



## REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT (PAN AMERICA) TO THE WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION – 2022 AGM (as of August 31st, 2022)

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Despite minimal COVID-19 challenges, squash has basically returned to full play throughout Pan-American. Throughout the year, the FPS held over 14 board meetings to ensure the opportunity to participate in our championships were optimal and that all FPS policies, and protocols reflected the requirements of all venues, hotels and governing bodies involved.

### Annual General Meeting

The XXXV FPS 2022 Annual General Meeting is being planned for early December in Miami, Florida (date to be confirmed). The AGM will be a hybrid of held face to face and virtual.

### Pan Am Games Santiago 2023

Squash will be showcased from October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The FPS continues to work diligently with Pan Am Sports on all technical matters surrounding the games. The quota is eight (8) Men's Teams and eight (8) Women's Teams plus the two gold medal winners from the men and women's individual events in the I Pan Am Juniors Games held in 2021 Leonardo Cardenas (Mexico) and Marina Stefanoni (USA)

Panam Sports has requested that all sport federations also include the results of the CAC Games and the South American Games as automatic qualifiers for Santiago 2023. The champions of the Men's and Women's Team from the CAC Games and South American Games will still be required to participate in the 2023 Pan Am Squash Championships for seeding purposes otherwise they will forfeit their qualification.

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## I Pan Am Youth Games

1<sup>st</sup> Pan Am Youth Games were held in Cali, Colombia, November 30 to December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Fifty-seven (57) athletes representing seventeen (17) countries either qualified through the 2021 Pan-American U23 Championship in El Salvador, the FPS covid exemption selection criteria or were invited by Pan Am Sports to participate. Countries from **North America** (Canada, Mexico & USA), **Central America** (Guatemala, El Salvador), **South America** (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Peru) and the **Caribbean** (British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guyana, Jamaica & Venezuela) competed. Panam Sports' objective, in addition to rewarding excellence, was to give the unique opportunity and motivation to the smaller squash countries as part of their development goals.

### CHAMPIONS:

Women's Individual- Marina Stefanoni (USA)

Men's Individual-Leonel Cardenas (Mexico)

Women's Doubles- Fabiola Cabello & Poala Franco (Mexico)

Men's Doubles- Juan Torres & Matais Knudsen (Colombia)

Mixed Doubles- Dina Anguiano & Leonel Cardenas (Mexico)

Women's Team- USA

Men's Team- Mexico



Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1. Mexico	4	3	
2. USA	2		
3. Colombia	1	4	2
4. Argentina			4
5. Ecuador			4
6. Brazil			2
7. Guatemala			2
8. Canada			1
Bolivia			
B.V.I			
Cayman			
El Salvador			
Guyana			
Jamaica			
Paraguay			
Peru			
Venezuela			

## MEDAL COUNT



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## FPS Pan-American Squash Championships

The FPS following strict Covid protocols, for the first time in two years, successfully held the 2022 Junior and Senior Pan-American Championships.

The FPS has implemented a mandatory online registration program for all FPS championships which allows countries to complete their numerical, nominal, flight information, player biographies and accommodation entries online. The program also allows the member to amend these forms at any time prior to the submission deadlines, giving the tournament chair, the country technical director and the FPS collectively the accurate final data plus eliminates the potential of human error. The program also allows countries to submit copies of passports.

### 2022 Pan-American Senior Championships

Seventy-six (76) athletes representing twelve (12) countries participated in the first senior championships in two years in Guatemala City, Guatemala from April 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Countries from North America (Canada & USA) Central America (Guatemala), South America (Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru) and the Caribbean (British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guyana, St Vincent & The Grenadines).

