

WORLD SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY TIMELINE

Key dates for the main events.

EVENTS

MO: Men's World Open

WO: Women's World Open*

MT: Men's World Team*

WT: Women's World Team*

MJI: Men's World Junior Individual*

WJI: Women's World Junior Individual*

+: General information

MJT: Men's World Junior Team*

WJT: Women's World Junior Team*

MAI: Men's World Amateur Individual

WM: World Masters

WD: World Doubles

WC: World Cup

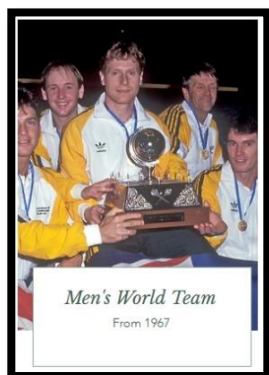
* 1st title year of 4 times+ winners (senior) and 3 times+ (junior) denoted.

(1st edition hosts and winners denoted, along with first hosting in Africa, Asia, mainland Europe and Pan America).

1967

MAI: 1st Men's World Amateur is held in Sydney, Australia, won by Geoff Hunt (AUS).

MT: 1st Men's Team event features six nations playing in Sydney, Australia. Entry is for amateur players only. Australia are 1st champions.



1971

MAI: Geoff Hunt wins the first three editions before turning professional.

1973

MT: 1st African edition is in Johannesburg, South Africa.

1976

MO: 1st edition is held in London, England, an extra title incorporated into the British Open. It is won by Geoff Hunt, beating Mohibullah Khan (PAK).

WO: 1st edition is held in Brisbane, Australia, an invitation event won by Heather McKay (AUS), beating Marion Jackman (AUS).

MT: 1st title for Great Britain in Birmingham, England

WM: 1st edition is held alongside the British Open, Over 45 and 55 age bands only.

1977

MAI: Pakistani brothers contest the final. Maqsood Ahmed beats Mohammed Saleem in Toronto.

MIA / MT: Canada become the 1st Pan American nation to host a World Championship.

MT: Pakistan also win the team event, their 1st win.

MO: ISPA (now PSA), takes over event ownership from ISRF (now WSF).

1979

MAI: Jahangir Khan (PAK) wins the title aged 15.

MO: 1st edition is played on a solid portable court – with a glass backwall – in Toronto,

Canada.

WO: Heather McKay wins her second and last title, aged 37.

+: Individual events are held before the team one for the first time, when together.

MT: Last event for amateur players only; with 2nd title for GB who participate the last time before 'home countries' enter separately.

WT: 1st Women's Team Championship features six nations playing in Birmingham, England. Great Britain are 1st champions, the only time GB enters before 'home countries' do so separately.

1980

MO: Geoff Hunt wins his fourth and last title at the 4th edition, ending his initial domination.

MJI / MJT: 1st edition is held in Kungälv, Sweden. Peter Nance beats fellow Australian Chris Dittmar to become 1st individual winner; and Australia beat Pakistan to become the 1st team winners.

1981

MO: Jahangir Khan wins the 1st of six titles in Toronto, with 1st use of a clear front wall; and becomes the 1st winner from Asia.

MT: 1st European edition is in Stockholm, Sweden.

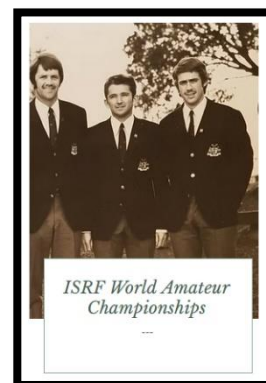
WO: 1st edition in Pan America is in Toronto, Canada

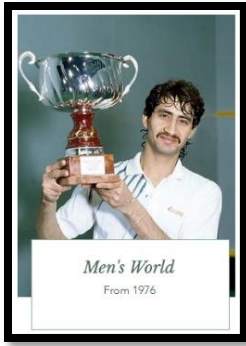
WT: 1st Pan American edition is in Toronto, Canada. 1st Australian win.

WJI: 1st winner is Lisa Opie (ENG) who beats fellow Channel Islander Martine Le Moignan in the event held in Ottawa, Canada.

1982

MO: 1st edition on a transparent court with viewing from Three sides (one solid sidewall) in Birmingham, England.





MJI: 1st edition in Asia is in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. 1st winner from Asia is Sohail Kaiser (PAK).

MJT: 1st edition in Asia is in Singapore. It follows the Individual in Kuala Lumpur. 1st title for Pakistan.

1983

MO: 1st European mainland edition is in Munich, Germany.

MAI: The last edition is played. Prize money had been offered for the final two.

WJI: Robyn Friday (AUS) is the 1st Oceania winner.

