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Rules in a pinch

Fault serves (any two in succession result in an Out Serve)

Short Serve • Long Serve • 3 Wall Serve • Screen Serve • Foot Fault • Ceiling Serve • Serving While Receiver Is Not Ready

Out Serves

Two Consecutive Fault Serves (or a single fault serve in one serve play) • Non-Front Wall Serve • Missed Serve Attempt • Served Ball Hits Server

Replay Hinders

Court Hinders • Ball Hits Opponent • Body Contact • Screen Ball • Safety Holdup

Penalty Hinders

Failure to Move • Stroke Interference • Blocking/Pushing • Apparel or Equipment Loss • Moving Into the Ball • Intentional Distractions.

Technical Fouls (point deduction) / Technical Warnings (no deduction)

Profanity • Excessive Arguing • Threat to Opponent/Referee • Delay of Game • Striking Of Ball between Rallies or Slamming Racquet • Unsportsmanlike Behavior.

What's Happening

Juniors State Tournament

August 7-10 Juniors State Tournament at Redwood Rec Center

Membership Drive Tournaments

September 3-7 Fall Opener Membership Drive at Marv Jensen

September 17-21 Membership Drive at Utah Valley University

September 17-21 Membership Drive at South Davis Rec Center

At each of these 3 tournaments, you can renew your USRA membership for another year or join as a new member. This is an economical way to get in the swing of things for the racquetball season.

Cheap lessons anyone?

The Cheapest Lesson You Will Ever Have

Have you ever wondered why your swing sends your shots straight in to the floor? Or why your down the wall turns in to a shot right down the middle of the court? One of the best ways to improve your swing mechanics is to watch yourself play; however, many don't want to leave their personal camcorder unattended or they don't have family/friends who can record their matches.

This year, the Utah Racquetball Board would like to offer a new service. For \$25, we will record your match and give you an unedited copy, so you can analyze every aspect of your game. The board will record one match per tournament hour on a first-come, first-serve basis. Proceeds from this service will go towards expanding racquetball participation through the Junior's program.

If you are interested in this service at an upcoming tournament, please contact Mike VanValkenberg (801-928-4713) for availability or with questions.

Welcome your new Board Officers

The Board recently met and elected the following individuals to these Board positions.

- Mallory Parry, president
- David Diaz, vice-president
- Pam Martin, secretary
- Loretta Peterson, treasurer

Other voting members of the board are :

- Adam Wyatt, Derek Shirts, Mike Van Valkenburg, Randy Van Wagoner, TJay Belt



Court Etiquette, Rules and Rules Changes

As the 2013 – 2014 Racquetball Season quickly approaches, the Utah Racquetball Association wants you to have a rewarding and enjoyable time on the courts. In order to help you achieve this goal, it is important to remember etiquette and rules.

Etiquette: Try to arrive 30 minutes before your game. This will give you plenty of time to check in, get changed and warm up. I know, it's easier said than done, but if we all arrive early enough to our matches the tournament directors will be able to run the tournaments more smoothly and without delays.

Rules: Remember that "each player or team is entitled to three 30-second timeouts in games to 15 points and two 30-second timeouts in games to 11 points (tie-breaker). If a player takes more than 30 seconds, another timeout may be charged. Once all time allowed has expired, a "delay of game" technical foul can be assessed." Also, remember that the rest period between the first two games of a match is 2 minutes. If a tiebreaker is necessary, the rest period between the second and third game is 5 minutes.

Rules Changes: The USA Racquetball's Board of Directors approved four rule changes starting September 1st, 2013

1. USA Racquetball events throughout the nation, including Open divisions, will play the two-serve game except for the U.S. national Team Qualifying divisions at National Singles and National Doubles.
2. Electronic audio devices cannot be used during play unless they are to amplify the player's hearing ability.
3. Players must wear shoes and cannot play barefoot or only in socks.
4. Unintentional carries are permitted and are no longer called.

These rules will soon be available on the USAR website at www.teamusa.org/USA-Racquetball later this month. If you have any questions about them, don't hesitate to e-mail the URA Vice-President at david.helmuth.diaz@gmail.com.

As we keep in mind court etiquette and rules our games will be more enjoyable and our racquetball experiences more rewarding.

See you on the courts!

Marianne Hall of Fame

Induction into URA Hall of Fame – Marianne Rowley

Marianne has been an integral part of Utah racquetball for over 3 decades. Her accomplishments and contributions are vast. A few of her accomplishments include:

- Many state Women's Open titles as well as Men's A titles.
- Countless hours of service and dedication for the Utah Racquetball community.
- RB pro at Cottonwood Heights and the Sports Mall for many years.
- Started the Utah High School Program and ran the program for many years.
- Coached Skyline High School team and was instrumental in getting Utah juniors to National and World competitions.

Marianne has spent many hours bettering the racquetball community and this is the reason she was the 2013 recipient of the Utah Racquetball Hall of Fame award.

She is one of the most unassuming and humble people to step on our courts and doesn't expect thanks for any of her contributions. Utah Racquetball wouldn't be where it is today without her talents and dedication.



