



2018 OLYMPIC YOUTH GAMES



2017 BOLIVARIAN GAMES




2018 ASIAN GAMES

# International MULTI-SPORT GAMES WITH Squash

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**S**quash has been trying to get into the Olympic Games for decades. In 1986 the effort became focused when the International Olympic Committee recognized squash and the World Squash Federation applied for inclusion in the 1992 Barcelona Games. Campaigns have occurred ever since, in particular for the Beijing 2008, London 2012 and Rio 2016, as well as for the next three upcoming Summer Games.

The push for the Olympics, however, often overshadows squash's inclusion in numerous other international multi-sport events, some that you might know well and others slightly more obscure. Squash will be featured this month in the quadrennial Pan American Games in Lima, and also the Pacific Games in Samoa and the Island Games in Gibraltar. Later this year, there is the African Games in Morocco in August, and the Southeast Asian Games in Philippines and the South Asian Games in Nepal in December.

Many thousands of squash players, from top PSA professionals to amateurs of all ages, play in these games, building friendships and adding to their home nation's medal count. The exposure of squash to wider audiences is tremendous, with media attention in the host and participating nations. The facilities that get built are fabulous legacies, particularly for host cities that are slightly off the beaten squash track—for example, the courts in Cartagena that were built for the 2006 Central American and Caribbean Games are now the home of Squash Urbano Colombia. 



2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES




2018 CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GAMES




2018 GAY GAMES



POPULAR INTERNATIONAL MULTI-SPORT EVENTS THAT SQUASH IS NOT YET A PART OF:

	YEAR GAMES STARTED	YEAR SQUASH JOINED	NUMBER OF TIMES SQUASH HAS BEEN IN	MOST RECENT VENUE WITH SQUASH	NEXT VENUE
	MACCABIAH GAMES 1932	1977 JERUSALEM, ISRAEL	11	2017 JERUSALEM, ISRAEL	2021 JERUSALEM, ISRAEL
	PACIFIC GAMES 1963	1979 SUVA, FIJI	8	2015 PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA	2019 APIA, SAMOA
	SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES 1959	1991 PHILIPPINES	10	2017 KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA	2019 PHILIPPINES
	PAN AMERICAN GAMES 1951	1995 MAR DEL PLATA, ARGENTINA	7	2019 LIMA, PERU	2023 SANTIAGO, CHILE
	WORLD GAMES 1981	1997 LAHTI, FINLAND	5	2017 WROCLAW, POLAND	2021 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
	COMMONWEALTH GAMES 1930	1998 KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA	7	2018 GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA	2022 BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND
	ASIAN GAMES 1951	1998 BANGKOK, THAILAND	6	2018 JAKARTA-PALEMBANG, INDONESIA	2022 HANGZHOU, CHINA
	PAN ARAB GAMES 1953	1999 AMMAN, JORDAN	3	2011 DOHA, QATAR	2015 AND 2019 GAMES CANCELLED
	WORLD MASTERS GAMES 1985	1998 PORTLAND, OREGON	6	2017 AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND	2021 KANSAI, JAPAN
	COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES 2000	2000 EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND	2	2015 APIA, SAMOA	2021 TBA
	WORLD FIREFIGHTERS GAMES 1990	2000 MANTES-LA-JOLIE, FRANCE	10	2018 CHUNGJU, SOUTH KOREA	2020 AALBORG, DENMARK
	BOLIVARIAN GAMES 1938	2001 AMBATO, ECUADOR	5	2017 SANTA MARTA, COLOMBIA	2021 VALLES DEL TUY, VENEZUELA
	GAY GAMES 1982	2002 SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA	6	2018 PARIS, FRANCE	2022 HONG KONG, CHINA
	CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GAMES 1926	2002 SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR	5	2018 BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA	2022 PANAMA CITY, PANAMA
	AFRICAN GAMES 1965	2003 ABUJA, NIGERIA	4	2015 BRAZZAVILLE, CONGO	2019 RABAT, MOROCCO

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	SOUTH ASIAN GAMES 1984	2004 ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN	5	2016 GUWAHATI & SHILLONG, INDIA	2019 KATHMANDU, NEPAL
	ISLAND GAMES 1985	2005 SHETLAND, SCOTLAND	3	2017 GOTLAND, SWEDEN	2019 GIBRALTAR
	ARAFURA GAMES 1991	2005 DARWIN, AUSTRALIA	5	2019 DARWIN, AUSTRALIA	TBA
	SOUTH AMERICAN GAMES 1978	2010 MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA	2	2018 COCHABAMBA, BOLIVIA	2022 ASUNCION, PARAGUAY
	ASIAN YOUTH GAMES 2009	2013 NANJING, CHINA	1	2013 NANJING, CHINA	2021 SHANTOU, CHINA
	OLYMPIC YOUTH GAMES 2010	2018 BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA	1	2018 BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA	2022 DAKAR, SENEGAL

POPULAR INTERNATIONAL MULTI-SPORT EVENTS SQUASH IS NOT A PART OF:

- DEAFLYMPICS, FOUNDED IN 1928
- MEDITERRANEAN GAMES, FOUNDED IN 1951
- UNIVERSIADE GAMES, FOUNDED IN 1959
- WORLD POLICE & FIRE GAMES, FOUNDED IN 1985
- EUROGAMES, FOUNDED IN 1992
- MILITARY WORLD GAMES, FOUNDED IN 1995
- ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY GAMES, FOUNDED IN 2005
- EUROPEAN GAMES, FOUNDED IN 2015
- WORLD POLICE GAMES, FOUNDED IN 2015

EVENTS SQUASH WAS ONCE A PART OF:

- WEST ASIAN GAMES
- AMERICAS MASTERS GAMES
- EUROGAMES



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2018 WORLD FIREFIGHTERS GAMES