WM: 1st women's events are held alongside the **WO** in Perth, Australia for Over 35 and 40 age bands.

1984

MO: 1st Asian edition is in Karachi, Pakistan.

MJI / MJT: 1st Pan American edition is in Calgary, Canada.

1985

MO / MT: 1st African hosting is in Cairo, Egypt.

WO: Susan Devoy (NZL) wins the 1st of four titles.

WJT: 1st edition in Dublin, Ireland is won by Australia, beating England.

+: WO / WT / WJI / WJT are held together for the only time, in Dublin, Ireland.



1986

MO: Ross Norman (NZL) ends Jahangir Khan's run of five wins in Toulouse, France. A 'Tele-ball' using fingers of reflective material is used.

MJI: Jansher Khan (PAK) becomes the 1st winner to go on to become a World Open winner.

1987

MO: Jansher Khan wins his 1st title.

MT: A then record 3,526 spectators watch the final at the Royal Albert Hall, London, England.

WJI: Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS) becomes the 1st winner to go on to become a World Open winner.

WJT: 1st title for England.

1988

MO: Jahangir Khan wins the last of his six titles. Glass rather than 'Perspex' is used for the showcourt for the 1st time.

MJI: 1987 World Open winner Jansher Khan is eligible to compete, but plays for Pakistan in the team event only. 1st European winner is Del Harris (ENG).

1989

MO: 1st use of PAR scoring.

WO: 1st European winner is Martine Le Moignan (ENG) at 1st European mainland edition, in Warmond, Netherlands.

WT: 1st European mainland edition, in Warmond, Netherlands.

MT: 1st Asian edition is in Singapore.

1990

MO: 1st world championship featuring two showcourts is in Toulouse, France.

MJT: 1st title for England at 1st European staging in Paderborn, Germany.

1991

MO: Rodney Martin (AUS) wins, beating both Jahangir & Jansher Khan.

MT: 1st time staged separately from the MO.

WM: 1st stand-alone edition is held in Auckland, New Zealand.

WJI / WJT: 1st European mainland edition is in Bergen, Norway.

1992

MO: Chris Dittmar (AUS) is runner-up for the 5th time without winning the title.

MO: 1st edition in Africa, is in Johannesburg, South Africa.

WO: Susan Devoy wins the last of her four titles.

MJI: 1st European mainland winner is Juha Raumolin (FIN).

1993

WO: 1st edition in Africa is in Johannesburg, South Africa.

MT: 6th and final title so far for Pakistan. *(current overall total at the end)*.

WJI / WJT: 1st edition in Asia is in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

1994

MJI: 1st Egyptian winner is Ahmed Barada.

MJT: 1st title for Egypt.

1995

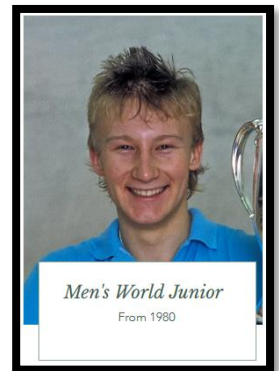
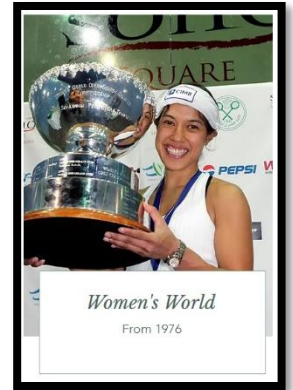
MT: 32 team entry for the 1st time.

WO: 1st edition in Asia is in Hong Kong, China.

1996

MO: Jansher Khan wins the last of record eight men's wins.

WT: 1st edition in Asia is in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia.





WO: Sarah Fitz-Gerald wins the 1st of five titles.

MJI / MJT: 1st African edition is in Cairo, Egypt.

WC: 1st edition is in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia; Australia winning, beating England in the final.

1997

WJI / WJT: 1st edition in Pan America is in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

WM: 1st African edition is in Johannesburg, South Africa.

WD: 1st edition is in Hong Kong, with Men's / Women's / Mixed titles (unchanged since).

1998

MO: 1st Pan American winner is Jonathon Power (CAN).

1999

MO: Peter Nicol (SCO) is the 1st winner from Europe.

MT: 1st Egypt title.

WO: 1st USA edition is in Seattle.

WJI: Nicol David (MAS) is the 1st winner from Asia.

WJT: 1st Egypt title.

WC: 1st European staging at s-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands.

2000

MJT: Over 30 entries are received for 1st time – 31 in Milan, Italy (matched by Zurich, Switzerland in 2008).

2002

WO: Sarah Fitz-Gerald wins the last of five titles.

2003

MO: Amr Shabana (EGY), seeded 11, wins his 1st of four

titles, becoming the 1st Egyptian winner.