#### CHAMPIONS:

Women's Individual- Nicolette Fernandes (Guyana)- Guyana's 1<sup>st</sup> gold medal in this Championship

Men's Individual- Leandro Romiglio (Argentina)

Women's Doubles- Andrea Soria & Laura Tover (Colombia)

Men's Doubles- Juan Camilo Vargas & Andres Herrera (Colombia)

Mixed Doubles- Miguel Rodriguez & Lucia Bautusta (Colombia)

Women's Team- Colombia

Men's Team- Colombia



CUADRO DE MEDALLAS / MEDAL TABLE

País / Country	Oro / Gold	Plata / Silver	Bronce / Bronze
Colombia	5	2	1
Argentina	1	2	1
Guyana	1		1
Canada		1	2
USA		1	2
Perú		1	
Guatemala			4
Ecuador			2
Chile			1
Cayman Islands			
British Virgin Islands			

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**2022 Pan-American Junior Championships**

Seventy-six (76) athletes representing twelve (12) countries participated in the first senior championships in two years., The championship was held in Cochabamba, Bolivia from July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Countries from North America (Canada & USA) Central America (Guatemala), South America (Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru) and the Caribbean (British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guyana, St Vincent & The Grenadines).

**CHAMPIONS:**

- Women’s Individual- Maria Ramirez (Colombia)
- Men’s Individual- Juan Torres (Colombia)
- Women’s Doubles- Maria Emilia Falconi & Rafaela Garcia (Ecuador)
- Men’s Doubles- Juan Irsaari & Juan Torres (Colombia)
- Mixed Doubles- Javier Romo & Ariana Alava (Ecuador)
- Women’s Team- USA
- Men’s Team- USA



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**XVIII CAMPEONATO PANAMERICANO JUVENIL DE SQUASH COCHABAMBA - 2022**

Country	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
COLOMBIA	3	3	1
USA	2	3	3
ECUADOR	2	1	4
CANADA			3
ARGENTINA			2
PERU			1

Medals and trophies are displayed below the table.

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The hosts for the balance of the FPS quadrennial Championships are:

2023	Senior Host	2023	Junior Host
May29-June 4	<b>Seniors</b> -Cartagena, Col	July 2-9 <sup>th</sup>	Guyana (TBC)
June 15-18	<b>Masters</b> -Philadelphia, USA		
Sept 10-16	<b>U23</b> -Quito, Ecuador		

### **Future Sub Regional Games**

Included:

	Event	Host	Comments
2023	Central American and Caribbean Games	Santa Tecla, El Salvador.	Participation still pending
2023	Pan American Games	Santiago de Chile, Chile.	November 2023, qualification of 24 countries
2024	Pan American Master Games	Cleveland, USA.	

**2024 Pan-American Masters Games- Cleveland** has confirmed that squash will be on the program. Continued efforts are still being made to include Squash57. The event will be held July 12-21, 2024 and this is the first time the event has been held in the USA.

### **RESULTS IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

#### **2022 Bolivarian Games**

At the last minute, squash was included in the Bolivarian Games held July 25-29, 2022 In Valledupar, Colombia thanks to FPS Vice President Sergio Becerra and Squash Colombia. Forty-Five players representing eight (8) countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela) participate. Events included Men & Women's Individual, Men, Women & Mixed Doubles and Men & Women's Team.

#### **2022 Commonwealth Games**

Seven (7) Pan-American countries participated in the Commonwealth Games held in Birmingham, England from July 28<sup>th</sup>- August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Countries included: (Barbados, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands Cayman, Canada, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago). For the 1<sup>st</sup> time in the history of the Commonwealth Games a woman from Pan-America medalled. Canada's Hollie Naughton captured the silver medal in Women's Individual.

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### **2022 South American Junior Championships**

The Campeonato Sudamericano Juvenil de Squash was held April 25-30<sup>th</sup> in Mar del Palata, Aregntina. One hundred & Fifty -Seven (157) players representing eight (8) countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela) participated. Events included U11, U13, U15, U17 and U19 Boys & Girls, Individual, Boys, Girls and Mixed Doubles and Boys and Girls Teams.

### **2022 South American Senior Championships**

The Campeonato Sudamericano de Squash was held May 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Buenos Aires Argentina. Forty- Eight players from seven (7) countries participated (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Peru) participated. Events included Men & Women's Individual, Men, Women & Mixed Doubles and Men & Women's Team.

### **2022 World Games**

The World Games held in Birmingham, Alabama, from July 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 was representing by athletes from eight (8) Pan-American countries: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Cayman, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and USA.

