

OCEANIA CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Squash countries across the Pacific Islands have been competing in regular tournaments since 1979 when the first regional squash competition was incorporated in the 6th South Pacific Games in Fiji. Since that time there has been formal and non-formal events held to promote squash in the Oceania Region with the introduction of the South Pacific Cup in 1980. With the inception of the Oceania Squash Federation the Oceania Closed Championships were introduced.

This event was either held in conjunction with the Pacific Games/Mini Games (formerly South Pacific Games) or held as a standalone event when squash was not included in the Games.

The first Oceania Closed Championships was held 1993 in Fiji and has been held every 2 years in various host countries across the Pacific.

Until 2017 only member countries who were eligible to compete in the Pacific Games program were eligible to contest this event. However, in 2017, when squash was not included in the Pacific Mini Games and the Championships were hosted in Tahiti, Australia and New Zealand were invited to send players for the first time. In recognition of the difference in playing standards in the smaller island nations as opposed to Australia and New Zealand, an agreed player standard criteria was introduced so that teams from these two countries would be comparable to those of the smaller island country teams. This proved successful and in future Championships held as standalone events (i.e. not in conjunction with Pacific Games program) Australia and New Zealand will be eligible to compete.

Players from an Oceania Island Nation that is not a financial member of the Federation are also eligible to compete, providing the player holds a valid passport of the country they are representing and meets all other eligibility criteria set out in the Oceania Closed Championship Regulation.

Events contested at the Championships include Teams and Individual events for Men and Women. When the host country has doubles courts, and time permits, Mens, Womens and Mixed Doubles can be included.



In 2001 the Phillip Cridge Memorial Trophy was established at the Championships. This award is dedicated to Phillip Cridge from PNG for his untiring efforts to develop and promote the game of squash in the Oceania Region. The award is presented to the most improved player who displays good sportsmanship throughout the Championships.

To view historical records from the 1979 South Pacific Games and the Phillip Cridge Memorial Trophy recipients please refer to the "Past Results" page.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

If anyone has information relating to past Oceania Squash events, especially in the earlier years, it would be appreciated if you could contact the Executive Officer (oceaniassquash@bigpond.com).

Any information relating to results of events, who hosted them and what players represented their country would be greatly appreciated.