

# Samoa



Samoa is in the central South Pacific Oceania, among the westernmost of the island countries of Polynesia. It lies approximately 2,900 kilometres northeast of New Zealand. Until 1997 it was known as Western Samoa.

It consists of two main islands, Savai'i and Upolu, and two smaller inhabited islands of Manono and Apolima as well as several small uninhabited islands. The capital city, Apia, is on Upolu as are most of the country's business centres.

Although Samoan is the country's official language, English is still a national language and is spoken everywhere.



Samoa Squash Rackets Association, a Founding Member of the Oceania Squash Federation, was officially registered as an Association in December 1979. It has a long association with squash in the Oceania Region, sending representative players to the first squash competition in the Pacific Games in 1979.

Since that time Samoa Squash has hosted the Oceania Squash Championships and Pacific Games on several occasions, first in 1983 at the 7<sup>th</sup> South Pacific Games, 1994 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Oceania Championships, 2007 for the 13<sup>th</sup> South Pacific Games & 8<sup>th</sup> Oceania Championships and in 2019 for the 16<sup>th</sup> Pacific Games and 14<sup>th</sup> Oceania Championships.

In 2015, Samoa Squash hosted the squash competition for the Commonwealth Youth Games at their newly built Tuanaimato Squash Centre in Faleata. The centre has 3 singles courts and 2 doubles courts.

The Association is very active and holds regular training sessions and competitions.

Visitors to Samoa are most welcome to join the Samoan players in a friendly match when they visit Samoa.

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