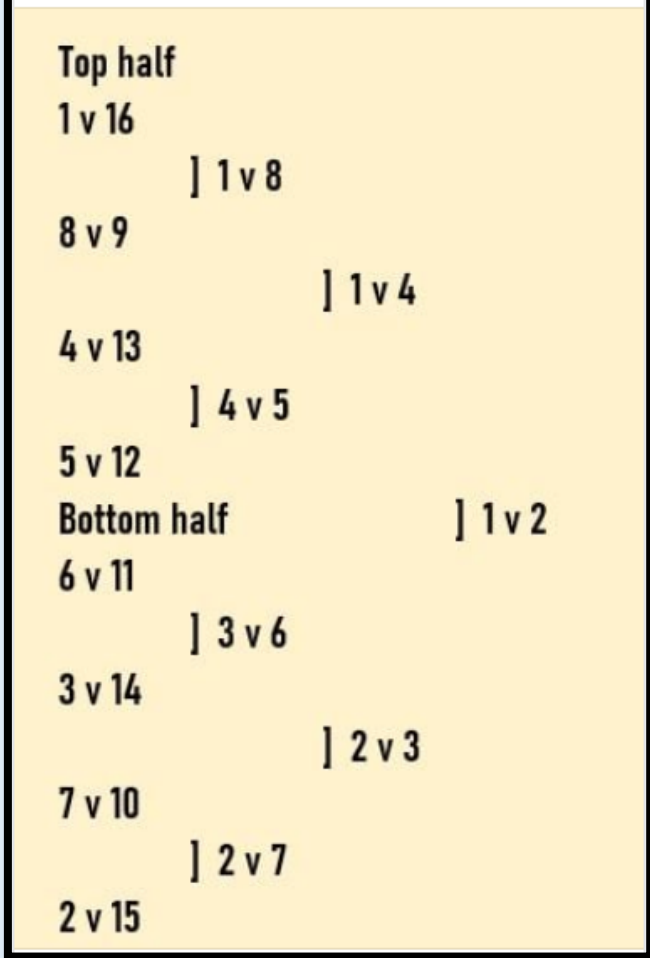


**Squash Library**  
24 January at 08:38

Washington has seen change this week, but also when the World Federation held its 1986 AGM there! The meeting reduced the top junior age from 19 to 18 (the bands became U12,14,16,18). But 2 years later U19 was reinstated, and in 1998 age groupings changed to U13,15,17,19.

**Squash Library**  
3 November at 08:46

Before Federations moved over to 'random draw' at points during the late 1970's, knock-out draws used pre-ordained seeding positions. So, for example, the number one seed would expect to meet the 16, 8 and 4 before the final. However, the 8 would have to battle past the closely rated 9, and the 4 would face 5. Then the winners would face off in another tight match. Not only would this 'protect' the top seed, but where draws tend to repeat e.g. national / local titles, the same players would meet each time. The old format:



**2020**

**Squash Library**  
7 November at 09:16

In early World Team Championships, seeding was based upon the previous finishing position, with the top eight seeds being placed together in two pools - so only those teams could win. This situation was resolved after 1987 when seeds were split across all pools.

**Squash Library**  
19 September

From 1 January 1989 the ISPA (now PSA) minimum commitment level for male players for ranking points division was raised to 14 events – it had generally been eight before. Due to an increased number of available events ISPA reported '... The Board recognises the need for leading players to support sponsors and promoters on the circuit'. [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)

**Squash Library**  
3 December at 10:27

During 1998 the standard age groupings for juniors moved from Under 12, 14, 16 & 19 to become primarily Under 13, 15, 17 and 19. This reduced the possible nearly three year gap that had banded players who had just turned 16 with those close to their 19th birthday.


**Squash Library**  
20 November at 08:51

The great setting of Shanghai's famous Bund for the September 2015 China Open saw the first women's Tour event experimenting using the lower 17" (43cm) tin, the same height as for the Men. The test events led to formal introduction of 17" tins for Women's PSA Tour events at the beginning of 2016. [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)



**Squash Library**  
14 September

September 2015 saw the China Open start a four month PSA trial into the suitability of dropping the tin height for women from 19" (48cm) to 17" (43cm) – the height for the men. The outcome was tin height for women Tour events going down to 17" in Jan 2016. [General play continues at 19" for all].  
PSA Chief Operations Officer Lee Beachill commented: 'We feel that aligning the tin height is an important step to take in order to achieve our goals of increasing parity and offering both men and women the same playing opportunities'.  
[Squash - PSA World Tour](#)



**Squash Library**  
21 October at 08:36

In 2008, WISPA (the WISPA Women's Tour, since merged with PSA), introduced a rule insisting that players had their names on the back of their playing top to help spectators and broadcast viewers identify them when on court.





