

## World Amateur and World Men's Open Individual

The World Amateur Individual Championship was inaugurated by the International Squash Rackets Federation (ISRF) in 1967, at the same time as the Team event. It was played, together with the Team event, every year until 1983, after when it was discontinued. However, as a number of players turned professional in the 1970s, a clamouring began for an Open title. Initially, in February 1976, the Open event was incorporated into the British Open, but subsequently it developed as the premier World Individual Championship. It has been played every year since 1976, except 2000 and 2001, when financing was unavailable. Toronto hosted the Amateur in 1977, and the Open events in 1979 and 1981.

The only Canadian players, to have placed in the last eight of any tournament, have been Jonathon Power (winner in 1998, semi - finalist in 1999 and 2002, and quarter - finalist in 1997 and 2005), and Graham Ryding (semi - finalist in 2004).