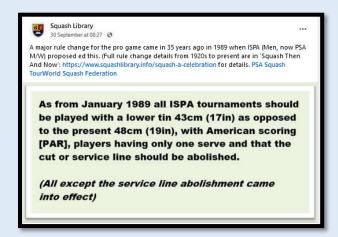
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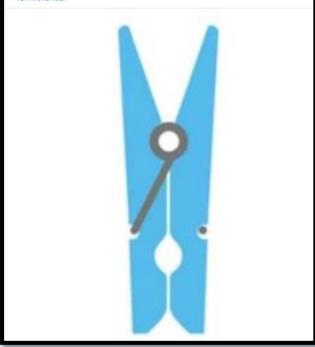






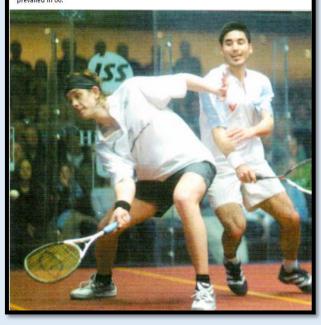
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Highly ranked players disrupting draws by being unseeded when their rankings dropped having not competed in many months due to long term injuries or possibly pregnancy was dealt with by the Women's Tour (WISPA) with the introduction of Pegged Ranking 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, so the details can be viewed there. Squash - PSA World Tour





The first Canary Wharf Classic in 2004, before the event joined the PSA Tour, featured a final played best of seven games to nine points. James Willstrop (ENG) beat Thierry Lincou (FRA) 9-7 9-5 5-9 9-4 9-10 9-2 in 87 minutes. Willstrop (foreground) also won in 2007, 08 and 13, Lincou prevailed in 06.



2022



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On this day in 1987 ISPA (now PSA) initiated moves towards changing the rules for scoring, tin height and serve for the Men's Tour. With the exception of abolishing the service line they were implemented, Squash - PSA World Tour

INTERNATIONAL SQUASH PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

PRESS RELEASE

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ISPA BOARD PROPOSE RULES SHAKE-UP

Professional squash is poised to debate the need for rule changes for its own events following a recommendation from the Board of the International Squash Players Association which goes before the membership at the Association's arnual meeting in Spring 1988.

The Board is suggesting that as from January 1st 1989, all I.S.F.A. tournaments should be played with a lower tin (43cm (17") as opposed to the present 48cm (19")), with American scoring, players having only one serve and that the cut or service line should be abolished.

During 1987, the French Open, Canadian Open and U.S. Open operated these rule changes and will continue to do so in 1988.

Said I.S.P.A. chairman, Stuart Davenport, "We have known for some time that rule changes are necessary in order for squash to move forward, to have more spectator appeal and to recognise that to-day's players are so much fitter than their counterparts of yesteryear.

"Personally I believe that the lowering of the tin is the biggest single factor that can help break the pattern of long matches and that American scoring will help the game to be followed and understood by a much wider public.

"I feel the International Squash Rackets Federation will welcome our initiative and view it as an opportunity to see whether changes, if approved, should eventually be implemented for the rest of squash."

EFFECTS OF PROPOSED CHANGES

Lowering of the tin: Has the effect of 'lengthening' the court and will see players drawn more out of position. The skilful player can attempt more winners and the drop shot will become an even more potent weapon that it is today.

American scoring: The system suggested is a simplified version of that used in the USA. Games are to 15 points with a point awarded to the winner of every rally. At 14/14 the non-server will have the option of one point (sudden death) or playing to 17 points.

One serve/no cut line: The abolition of the cut or service line halfway up the front wall, above which players currently have to serve, will enable players to develop an attacking serve. Having only one serve will cut cut time westing and speed up natched.







This week in 1994 the men's Grasshopper Cup in Zurich, Switzerland used tennis scoring in an experiment. Players involved included Jansher Khan, Brett Martin, Rodney Eyles and Peter Marshall.