**Squash Library**  
27 August

World rankings were published every two months until the separate player associations (PSA, men; WISPA women) decided that the number of events on the calendar were enough to merit monthly rankings. That point came after January 1998 for the men, and women Jan 2001. Here are the first month gap top tens, (coincidentally, Peter Nicol's debut at number one): [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)

| WISPA WOMEN'S<br>Feb-01 |     | PSA MEN'S<br>Feb-98 |     |
|-------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| 1 Leilani Joyce         | NZL | 1 Peter Nicol       | SCO |
| 2 Carol Owens           | AUS | 2 Jansher Khan      | PAK |
| 3 Sarah Fitz-Gerald     | AUS | 3 Jonathon Power    | CAN |
| 4 Linda Charman         | ENG | 4 Rodney Eyles      | AUS |
| 5 Natalie Grainger      | ENG | 5 Ahmed Barada      | EGY |
| 6 Tania Bailey          | ENG | 6 Simon Parke       | ENG |
| 7 Suzanne Horner        | ENG | 7 Alex Gough        | WAL |
| 8 Fiona Geaves          | ENG | 8 Anthony Hill      | AUS |
| 9 Stephanie Brind       | ENG | 9 Del Harris        | ENG |
| 10 Rachael Grinham      | AUS | 10 Dan Jenson       | AUS |
| 11 Vanessa Atkinson     | NED | 11 Mark Chaloner    | ENG |
| 12 Cassie Campion       | ENG | 12 Peter Marshall   | ENG |
| 13 Rebecca Macree       | ENG | 13 Chris Walker     | ENG |
| 14 Sabine Schoene       | GER | 14 Paul Johnson     | ENG |
| 15 Sue Wright           | ENG | 15 Mark Cairns      | ENG |
| 16 Jenny Tranfield      | ENG | 16 Byron Davis      | AUS |
| 17 Pamela Nimmo         | SCO | 17 Martin Heath     | SCO |
| 18 Vicky Botwright      | ENG | 18 Derek Ryan       | IRL |
| 19 Maha Zein            | EGY | 19 Amir Wagih       | EGY |
| 20 Natalie Grinham      | AUS | 20 Julien Bonetat   | FRA |

*Nationalities listed are as at the ranking list date*



Squash Library

6 August · 🌐

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In 1978 the ISRF (now WSF) set down standardisation of age groupings. Unlike now where juniors must still be under the age on the final day of an event, (or having reached the age on the first day for masters), eligibility was determined by a player's age on 1st May of the year of the event.

So, for an Under 19 event players could be 19 years old if they were still 18 on 1st May in the year. But for Masters players, they could have reached the required age but still not be eligible if their birthday was after 1 May. This was changed to Last day (juniors) and first day (masters) in 1988.



Squash Library

25 March · 🌐

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After its 1973 formation, in 1980 PSA (then called ISPA) began grading men's tournaments. Top grade events were GBE20,000+ prize funds, down to the lowest (6th) GBE2,000 - £4,999 band (the move to US\$ for the Tour came later). At the same time a computer points breakdown was introduced. The divisor used was six events. [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)

| Place | Grade 1 | Grade 2 | Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1st   | 140     | 120     | 100     | 90      | 80      | 40      |
| 2nd   | 105     | 90      | 75      | 67      | 60      | 30      |
| 3rd   | 75      | 64      | 54      | 48      | 43      | 22      |
| 4th   | 65      | 56      | 46      | 42      | 37      | 18      |
| 5/8   | 45      | 38      | 32      | 28      | 26      | 13      |
| 9/16  | 27      | 23      | 19      | 17      | 16      | 8       |
| 17/32 | 10      | 8       | 7       | 6       | 6       | 3       |
| 33/64 | 3       | 2       | 2       | 1       | 1       | —       |

All points to be divided by 6, until each player has played six ISPA graded events. After this a player's points total will be divided by the actual number of events played.



Squash Library

12 March · 🌐

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Historically, junior age bands were Under 19, 16, 14 & 12 until the mid-1980s when it was felt that a three year 16 – 19 gap was too large. It was decided to move to U18, 16, 14, 12 in 1985, but lowering the end of Juniors to U18 was rescinded almost immediately. Two year gaps introducing 17, 15, 13 to U19 became the standard in 1988.

## 2019



Squash Library

21 November 2019 · 🌐

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[Squash - PSA World Tour](#) [World Squash Federation](#) [Squash Info](#)



Squash Library

19 November 2019 · 🌐

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White clothing on a squash court was the rule until the late 1970s when it was loosened to allow 'light pastel' as worn here by Geoff Hunt. This only lasted until 1983 when the World Federation dropped colour restrictions entirely (leaving national Feds / clubs to set their own if they wished).