Letter from the President

We are Listening

This summer the Utah Racquetball Board surveyed URA members regarding membership and sanctioned tournaments. We received great feedback and **we listened.**

The top 4 responses were:

- Lower tournament costs or give us more for our money
- Hold tournaments over fewer days
- Have prizes/awards for top players of each division
- Improve the tournament food

We discussed these four responses with the tournament directors and brainstormed different ways to incorporate the requests. Some of those ideas included:

- Offer discounts – To juniors, collegiates, members of the club where the tournament is held, or those who bring new players with them.
- Format - Hold more round-robin or shoot-out events that are held Friday-Saturday; Limit the number of events a member can enter, in order to condense tournaments to fewer days.
- Food – We also discussed ideas of how to provide healthy, filling meals on a small tournament budget.

In looking at the feedback of the members, we have noticed that there are some unifying changes everyone would like to see (i.e. lower cost or more value for your money), but there are also some elements of a tournament on which members have differing opinions. Realizing that we cannot come up with one overarching tournament format that will satisfy every member, we feel that it will be our primary job, as a Board, to open communication between members and individual tournament directors. To do this, we are introducing two new elements to this season.

- We will be asking each tournament director to clearly advertise what will be offered for your entry fee to their tournament (i.e., a meal vs. a snack; prizes or not; what the souvenir will be, etc.).
- After each tournament, the Board will send out a survey to the tournament participants. This survey will ask specific questions about what you did or did not like about that particular tournament and the results will then be given to the tournament director.

We hope that by implementing these two practices, we will allow you to have a clear way to communicate to the tournament directors, both before and after a tournament. Directors can then use this information to tailor their tournaments to the demographic they feel is largest for their tournament with the hope of providing something for everyone throughout the state.

As a Board, we will also make further efforts and changes, based upon your feedback, on what you would like from your membership. This year we will be developing new or improved ways of holding social events, giving prizes/awards, sending out regular newsletters, advertising for tournaments, and providing ways to improve game performance.

We enjoyed your feedback and we hope we can continue to improve and expand the sport of racquetball in Utah. As always, contact the Board with any further suggestions, questions, or ways we can help the members.

Sincerely,
Mallory Parry
URA President

2013 – 2014 Utah Racquetball Tournament Schedule

August	7-10	Juniors State Tournament	Redwood Rec Center rmcgovern@slco.org	Ruth McGovern 385-468-1870
September	3-7	Fall Opener Membership Drive	Marv Jensen inkmanvan@gmail.com	URA /Mike VanValkenburg 801-928-4713
	17-21	Utah County Membership Drive	Utah Valley University ruff.bryce@gmail.com	URA/ Bryce Ruff 801-995-9207
	17-21	Bountiful Bash Membership Drive	South Davis Rec Center rico@swissboy.biz	URA/Rico Dubach 801-298-3656
October	1-5	U of U Open	University of Utah kmcclown@hotmail.com smiller@crs.utah.edu	Kayla McCloyn/Susan Miller 801-641-6672/801-641-6682
	9-12	Huntsman Senior Games	St. George rbjohn@icloud.com rbjohn175@gmail.com	John Haynes 801-541-3425
	15-19	Provo Open	Provo Rec Center plsnyder1@gmail.com	Paul Snyder 801-429-9730
	22-26	Jordan Valley	Jordan Valley rvanwagoner1@msn.com	Randy Van Wagoner 801-557-5152
November	5-9	State Doubles	Marv Jensen randy@utahracquetball.org	Garrett Snyder / Randy Martin 385-468-1630/ 801-699-6266
	19-23	November Contenders	Orem Fitness Center kbuhler@orem.org	Kaye Buhler 801-229-7118
December	3 -7	Aggie Open	Utah State University j.r.g@aggiemail.usu.edu	Josh Greenwell 208-589-2191
	10-14	Utah Age Division Challenge	Orem Fitness Center kbuhler@orem.org	Kaye Buhler 801-229-7118
January	7-11	Sports Mall	Sports Mall rbjohn@icloud.com rbjohn175@gmail.com	John Haynes 801-541-3425
	21-25	Orem Open	Orem Fitness Center kbuhler@orem.org	Kaye Buhler 801-229-7118
	28-1	Alta Canyon	Alta Canyon shanejmac@gmail.com	Shane McDougal 801-860-3491
February	4-8	State High School	Marv Jensen inkmanvan@gmail.com	Mike Van Valkenburg 801 -928-4713
	11-15	Valentine's Day Massacre	Redwood Rec Center rmcgovern@slco.org	Ruth McGovern 385-468-1870
	25-1	UVU open	Utah Valley University ruff.bryce@gmail.com	Bryce Ruff 801-995-9207
March	11-15	Luck of the Heights	Cottonwood Heights rmcgovern@slco.org	Ruth McGovern 385-468-1870
April	1-5	State Singles	Orem Fitness Center kbuhler@orem.org	Kaye Buhler 801-229-7118
	22-26	Spring Smash	Marv Jensen randy@utahracquetball.org	Garrett Snyder / Randy Martin 385-468-1630/ 801-699-6266