



***State Association
Conference Call
February 2, 2010
7 pm MST***

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AGENDA

- Rankings and Results
- “New” membership program status
- National Racquetball Month
- Covenant agreement and other proposals
- Additional Business

Rankings and Results



Rankings And Results

- Retain yellow portion of all memberships for each event – this helps for research purposes if there is an issue
- Reminder: if you are entering results (not using the event software live) you have 30 days to input the results
- Reminder: if USAR inputs results there is no sanction refund

Rankings and Results

Reverify memberships must be done in order to submit results [check your event list] “YES” means results were submitted, non-zero means that result information has been populated, zero means no results entered

CONTROL PANEL		Apps	Logout	Homepage	Colorado Racquetball Events	Go :	-- Applications --
FEATURED	Tournaments				Highlands Ranch, CO	2/21/2010	
LOGIN	<input type="checkbox"/> 2010 NM DURANGO CHAMPIONSHIPS	FEATURED			DURANGO, CO	2/19/2010 - 2/21/2010	0
LOGIN	<input type="checkbox"/> 2010 Colorado Racquet For The Cure	FEATURED			Highlands Ranch Rec Center Highlands Ranch, CO	2/5/2010 - 2/6/2010	119
Finished Tournaments							
LOGIN	2010 NM CORTEZ SPLAT RACQUETBALL OPEN				CORTEZ, CO	1/28/2010 - 1/31/2010	0
LOGIN	2010 NM CORTEZ SPLAT OPEN				CORTEZ, CO	1/28/2010 - 1/31/2010	0
LOGIN	2010 Colorado Madness				Apex Racquetball & Fitness Center Arvada, CO	1/15/2010 - 1/17/2010	66
LOGIN	2010 CO Junior Benefit				Littleton Family YMCA LITTLETON, CO	1/2/2010 - 1/2/2010	25
LOGIN	CO Killer Open				Goodson Rec. Center CENTENNIAL, CO	12/10/2009 - 12/13/2009	70 YES
LOGIN	2009 CO STATE DOUBLES				Apex Racquetball and Fitness Center (North Jeffco) Arvada, CO	11/6/2009 - 11/8/2009	93 YES

Rankings and Results

- Membership turn around is 5 weeks from the post mark date (if not in by then please contact the office at 719-635-5396) [Reminder emails to tournament directors will be going out every week results are not completed, currently only once]
- Can be expedited:
 - if state does in-state memberships
 - Includes the “Tournament and Membership Report Form” filled out
 - State processes credit cards possibly through PayPal
- Contact Terri at tmorse@usra.org if you have questions or need assistance

“New” membership program status



“New” Membership Program Status

- Will go live the 8th of February (tentative)
- Updating Server – currently in process, should help events run smoother
- From Ryan:
On February 2nd - February 4th R2sports is upgrading to a new server. This change will save you a lot of time because it is going to make every page load faster as you are creating draws and setting times for your event.

The server will be going down for 20 minute - 2 hour intervals at unknown times between the dates above in order to migrate all the data and files to the new server. If you notice the site is down, please try to give it a little time and try again later. We apologize for the inconvenience this will cause you, especially for those that have events this weekend trying to do their draws. We will minimize the downtime as much as possible.

Nothing will change in your event and your login will still be the same. Once everything is moved over, we will do our testing, but if you notice anything not working or get an error message, please email it to us and we will be able to fix it.

National Racquetball Month



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National Racquetball Month has officially started!

How many are participating?

Please contact Jim at jhiser@usra.org with National Racquetball Month promotions occurring in your state for the Spring issue of the RACQUETBALL magazine.

Please update facility addresses and contact Connie Martin with club contact information before end of month
connie@cascadeathleticclubs.com

National Racquetball Month

From Life Time Fitness (not final):

1. Current LTF members will choose 5 racquetball non-members and those members will receive 1 month free at the club.
 2. If a non-member joins by the 28th of Feb- the member gets \$50 of myltbucks and new member gets \$100 that can purchase them about a year of leagues for free.
- If possible to offer the new member a free racquet.
 - The coordinators will offer an event during the month of Feb that promotes RB to all members and new friends with no charge.

Covenant Agreement and other proposals



Covenant agreement

- Presented by Don Checots
- A signed agreement between states and USAR with an outline of expectations for both states and USAR
- USAR will be sending out other NGB agreements as examples and would like feedback and ideas

Other Proposal

- Still have states not entering in-state memberships online
 - Propose penalty of no sanction refund if USAR has to enter memberships
- For clinics, camps, etc. would you like the state to be contacted for sanctioning of them or would direct sanctioning be ok?
- Contact tmorse@usra.org with your feedback.

Additional Business



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- Next Call March 2nd at 6pm (1 hour earlier than this call)
- Junior Program still has \$3,500 in funds available for grassroots. Contact Frank Taddonio if interested
- John LoMonaco Memorial Grant update – 21 entries currently under review
- 2010 US OPEN and 2011 Singles will have information by March phone call

Dates to Remember



February 2010

National Racquetball Month

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7pm MST Assoc. Call	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				National Doubles Tempe, AZ		
14	15 USAR Closed – Presidents' Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				National High Schools Portland, OR		
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March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Deadline for Spring Issue of Magazine	2 6pm MST Assoc. Call	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20
			2010 National Masters Racquetball Assoc. National Championships Tucson, AZ →			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Other Information



Information

- Next Meeting **Tuesday, March 2nd** at 6pm MST (5 PST, 7 CST, 8 EST)
- Ryan Rodgers contact information
 - ryan@r2sports.com
 - (602) 235-0925
- Leo Vasquez contact information
 - leo@usra.org
- IBM (Webdialogs) conference
 - Support: (888) 376-0105

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

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 to 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 strive to keep our system current, USAR needs input from you regarding clubs, number of courts, etc.

USAR Requirements from State Associations

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

Sanctioning Fees

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

Sanctioning Refund Criteria

- Event must be sanctioned before event start date
 - Sanctioning fee must be paid to USAR prior to event to be considered as sanctioned
 - To receive full benefits of sanctioning, submit information and payment at least 3 months in advance
 - Event cancellations, name changes, and date changes must be submitted to USAR immediately: hizzett@usra.org
- No more than 14 days after an event, all players must be current members or LEM with fees paid in full to USAR
- No more than 30 days after event, results must be submitted
- IF USA Racquetball submits results, then NO Sanction Refund is given

Sanctioning Name

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

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

EXAMPLE: **Turkey Shootout** for ORA in 2007 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 Upgrades

- As of 12/1/2007, the Limited Event Membership UPGRADE is no longer an option. Please pass this information along to your tournament directors.
- Limited Event memberships are still available

