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Message

Dear friends,

I am delighted to welcome you to Johannesburg, for the 2024 FISU World University Championship Squash.

Competing at the World University Championships is a career highlight for many university athletes. For others, it is a step up to the next level of performance. What they all have in common is that they meet like-minded people. May these competitions not only serve as a sporting comparison but also as an opportunity for intercultural exchange. This is of particular importance and significance in the challenging times we are all facing. From this point of view, we are reminded of the need to prioritise sport and healthy social exchange. FISU firmly believes that university athletes are the role models and future leaders the world needs, now more than ever.

Over the following 7 days, you will compete alongside some of the best student-athletes in the world. The FISU World University Championships demand skill, athleticism, and single-minded determination to do your best. But beyond the competition, FISU urges you to take full advantage of this moment. May you return home with memories that will last a lifetime and perhaps even some new friends from far-away places. None of FISU's events would be possible, meanwhile, without the gracious generosity of our hosts. I want to extend our sincere gratitude to the National University Sports Federation of South Africa, the organisers for their dedication and the volunteers for their strong will to serve this event. I am confident you will do the same. FISU is also grateful for the ongoing support of the International Sports Federations. Together, we aim to provide the highest level of technical excellence on and off the field of play. We remain convinced that the best student-athletes deserve nothing less.

I am confident that the 2024 FISU World University Championship Squash in Johannesburg will give you every opportunity to shine. I wish you the best of luck!

Leonz **EDER** - FISU President

Welcome Message



It is with immense pride and joy that I extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you attending the Joburg 2024 FISU World University Squash Championship. Hosted by the esteemed University of Johannesburg and in proud partnership with Squash South Africa, this event stands as a testament to the unwavering commitment to athleticism, hard work, and excellence that our institutions cherish and uphold.

As the President of University Sport South Africa, it fills me with great happiness to witness a gathering of talent, passion, and unwavering determination from student athletes representing universities from all corners of the globe. Your presence here not only elevates the event but also exemplifies the beautiful bond forged through sports and camaraderie.

We offer our full support whilst hosting you in our country and encourage the student athletes of each country to spread the values of happiness and peace to the world through sport. We, at University Sport South Africa, staunchly believe in the transformative power of sports—to inspire, to challenge, and, most importantly, to unite. The FISU World University Squash Championship is not just a platform for competition; it is a golden opportunity for you to showcase your prowess, learn valuable lessons from your peers, and create bonds and connections that transcend the boundaries of the court.

As you embark upon this thrilling adventure, remember that every match, every point, and every moment is a valuable opportunity for growth and self-discovery. Embrace the challenges that lie ahead, relish the triumphs, and consistently strive for nothing less than excellence.

Once again, I extend a hearty welcome to the FISU Squash Championship. It is my sincere hope that your time here, made all the more special by new friendships, will be adorned with wonderful memories, intense competition, and the sheer joy that comes with playing a sport you are passionate about.

I wish you all the best and eagerly anticipate an extraordinary tournament that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression.

Mr. Jerry LAKA - USSA President



Hosting City

Johannesburg, fondly called “Joburg” known as the “City of Gold,” will be home to the 2024 FISU World Championship Squash. Renowned for its rich cultural heritage, breathtaking landscapes, and world-class amenities, Johannesburg offers an extraordinary blend of opportunities for players and visitors alike. Joburg is the largest city in South Africa and is home to just over 5.5 million residents. It is the financial capital of South Africa and hosts the country's stock exchange. Prepare to be captivated by the city's vibrant energy, warm hospitality, and diverse experiences.

When choosing Johannesburg as the host city, the organising committee knew that international teams would benefit from:

Warm Climate: Johannesburg enjoys a pleasant climate during September, making it an ideal destination for sports events. Teams can bask in the city's sunshine and blue skies while showcasing their skills on the court.

International teams seeking an unparalleled sports event experience need look no further than Johannesburg. This thriving metropolis, with its international awards, exceptional infrastructure, cultural richness, and warm hospitality, promises to deliver a world-class event that will leave lasting memories for all involved. Johannesburg's accolades include:

World Travel Awards - Africa's Leading Sports Tourism Destination: Johannesburg's outstanding facilities, seamless event management, and unparalleled hospitality have secured this prestigious award, acknowledging its commitment to providing an exceptional experience to sports enthusiasts.

