



**USA Racquetball Board of Directors
MINUTES
June 29, 2026
Via Zoom
5:30 pm MT / 4:30 PT / 6:30 CT / 7:30 ET**

Pre-reads

1. BOD Minutes 05152026
2. May 2026 Financial Reports

Welcome/Call to Order – Kristin Wattz 5:33 pm MT

Roll Call – Cheryl Kirk

	Roll Call
Kristin Wattz (President)	x
Jerry Lis (Vice President)	x
*Cheryl Kirk (Secretary)	x
Sandy Rios (Treasurer)	0
Jake Bredenbeck (Athlete Rep)	x
Juan Canals	x
Tom Fuhrmann (Athlete Rep)	x
Glen Gitterman	x
Charlie Pratt (Athlete Rep/Team USA AC)	x
Janel Tisinger-Ledkins (Athlete Rep)	x
Cindy Tilbury	x
Alexxander Purcell	0

* Office of the Executive Director

Conflict of Interest Review/Reminder – Cheryl Kirk

Directors are reminded to abstain/recuse themselves on topics that are a conflict of interest. Each Board member has the duty to adhere to the USA Racquetball Conflict of Interest Policy as an Affiliated Person.

Approval of 5/15/2026 Minutes – Cheryl Kirk (P-1)

Motion by Cindy Tilbury to approve the USAR Board of Directors Annual Meeting minutes of May 15, 2026.

Seconded by Glen Gitterman

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed

Executive Committee Update – Kristin Wattz

- ExCom met 6/19. The main topic was specifics of a vendor agreement.
- Discussion regarding dates for 2027 National tournaments

- U.S. Junior Team uniform package – pieces were tried on at Junior Nationals in Des Moines for size and quality considerations. After our uniform sponsor retired, a new vendor is working with us. Two quantify and price point packages are under consideration.

Office of the Executive Director Update – Cheryl Kirk

- Junior Nationals, Des Moines, Wellmark YMCA, June 24-28, 2026
 - Board members on hand were Kristin, Cheryl, Sandy, Cindy, Charlie, and Jerry
 - Entries: 186 in Singles/Doubles/Two Bounce/Multi-bounce
 - The 2026-2027 U.S. Junior Team numbers 34 athletes from 8 states
 - Awards and Ice Cream Party Saturday night: Athletes of the Year (5), All Americans (62)
 - Two July SUTN newsletter articles will offer full recaps
- 3Q call – 7/7/26 6:00 pm CT – Board member attendance requested

Financial Reports – May 2026 – Kristin Wattz (P-2)

- Monthly meetings with Bestow (accountants)
- A fundraising graphic is being created for the two upcoming international events (Worlds and World Juniors)
- Three of the four national events this year were significantly profitable

U.S. Team Committee – Cheryl Kirk

The U.S. Team Committee met on 6/9/26 to discuss the US Team Delegation for the IRF World Championships in Temuco, Chile, October 16-24 with travel on each side – a 12-13 day trip depending upon flight arrangements.

Costs are projected at \$37,850, which is \$5,320 more than on the 2026 budget. This is largely due to flight costs that were originally estimated for Toronto, Canada, but changed to those associated with travel to Temuco, Chile.

Coach Pablo Fajre recommended to the Committee a delegation for IRF Worlds using the criteria described on pp. 8-9 of the *U.S. Adult Team Handbook – Forming a Competition Team*. The Committee approved the recommendation and submitted it as follows:

Motion by Jerry Lis to accept the recommendation of the U.S. Team Committee to send the following delegation to the IRF World Championships in Temuco, Chile, in the last half of October 2026:

- **7 Athletes – pending acceptance – Jake Bredenbeck, Daniel De La Rosa, DJ Mendoza, Adam Manilla, Michelle Andersen, Lexi York, Erika Manilla**
- **Head Coach Pablo Fajre**
- **Assistant Coach/Team Leader Jen Meyer**
- **Physical Therapist BettyLou DeYoung**

Seconded by Glen Gitterman

Discussion: An athlete representative asked about whether airfare discounts might be possible due to Delta being the USOPC's official airline.

Vote: Passed with one abstention

Next Meeting: July 27, 2026, or July 28, 2026 (TBD)

Motion by Cheryl Kirk to enter closed session.

Seconded by Glen Gitterman

Vote: Passed

The Board entered closed session. Subjects discussed were vendor and licensing considerations.

Motion by Jerry Lis to exit closed session.

Seconded by: Juan Canals

Vote: Passed

The Board exited closed session.

Motion by Cheryl Kirk to adjourn

Seconded by Jerry Lis

Adjourned 7:21 pm MT



The graphic features the USA Racquetball logo on the left, which includes a stylized racquet and the text "USA RACQUETBALL • Fast • Fun • Fitness •". To the right of the logo is the large text "WE ARE USA RACQUETBALL". Below this, two columns of text describe the organization's activities and support. On the right side, there are three circular inset photos: the top one shows a female athlete with a USA flag draped over her shoulders; the middle one shows two athletes holding medals; the bottom one shows a man and a woman holding a trophy. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text "WE ARE RACQUETBALL: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE". Below the banner are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, followed by the website address "www.usaracquetball.com". The background of the graphic is a light gray wall and a wooden floor.

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We are JUNIOR, HIGH SCHOOL, and COLLEGIATE players: OUR NEXT GENERATION
We are a PAN AMERICAN SPORT
We are the U.S. ADULT AND JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAMS
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