

## **WSF MEMBER INFORMATION – JULY 2017**

### **WSF EGM**

If you are intending to attend the WSF EGM that will elect the WSF Ethics Commission on 5 August in Manchester, England but haven't confirmed your attendance do let us know please. Details can be found [here](#).

### **WSF AGM & CONFERENCE 2017**

WSF AGM 2017 details were circulated to Member Federations, confirming that it will take place at Hotel Mercure Vieux Port, in Marseille, France; the Conference on 2 December and the Annual General Meeting and Men's World Team Championship Final on the 3 December. Registration details are [here](#).

### **YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES 2018**

Members will have seen the media release confirming squash's participation in the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires next year.

This is a great result from the campaign spearheaded by Vice President Pablo Serna and supported by the Argentinean Federation.

It will be an opportunity to showcase squash – and we are a 'showcase' sport.

**This means that it will not be a large World Junior Championship-type event played on several courts, but will feature a small number of invited players competing on the single all-glass show-court to be used.**

Format and invitations (intended to be managed by the WSF Regional Federations, subject to Youth Games approval) will be circulated when finalised.

### **OLYMPIC GAMES 2024 - UPDATE**

We will soon know in which city the 2024 Olympic Games will be played. In recent months IOC intentions, first floated and then firmed up, have been to award both the 2024 and 2028 Games at their Session in Lima, Peru in September. Los Angeles and Paris are to be the hosts.

At their July meeting the IOC confirmed that the two Games would be allocated together, then, to the surprise of many, not least the two cities, told them to go ahead and decide the order of hosting between themselves, failing which the IOC membership would vote to decide.

Of course squash's interest is in securing a place on the Games Programme irrespective of whether it is in the French Capital or on the American West coast in 2024.

The formula that was introduced for 2020 after Tokyo was awarded the hosting in 2013 (and squash lost out to wrestling in the voting for the 'new' sport) will continue. In 2015 Tokyo were permitted to nominate sports that they wished to propose to the IOC be added, and Los Angeles or Paris will have the same opportunity.

There is no bidding period set yet, but squash is readying itself to make its case.

The WSF Olympic Games Commission under the leadership of WSF President Jacques Fontaine is a completely integrated unit with PSA, whose Tour is the shop-window of our sport and bring so much to the table. That is the starting point for squash.

Rebuilding and strengthening still further the relationship with the professional sector of our sport was a key intention of the President, in order to create a strong wide base for our new bid. The relationship with and support from PSA is already an evident success.

We recognise that although the sport deserves a chance on its merits, we have to offer something different, a view of squash that can resonate with the host and IOC. The great squash product needs to be wrapped in new vibrant packaging.

Our youthful appeal has already been recognised with squash's inclusion as a showcase sport at the Youth Olympic Games 2018 when it is held in Buenos Aires next October.

Securing the services of a campaign agency to partner us on the bidding road is in hand, fund-raising to make our offering as comprehensive and compelling as possible is due to start soon.

Our ammunition is being prepared, we just need to know which city to take aim at!

## **WORLD DOUBLES & WORLD GAMES DRAWS**

Please go to the home page of the WSF website [www.worldsquash.org](http://www.worldsquash.org), and follow the links in the right hand column for event information.

## **REMINDERS**

### **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020**

Members are reminded that the deadline for tenders to be received from nations wishing to host 2020 WSF World Championships (World Junior, Women's Team, Masters and Doubles) is 31 December this year. If information on any of these events is required please contact the WSF office.

### **WSF COACHING CONFERENCE**

Colombia are hosting the WSF Coaching Conference 2017 from 14-16 September at Club Campestre de Bucaramanga in Bucaramanga. For registration details, visit [www.wsfcoachconference.com](http://www.wsfcoachconference.com)

### **WSF FACEBOOK PAGE**

If you have any events or other interesting news that you think would be of interest to the wider squash world and would like us to share it on the WSF Facebook page, please don't hesitate to send the WSF Office the details.

### **CALENDAR UPLOADED**

The [WSF World Calendar](#) is updated monthly; you can add your National Championships to it [here](#).

### **WSF COACH EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

Full details can be found [here](#) along with a list of [National Course Managers](#).

### **WSF DIRECTORY**

The current edition of the [WSF Directory](#) with updated National Federation addresses, WSF Commission details, and much more besides is on the WSF website. Please check your information and let us know of any changes for the next edition please.