Global Sports Tourism Awards - Best Host City: Renowned for its ability to seamlessly manage and execute international sports events, Johannesburg has been recognized as the Best Host City, thanks to its state-of-the-art venues, top-notch accommodation options, and efficient transportation systems.

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World-Class Infrastructure: Johannesburg boasts a modern and well-developed infrastructure, with exceptional stadiums, training facilities, and event venues. The city offers the perfect setting for any sporting discipline.

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Accommodation and Hospitality: As a premium destination, Johannesburg offers a wide range of luxurious accommodations, ranging from upscale hotels to boutique lodges, ensuring that athletes and spectators can unwind in comfort and style.

3

Cultural Richness: Johannesburg's vibrant culture and diverse population add a unique dimension to any sports event. Visitors can immerse themselves in the city's rich history, explore its renowned museums and art galleries, or indulge in its culinary delights, all while enjoying world-class sporting action.

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International Sports Events Excellence Awards - Most Memorable Sports Experience: The city's ability to create unforgettable moments has been acknowledged with this esteemed award. Johannesburg's electrifying atmosphere, passionate crowds, and unparalleled cultural diversity ensure that every event becomes an extraordinary celebration of sport.

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Vibrant, multicultural and dynamic, the University of Johannesburg (UJ) shares the pace and energy of cosmopolitan Johannesburg, the city whose name it carries. Proudly South African, the university is alive down to its African roots, and well-prepared for its role in actualising the potential that higher education holds for the continent's development. UJ has transformed into a diverse, inclusive, transformational and collegial institution, with a student population of over 50 000, of which more than 3000 are international students from 80 countries. This makes UJ one of the largest contact universities in South Africa (SA) from the 26 public universities that make up the higher education system. The University has 7 faculties and a college viz., Education, Law, Humanities, Art, Design and Architecture, Health Sciences, Science, Engineering and the Built Environment as well as the College of Business and Economics, housing the newly established Johannesburg Business School. The University has four campuses, namely the Auckland Park Bunting Road Campus; the Auckland Park Kingsway Campus; the Doornfontein Campus; and the Soweto Campus.

The vision of the UJ is to be “an international University of choice, anchored in Africa, dynamically shaping the future”. The mission can be described as follows: “inspiring its community to transform and serve humanity through innovation and the collaborative pursuit of knowledge”.

UJ has established itself as a reputable host of successful sporting events. With a well-organized events team, UJ excels in creating exceptional experiences for participants and spectators alike. UJ's commitment to event hosting is evident through its track record of organizing a diverse range of competitions. From inter-university tournaments to national championships and even international competitions. UJ attracts participants from various backgrounds, fostering a vibrant and competitive atmosphere. The UJ Squash club won the National University Championships for 8 consecutive years and continue to be a dominant force within the sporting code with top notch coaching staff and management.

Event Registration

All participating teams must register on the FISU Accreditation Portal:

<https://accreditation.fisu.net/Pages/Home.aspx>



Registration Deadlines:

General Entries: 6 months prior to the event – 02 March 2024

Quantitative Entries: 3 months prior to the event – 02 June 2024

Individual Entries: 1 month prior to the event – 02 August 2024

Age Criteria:

Be at least- 18 and no older than 25 years of age on the 31st December 2024.
Athletes must be born between 01/01/1999 and the 21/12/2006

Participation Fees:

Euro 80 per person per night

Euro 120 per person per night for extra officials (Officials over the allowable number as per the technical handbook)

FISU Registration Fees - Euro 20 per athlete and official – these fees are invoiced by FISU at the end of the World Championship Season

Official Hotel

View hotel here:

<https://www.southernsun.com/southern-sun-sandton>

Experience a warm and friendly welcome, unsurpassed service, and superb amenities in the elegance of Southern Sun Sandton Hotel on Rivonia Road in Sandton, Johannesburg.

The hotel boasts 301 rooms to cater for the entire delegation groups of the event.

Located in the heart of Sandton, the hotel is in close proximity to a number of popular attractions such as Sandton City, one of the largest shopping centres in the southern hemisphere, and Nelson Mandela Square.

