



State Association Conference Call January 6, 2009 6 pm MST

“USA Racquetball is the National Governing Body for the sport of racquetball, recognized by the United States Olympic Committee, and is committed to excellence and service to our members. We provide the infrastructure and organization for racquetball. We also provide competitive opportunities for members and enthusiasts through our coordination of racquetball organizations, development and administration of rules and programs, sanctioning of events and development of teams for international competition.”

AGENDA

- Risk Management – Board's Exposure
- Rankings - submitting corrections, skill level divisions, results, and doubles
- Website, eNewsletter, and Magazine – articles and pictures needed
- State PENN Ball Program – information

Risk Management



State Board's Exposure

- The state board has a fiduciary responsibility to the association
- Not having proper checks and balances, procedures, or just not adhering to the ones in place can expose the board to a lawsuit
 - Embezzlement Example
- Know your state laws for protecting your personal assets
- Make sure you have D&O insurance in place to assist you if something does happen

Risk Management

- Have risk management questions? You can contact the Nonprofit Risk Management Center for free advice
 - www.nonprofitrisk.org
 - 202-785-3891
 - Melanie@nonprofitrisk.org

Rankings



Submitting Ranking Corrections

- If you notice that there are players not in the proper position for your state, please contact Jim Hiser (jhiser@usra.org) and/or Usher Barnhoff (usherbar@shaw.ca)

Results

- Results will officially be a part of the sanctioning refund criteria
 - submitted 30 days after the last day of the event
- All results should go through USAR or R2 Sports (no penalty through USAR at this time)
- Please begin submitting doubles results so we can have information for the Doubles Ranking system

Doubles

- Doubles results are now required and will be a sanction refund criteria



Skill Level Break

- Jim Hiser has looked at the rankings and has found several breaks for skill levels
- Please make sure your state rankings information is correct so that the National Skill Level Breaks are correct
- States can use this as a tool but you have the best gauge for your state tournaments

Website, eNewsletter, and Magazine



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- Website – articles and pictures needed
 - Please submit to Leo Vasquez at leo@usra.org
- eNewsletter – articles and pictures needed
 - Please submit to Heather Fender at hfender@usra.org
- Magazine – articles and pictures needed – Spring Issue will focus on High School and Collegiate athletes and programs
 - Please submit to Heather Fender at hfender@usra.org

Deadlines for eNewsletter and Magazine

January eNewsletter –	November 1 st
Winter Issue of Magazine –	December 1 st
March eNewsletter –	January 1 st
April eNewsletter –	February 1 st
Spring Issue of Magazine –	March 1 st
May eNewsletter –	April 1 st
June eNewsletter –	May 1 st
Summer Issue of Magazine –	June 1 st
August eNewsletter –	July 1 st
September eNewsletter –	August 1 st
Fall Issue of Magazine –	September 1 st
November eNewsletter –	October 1 st
December eNewsletter –	November 1 st

State PENN Ball Program



State PENN Ball Programs – Order Form

- If you use R2 Sports for your events:
 - Please put 0 for draw sheets
 - Please put 0 for scorecards
- If you still have PENN banners from prior years please put 0 for PENN Banners
- PENN is trying to conserve as much as possible and appreciates your assistance

State PENN Ball Program

- Order forms – to place orders for your 2009 State Championships
- Contract – either extend your current contract or start a new contract (contact tmorse@usra.org if you would like to know your contract status)
- Rejection – If you are not using the PENN Ball program this year

Other Reminders



Other Information

- What topics would you like included in the next meeting? Write to Terri at tmorse@usra.org
 - Junior programs were suggested
- Volunteers/members you would like to spotlight on front page of website – contact Leo at leo@usra.org
- Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of month instead of Monday – is another night better? Contact Terri at tmorse@usra.org
- Updates for Racquetball University, contact Jim Hiser at jhiser@usra.org
- Nov/Dec Junior Issues – a great way to promote junior development! For extra issues, contact Eddie Meredith at emeredith@usra.org