MT: 8th and final title so far for Australia. (*current overall total at the end*).

WJI/WJT: 1st African edition is in Cairo, Egypt.

WJI: Omneya Abdel Kawy is the 1st Egyptian winner.

WM: 1st European mainland edition is in Espoo, Finland.

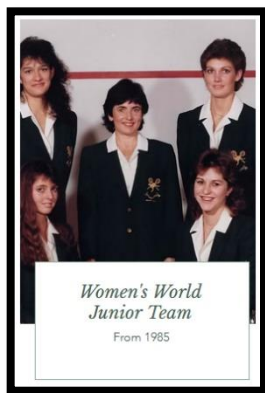
2004

MO / WO: Thierry Lincou (FRA) and Vanessa Atkinson (NED) becomes the 1st European mainland winners.

2005

WO: Nicol David (MAS) wins the 1st of eight titles becoming the 1st Asian winner.

MO / WO: The two events are staged together for the



first Time (in Hong Kong, China).

WJT: 1st time a 20 entry is received – in Herentals, Belgium. 1st title for Hong Kong, China.

2006

WM: Sarah Fitz-Gerald wins Over 35 to become the 1st player to win Junior, Senior and Masters level titles.

2007

MT: 1st use of a glass floor at the edition in Chennai, India.

2008

WO/WT: 1st use of PAR scoring.

WT: 1st title for Egypt at the 1st edition in Africa, in Cairo, Egypt.

WD: Court width is extended from 7.62m (25ft) to 8.42m (27.6ft).

2009

MO: Amr Shabana wins the last of four titles.

WO: WISPA (now PSA), takes over event ownership from WSF.

WJI: 1st title of three for Nour ElSherbini (EGY).

MJI: After being held biennially the event moves to annual editions.

+: 1st time junior worlds use PAR.

2010

WO: 1st hosting in Egypt, in Sharm El Sheikh.

WJI: After being held biennially the event moves to annual editions.

MJI / MJT: 1st in South America is in Quito, Ecuador.

2012

WT: Three showcourts are used for 1st time in Nimes, France (followed a year later at **MT** in Mulhouse, France). A record 26 team entry participates.

WM: Men's Over 80 becomes the oldest men's age band contested.

WD: Tin height dropped to 33cm (13in) in advance of 2016 edition.

WC: 1st Under 21 age event held in Chennai, India. Egypt beat India in the final.

2013

MT: 7th and final title so far for GB/England. (*current overall total at the end*).



2014

WO: Nicol David wins the last of eight titles.

MJI: 1st Pan American winner is Diego Elias (PER).

WM: 1st Asian edition is in Hong Kong.

2015

MO: Greg Gaultier wins after four runner-up spots.

MO: 1st USA edition is in Bellevue, Washington State.

MT: Event cancelled due to public unrest in Egypt.

2016

WO: Nour ElSherbini wins first of seven titles (*currently*). She becomes the 1st Egyptian winner.

WM: Women's Over 75 becomes the oldest women's age band contested.

2017

MO: 1st brothers final – Egyptians Mohamed and Marwan ElShorbagy (won by Mohamed).

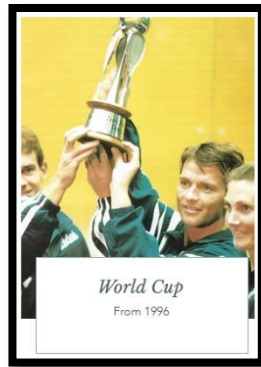
2018

WT: 1st world championship held is in China, in Dalian. Six showcourts are used, four permanent.

2019

MO: Ali Farag (EGY) 1st of four wins (*currently*).

2020 / 2021



+: All scheduled events postponed due to Covid.

2022

WJI: 1st title of three for Amina Orfi (EGY).

WD: 1st wins for India (Women's and Mixed), to add their country to Australia, England, New Zealand and Scotland as winners in the first seven editions.

2023

MO: Ali Farag wins the last of four titles (*currently*).

WO: Nour ElSherbini wins the last of seven titles (*currently*).

2024

MO: Diego Elias becomes the 1st South American winner.

MT / WT: 1st time the two events are staged together, in Hong Kong, China.

MT: 7th and final title so far for Egypt. (*current overall total at the end*).

MJT / WJT: 1st time the two events are staged together, in Houston, USA.

2025

WC: 1st edition of the Under 23 version is in Karachi, Pakistan.



Current M/W win totals (until end 2024):

MT: Australia 8; England/GB & Egypt 7; Pakistan 6.

WT: Australia 9; England/GB: 8; Egypt 6

MJT: Egypt 7, Australia, England & Pakistan 5.

WJT: Egypt 11, England 5, Australia 3, Hong Kong 1.

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Current: March 2025