Points were scored at 15, 30, 40, and Game, except that at deuce (40-all), advantage was played and then game. A player served one complete game, then the service changed hands. A set was won by the first player to win 5 games. The match was won by the first player to take two sets (i.e. 2-0 or 2-1). Matches were the best of three sets.

Analysis of the rallies showed that they were of similar length to PAR, but crisis points occurred more often. The three in squash (point, game, match) were increased to four (point,

Player reactions were mixed, while Jansher Khan said that he simply played and let others worry about the scoring!

After the pros and cons were debated the trial was not extended.





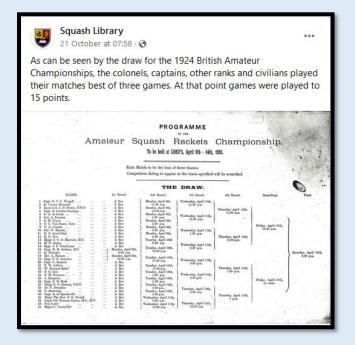
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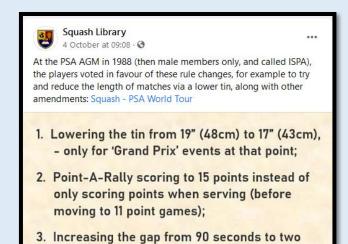
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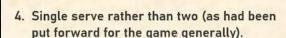


The Canary Wharf Classic 2018 was the first ranking PSA World Tour

event to be played using a best-of-three games scoring format. The PSA M70 event in March saw all round of sixteen and quarter-final



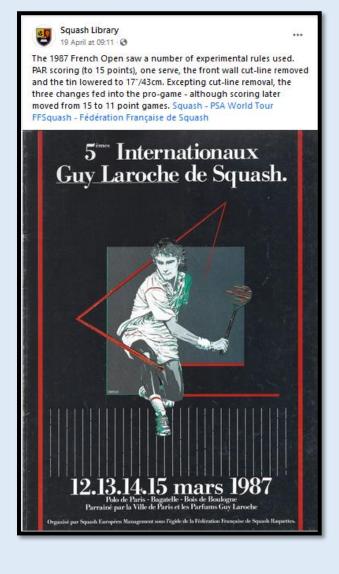




minutes between games;















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).





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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





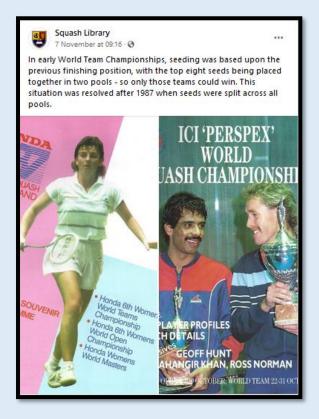
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Washington has seen change this week, but also when the World Federation held its 1986 AGM there! The meeting reduced the top junior age from 19 to 18 (the bands became U12,14,16,18). But 2 years later U19 was reinstated, and in 1998 age groupings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



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:

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Top half
1 v 16
         ] 1 v 8
8 v 9
                   ] 1 v 4
4 v 13
         4 v 5
5 v 12
                            1 1 v 2
Bottom half
6 v 11
         3 v 6
3 v 14
                   2 v 3
7 v 10
         ] 2 v 7
2 v 15
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players who had just turned 16 with those close to their 19th birthday.







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.





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September 2015 saw the China Open start a four month PSA trial into the suitability of dropping the tin height tin 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'.

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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		PSA MEN'S Feb-98				
Feb-01						
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			





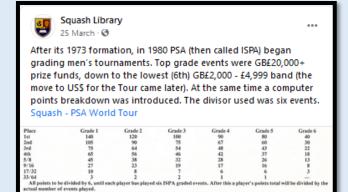


In 1978 the ISRF (now WSF) set down standardisation of age groupings. Unlike now where juniors must still be under the age on the final day of an event, (or having reached the age on the first day for masters), eligibility was determined by a player's age on 1st May of the year of the event.

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.









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



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
- Then went down to 11 point games in 2004
- The Women's Tour moved to PAR in 2009

Tin:

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

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