



INSTRUCTORS PROGRAM

1. **Why create a new program?** *The original AmPRO program was created and implemented by USA Racquetball. During the financial crisis of 2002, Gary Mazaroff was asked to direct the program. All revenues went directly to and were retained by Mazaroff, although USA Racquetball still provided and financed AmPRO insurance coverage. In recent years, members and instructors have been requesting consistently updated information and stricter qualification requirements for instructors. USAR and several master instructors decided to meet to determine if a revised program was indeed indicated and, if so, how it should be structured. A decision was made to commence with an updated and enhanced program leveraging technology and mentoring components. At that time USAR Executive Director Jim Hiser met with Mazaroff to outline ideas for reorganization and invite him to join as a master instructor at the same level as all the other involved instructors. Mazaroff chose to decline the invitation, so the master instructors (Fran Davis, Connie Martin, Tom Travers and Jim Winterton), while disappointed by Mazaroff's decision, moved on to develop the new USAR Instructors Program.*
2. **What are the benefits of the USAR Instructors Program?** *The new program will utilize modern modes of social media technology (USAR web site, Twitter, Facebook, chalk book analysis-a new teaching technology, the USOC coaching web site, Racquetball magazine, Racquetball University) to help distribute information, updated and distributed on a monthly basis, to all members. Not only will there be a great deal of information distributed each month, a regional mentor program is being established that will entail monthly conference calls to address teaching and coaching issues. The new program will also include a coaching certification (in line with the USOC's coaching program), a clinician's certification for teachers (to provide insurance, use of the R2 system for registration and advertisement, and use of the web site and magazine for advertising of clinics), and a programming certification produced by Connie Martin. The programming manual is the most-up-to-date reference book for programming available in our sport and will be distributed throughout the U.S. and at all USAR-IP clinics.*
3. **What happens to current AmPRO instructors?** *All current AmPRO memberships will be grandfathered into the new program. If you have a lifetime membership in AmPRO, you have a lifetime membership in USAR; similarly, if you have a three-year AmPRO membership, you will be grandfathered into USAR/IP for the length of that membership.*
4. **What is the difference between membership and certification?** *Membership provides the opportunity to be connected with the USAR-IP program and receive continually updated information. It provides access to all on-line services. Certification recognizes you as qualified to teach racquetball at a designated level. All certified instructors must be members of USAR-IP.*

5. **Why will there be a re-certification?** *In order to maintain highly qualified instructors, our insurance carrier recommended that we implement a method for education to ensure instructors are kept up-to-date with the newest teaching techniques. The new program will provide continual online education classes and re-certification every three years (online or in person). The online courses are slated to begin by June 2010.*
6. **What is the cost?**
New Members (no AmPRO affiliation)
Membership - \$99
Certification Clinic - \$295 (certification includes one-year membership)
- Current AmPRO members**
Membership - \$75
Re-certification Clinic - \$150.00 (regular member)
Re-certification Clinic - \$75.00 (AmPRO lifetime member)
All current AmPRO members have up to three years to recertify.
7. **What is the length of the course?** *Initially it will be Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday. This course may also be conducted during the week in some areas, e.g. instead of Friday 6 to 10, Saturday 9 to 5 and Sunday 9 to 2, it could potentially be scheduled for Monday 4-10, Tuesday 4-10, and Wednesday 4-9, or similar hours during weekday afternoons/evenings..*
8. **Can I be a member of both organizations?** *Certainly.*
9. **What if I stay in AmPRO and do not join USAR-IP?** *USA Racquetball will recognize only those AmPRO instructors who have indicated (by completing an online application) their desire to join USAR-IP. This certification will be recognized for a maximum of three years. All new AmPRO certifications (after January 1st, 2010) will not be recognized by USAR-IP*
10. **Is there any difference between AmPRO and USAR-IP insurance coverage?** *The instructor is solely responsible for ensuring the following are included:*
- Coverage for sexual abuse and harassment (#1 reason for charges brought against instructors)
 - Minimum of \$4 million liability coverage
 - Minimum of \$2 million liability per occurrence.
- Note: USAR-IP insurance includes all of the above**

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