The Gautrain Station is just moments away, making this the ideal Sandton base for both the business and leisure traveller, providing ease of access to explore the many experiences that Johannesburg has to offer.

The hotel is adjoining the Marc shopping centre for easy access to shops and restaurants.

Delegations will be accommodated in twin sharing rooms and in single rooms where there are uneven numbers from a gender perspective.

Breakfast and Dinners will be served at the hotel.

Southern Sun, Sandton



Travel & Insurance



Airport - The arrival airport is the OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg. Transfers will be arranged based team arrival details from the airport to the Southern Sun Sandton Hotel. The travel distance from airport to hotel is 29.5km

Participating countries must have the appropriate insurance to cover travel and medical expense.

Immigration

General information about South African Visas

South Africa has a number of bilateral visa exempt agreements. For further details on visa exempt countries please visit <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/exempt-countries>.

Requirements for visitor's visas differ from country to country, and the requirements are subject to change. As each application is treated as an individual case and you should make enquiries with your nearest South African mission or consulate abroad or any office of the Department of Home Affairs to see whether or not you are required to apply for a visa.

Visas are not issued at South African ports of entry, and airline officials are obliged to insist on visas before allowing passengers to board. Participants are encouraged to apply timeously for an entry visa. All requests for Visa Invitation letters need to be sent to FISUSquash2024@ussa.org.za and the turnaround time to issue Invitation Letters is 5 working days

Requirements for entering South Africa:

- A valid and acceptable passport or travel document for your intended stay
- At least two blank page in your passport for endorsements
- A valid visa, if required
- Sufficient funds to pay for your day-to-day expenses during your stay
- A return or onward ticket
- An invitation letter stating the purpose of your visit
- Yellow fever certificates if your journey starts or entails any past travel through a yellow fever prone country

Altitude & Weather

Johannesburg altitude sits at 5,751 (1,753m) feet above sea level. Teams will need to acclimatize and are encouraged to take this into consideration when planning your travel itinerary.

In September, Johannesburg experiences the transition from winter to spring. It is a transitional month, and the weather gradually starts to warm up.

- **Temperature:** The average high temperature in September ranges from around 21°C (70°F) to 26°C (79°F), while the average low temperature can drop to around 9°C (48°F) to 13°C (55°F). These temperatures are relatively mild but can still vary throughout the month.
- **Rainfall:** September is typically a dry month for Johannesburg, with minimal rainfall. On average, the city receives around 15-20 millimeters of precipitation spread over a few rainy days. However, it's important to note that weather patterns can be unpredictable, so occasional showers or thunderstorms are still possible.
- **Sunshine:** Johannesburg experiences increased sunshine hours during September. You can expect around 8-9 hours of daylight per day, providing ample opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities.
- **Wind:** Winds in Johannesburg are generally light during September, with an average speed ranging between 5 and 15 kilometers per hour (3-9 miles per hour). However, occasional gusts may occur, especially during thunderstorms.

Match Venues

The event will be hosted at two match venues in Johannesburg:

Venue 1: Parkview Squash Center is situated in the leafy residential suburb of Parkview, Johannesburg. It is one of the largest, most active squash centers in the Southern hemisphere:

<https://parkviewsquash.co.za/about-us/>

Facility includes:

- 11 glass back squash courts
- On site racquet shop with restringing facility
- The Parkview Squash Center is 13km from the event hotel

Venue 2: Wanderers Squash Club is situated in the Illovo residential suburb at the reknown 4 star graded Wanderers Club:

<https://www.thewanderersclub.co.za/sports/squash/>

Facility includes:

- An international standard all glass court
- On site restringing facility
- The Wanderers Squash Club is 5km from the event hotel.

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Preliminary Schedule

Date	Activity	Notes
30 Aug – 01 Sept	Arrival of Delegation Countries	We are also able host countries that will need to arrive on earlier dates for acclimatization reasons
01 Sept	Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony
02 September Day 1	Individual Competition Day	
03 September Day 2	Individual Competition Day	
04 September Day 3	Individual Competition Day	
05 September Day 4	Individual Competition Day	
06 September Day 5	Team Competition Day	
07 September Day 6	Team Competition Day	
08 September Day 7	Team Competition Day Closing Ceremony	



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Let's Play!