Dates to Remember



January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 USAR Office Closed	2 USAR Office Closed	3
4	5	6 6pm MST Assoc. Call	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 WSMRA National Championship Canoga Park, CA	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 6pm MST Assoc. Call	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			2009 USA Racquetball National Doubles – Tempe, AZ			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			2009 USA Racquetball High Schools – St. Louis, MO			

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 6pm MST Assoc. Call	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7 6pm MST Assoc. Call	8	9	10	11
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26	27	28	29	30		

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 6pm MST Assoc. Call	6	7	8	9
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Other Business / Information



Business / Information

- Next Meeting **Tuesday, February 3rd** at 6pm MST (5 PST, 7 CST, 8 EST)
- Ryan Rodgers contact information
 - ryan@r2sports.com
 - (602) 235-0925
- Leo Vasquez contact information
 - leo@themav.com
- IBM (Webdialogs) conference
 - Support: (888) 376-0105

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Insurance Litigation and Concerns

- Litigation is on the rise
 - Without insurance coverage, anyone who is involved in a tournament becomes exposed to potential litigation (officials, tournament directors, state associations, sponsors, clubs, etc.)
- More clubs are requesting proof of insurance coverage before approving events to be held at their facilities
 - Make sure your tournament directors and clubs know that insurance coverage is available for sanctioned events

Requesting an Insurance Certificate

- Don't wait until the last minute (cannot guarantee a certificate)
- Use the insurance certificate request form to ask questions of the club/facility needing the certificate (contact tmorse@usra.org if you don't have this form)
- Send the information requested on the form to tmorse@usra.org (the actual form does not need to be filled out)

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Who Can Help?

- You
 - Use at Work (if allowed)
 - Use at Home
- Your State Association
 - Add to your email signature:
 - I GoodSearch for USA Racquetball!

Raise money for USA Racquetball just by searching the Internet or shopping online with GoodSearch - www.goodsearch.com - powered by Yahoo!

- Friends or Family members
 - Don't limit to people who actually play racquetball, anyone can help

Reminders & Information

- New feature under Programs at www.usaracquetball.com:
 - USAR University (currently listed as Racquetball University)
 - Great for clubs, new players, training, etc.
 - Instructor list coming soon
 - Women's Committee
 - Facility Directory
- Encourage tournament directors, clubs, and members to keep their information current with USAR – what is in USAR database (not R2) will be utilized for all mailings and emails

Club Updates

- To Try and keep our system current, USAR needs input from you regarding Clubs, number of courts, etc.

USAR Requirements

- Up-to-date proof of incorporation
- Up-to-date board list
- Current state bylaws
- President access list
- Tournament director list (current email)
- Club information (current address / phone)

Sanction Fees

- Base fees:
 - One day shoot-out \$50
 - Multi-day event \$100
- If sanction application is received by USAR less than 7 days from start of tournament, an additional \$20 will be charged for the sanction fee.
 - Tournament kit 2nd day (\$20) or Overnight (\$25) fees will also be required if a kit is requested
- If sanction application is received 7-14 days from start of tournament, an additional \$10 will be charged for the sanction fee.

Sanctioning Refund Criteria

- Event must be sanctioned before event start date
 - Sanctioning fee must be paid to USAR prior to event to be considered sanctioned
 - To receive full benefits of sanctioning at least 3 months in advance
 - Event cancellations, name changes, and date changes must be submitted to USAR immediately prior to event: hizzett@usra.org
- No more than 14 days after event, all players should be current members or LEM with fees paid in full to USAR
- No more than 30 days after event, results should be submitted

Sanctioning Name

In order to minimize confusion, name must include the following:

- Year of event
- State abbreviation (NOT state Association abbreviation)
- Name of event

EXAMPLE: Turkey Shootout for ORA would then become **2007 OH Turkey Shootout**

Membership Rebate Criteria

- Based on the number of events that meet the Sanctioning Refund Criteria during a quarter
- Rebate subject to percentage of qualified events:
 - 0-65.9% NO Rebate
 - 66-89.9% Prorated
 - 90+% Full Rebate
- No events in quarter = No rebate

Limited Event Membership

- As of 12/1/2007, the Limited Event Membership UPGRADE is no longer an option. Please be sure to pass along to your tournament directors.

