



**EVENT SANCTIONING STANDARDS  
OF  
USA RACQUETBALL, INC.  
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***NOTE: Throughout the USA Racquetball Bylaws and all USA Racquetball official documents, when the term Executive Director is utilized, and pursuant to the information provided in Bylaws Articles VI and VIII, the term “Office of the Executive Director” is to be considered synonymous with the term “Executive Director” and all the roles and responsibilities therein, except where otherwise noted.***

**USA Racquetball Sanctioned Tournaments: Directors, Volunteers, and Participants**

USA Racquetball is committed to:

- Creating a safe and positive environment for athletes’ physical, emotional, and social development;
- Ensuring that it promotes an environment free of misconduct and abuse of any kind in any sanctioned tournament.

Participation in a sanctioned tournament requires a USA Racquetball membership. Membership is open to any player of any nationality who pays the annual fee. There are also limited event memberships available to those who do not wish to purchase an annual membership. All players must sign the Event Waiver form prior to participating in the tournament. [Event Release Form](#)

Tournament Directors must follow the Quality Control System (QCS) for USA Racquetball and abide by the policies and procedures therein. [Quality Control System](#)

This includes SafeSport and MAAPP requirements, which are outlined in further detail here: [SafeSport](#).

All participants in sanctioned events must be USA Racquetball members. All members are required to follow the USA Racquetball Code of Conduct, here: [USAR Code of Conduct and Statement of Ethics](#)

Due regard will be given to international amateur athletic requirements specifically applicable to the competition (if any).

### **How to Sanction Events**

See “How to Sanction Events” for the steps tournament directors must take to meet requirements for a successful sanctioned tournament. [Host An Event](#).

Sanctioned racquetball tournaments may be played either indoors or outdoors.

### **Tournament Play and Referees**

Tournaments must follow the USA Racquetball Rules of Play: [Racquetball Rules of Play](#)

Tournament directors are responsible for ensuring that competition is fair for all participants, including providing qualified officials when required. The use of referees is not mandated; however, if referees are used, the tournament director will ensure they know the rules and understand that any questions or disputes should be brought to the tournament director’s attention. If referees are not used, players should be informed of the procedure to be followed for disputes during a match.

Certified referees will be assigned for matches in U.S. National Team Qualifying event divisions.

USA Racquetball’s Referee Certification Program can be viewed here:  
[Referee Certification](#)

### **Medical Provisions**

Tournament directors and key volunteers and facility management are trained in CPR/AED procedures.

Facilities should have access to medical equipment generally available for sporting events (first aid kits, tested AED devices, ice, etc.). A tournament’s athletic trainers and certified instructors are trained in CPR/AED and basic first aid. Tournament directors and facility management discuss and agree upon emergency medical procedures prior to the beginning of the event.

U.S. National Team Qualifying events will have athletic trainers and/or physical therapists available.

USA Racquetball provides secondary insurance to all sanctioned tournament participants, i.e. USA Racquetball members.

USA Racquetball provides international travel insurance coverage for adult and junior athletes and staff traveling to competitions outside the United States.

### **Tournament Results**

Sanctioned tournament results must be entered into R2 Sports (USA Racquetball's tournament management software). At the end of each tournament, results should be verified by the tournament director and then submitted through the R2 Sports system within three days so that players' rankings are updated.

### **U.S. National Teams**

The U.S. National Team participates in the Pan American Games and other international events sanctioned by the International Racquetball Federation (IRF). USA Racquetball does not impose limitations on who can participate in amateur events.

The IRT (International Racquetball Tour) and the LPRT (Ladies Professional Racquetball Tour), which are the professional organizations for men's and women's racquetball, do enforce limits on their top players in amateur division competition. However, this does not impact their ability to compete in team qualifying events.

For U.S. Team Qualifying divisions (both Adult and Junior), results establish the official U.S. Team / U.S. Junior Team rosters for the season June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year through May 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

The U.S. National Adult and Junior Team Qualifying Events adhere to the National Team Handbooks as well as the rules and policies listed elsewhere in this Event Sanctioning Standards document.

[US Adult Team Handbook](#)

[US Junior Team Handbook](#)

*For any questions or concerns regarding USA Racquetball Event Sanctioning standards and processes, please contact the Office of the Executive Director at [ed@usaracquetball.com](mailto:ed@usaracquetball.com).*

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