**Colombia's** Miquel Rodrigues took the bronze in the Men's Individual.  
**USA's** Haley Mendez – finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Women's Individual

### **2022 World Master Games**

The World Master Games held in Wroclaw, Poland August was well represented by the Pan-American athletes. The Caribbean Region captured a remarkable 3 gold and 2 Bronze medals while USA took the gold in Men's 80 for a total of Four (4) GOLD MEDALS.

### **Gold Medalists**

Women's 35+ Champion Nicolette Fernandes (Guyana) –Guyana's 1<sup>st</sup> gold medal  
Women's 50+ Champion Karen Meakin (Barbados),  
Men's 70+ Champions John Macrury (Cayman), (his 4th World Master's title)  
Men's 80+ Champion Michael Gough (USA)- at 83 years of age was the oldest player in the championship.

### **Bronze Medallists**

Men's 50+ Bronze Medalist-Richard Chin (Guyana)  
Men's 60+ Bronze Medalist Mark Sealy (Barbados)

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**Honorable mentions:**

- Men's 35+-5th- Eric Dingle (Canada)
- Women's 60+ -4th-Julie Multamaki (Canada)
- Men's 50+- 6th- John Musto (USA)
- Men's 55+-4th Steve Wren (Canada)
- Men's 60+-5th- Richard Millman (USA)
- Men's 75+ 5th-Aklyah Clements (Canada)
- Men's 75+ 7th- Norbert Kornyei (USA)

**FPS UPDATE**

**Athletes Commission**

Samantha Cornett (Canada) and Andres Vargas (Colombia) were acclaimed the male and female representative of the FPS Athletes Commission at the 2022 Pan Am Senior Squash Championships in Guatemala for the next four (4) years.

The Commission's goal is to serve squash athletes through the Americas and provide a forum where their voice can be heard without reservations. The Commission is determined to bring our sport to the next level in the Americas. A survey was sent to all athletes that participated in the 2022 Pan-American Senior Championships for the Commission to obtain a better understanding of what areas might benefit by the Commission's voice at the FPS level.

**Coaching**

Member nations continue to promote teaching squash at all levels through their own coaching clinics. With the ease of Covid restrictions the FPS will be promoting more international clinics in the new year.

**Elite Athletes**

An increasing number of elite athletes have joined the PSA tour this year. As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Pan America boasts two (2) men ranked in the top 20 PSA Men's World Rankings -Diego Elias (Peru) at #4 and Miguel Angel Rodriguez (Colombia) at #16, and three (3) women ranked in the top 20 PSA Women's World rankings - Amanda Sobhy (USA) at #4, Olivia Flechter (USA) at 10 and Hollie Naughton (Canada) at #20.

**Masters**

The South American Masters Tour continues to be successful, and participation has also continued to increase. The FPS is proud to be launching in co-operation with US Squash the 1<sup>st</sup> Pan-American Masters Championship July 18-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at the state-of-the-art squash facilities; the Spector Centre in Philadelphia

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## **Membership**

There are currently 24 FPS countries, representing all sub-regions St. Lucia Squash Association became the latest country to join the FPS this week. President Christopher Thakur was thrilled to become part of the Pan-American squash family claiming “We are getting regularized and hoping to welcome squash players from the OECS, Americas and wider world, again to our shores. Our court location is dubbed the best in the region, as we are on the beach housed at the St. Lucia yacht club. Entertainment and everything is all within walking distance, with some of the warmest people.” Isn’t it time you plan your next vacation in St. Lucia!!!

## **Officiating**

The FPS Officiating Committee continued to promote the WSO Program throughout Pan-America and is currently making converted efforts to have it translated into Spanish and Portuguese in order to substantially increase its use in Central and South America.

## **Squash57**

The FPS continues to promote Squash57 throughout the region. An informative PowerPoint presentation was made by WSF Squash57 Commission member Lolly Gillen to all members at the 2021 AGM in Cali, Colombia. Numerous introduction clinics, racquets and balls were also made available during the 2022 Pan-Am Junior and Senior Championships. Further presentations are on the 2022 calendar.

Respectfully submitted,

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