## MARIA MIN: JTC NATIONAL CHAMPION



My dad started playing squash with me when I was five. Squash just became an integral part of my life, almost without me realizing it because I started at such a young age.

Jericho has played a major role in my development as a junior squash player. I am very grateful to have amazing training partners and my coach, Richard Yendell. They push me every day to become a better player. I also enjoy playing against adults in club tournaments and city league matches. Jericho has hosted awesome tournaments including PSA tournaments, where I had the opportunity to hit with players such as Deryl Selby, Hollie Naughton, and Nick Sachvie.

One of my favourite local tournaments is the Jericho Junior Open. I look forward to it every year because I get to play at my home club and the atmosphere is great.

## Jericho Tennis Club Junior Squash

When I was ten years old (U11), I went to compete in the US Junior Squash Open which took place at Yale. We decided to go as a fun family trip and to see New York. Somehow, I wound up as a surprise finalist after knocking out the number two seed, who I played in the second round. After that tournament, I decided to focus on squash and start training seriously.

I returned to the US Junior Open held in Boston when I was U13. I made it to the quarterfinals, and I was happy that Richard was there to coach me.

I am looking forward to a regular squash season starting this fall: including city wide squash league, local, national and international tournaments, and high-performance junior training squads.

