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USA Racquetball at 719-499-9561 or at <u>Championships@usra.org</u>

ENTRY FEE:

\$65- 1st division\$45- 2nd division\$45- 3rd division

DEADLINES, REFUNDS: Online Entry Deadline Friday- February 16th, 2018 9:00pm MT *-postmarked by February* 14th

Late Deadline (\$20 fee) Friday- February 23rd, 2018 9:00pm MT

USA Racquetball reserves the right to close entries of any division as of regular deadline. Refunds *(less a \$10.00 service fee)* are available prior to February 2nd, 4pm MT. Additional fees may include \$25 for returned checks and \$10.00 for declined debit/credit cards. Refunds processed 7 days after event is completed.

STARTING TIMES:

Monday-February 26th @ 4:00 pm online at usaracquetball.com.

CHECK-IN BEGINS:

Tuesday- February 27th @ 4pm ***All Check-in at MAC Club only!

PLAY BEGINS: Wednesday- February 28th @10am

PLAY ENDS: Sunday – March 4th @ 4pm

AWARDS CEREMONEY: Sunday – March 4th @ 5pm ***immediately after last match!

VENUES:

Multnomah Athletic Club (MAC)



1849 SW Salmon Portland, OR 97205 (503) 223-6251 10 courts

Lloyd Athletic Club (LAC)



815 NE Halsey St Portland, OR 97232 (503) 287-4594 7 courts

GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

No need for a rental car! The MAX line runs between both clubs, the host hotels and the Portland International airport. By far the easiest, most convenient way to get around the city.



LODGING:

****NEW STAY & PLAY POLICY!! Stay & Play means that in-order to compete in the tournament, you must be staying in one of the official hotels set up by USA Racquetball. \$50 fine if ignored!

Waiver: If live within or staying with someone no more than 75 miles away from the venue (with proof provided), using points or a Military discount you are not required to stay at host hotels.

Park Lane Inn & Suites



809 SW King Ave Portland, OR 97205 (503) 226-6288 \$99 per night (single or double) \$119 per night (1 room suite) \$199 per night (2 room suite) **ROOM BLOCK ENDS:** Monday- February 12th, 2018

Portland Marriott City Center



520 SW Broadway Portland, OR 97205 (503) 226-6300 \$139 per night (single or double) <u>ROOM BLOCK ENDS:</u> Friday- January 26th, 2018

Register Online usaracquetball.com



TEAM USA:

Champions in the Boys and Girls 18-year-old singles #1 divisions will qualify for a one-year appointment to the U.S. National Team.

ALL-AMERICAN ATHLETES:

Top 6 finishers in each division for Singles and Finalists in the Doubles will receive commemorative certificates.

TEAM COMPETITION AWARDS:

Awards will be given to schools competing in the team competition for Boys, Girls and Overall.

USA RACQUETBALL MEMBERSHIP

All participants must be a current USA Racquetball member.

USA RACQUETBALL RULES:

USA Racquetball Official Rules will govern competition, including the mandatory use of protective eyewear.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS:

All Divisions will receive 1st-4th place National Championship medals.



FORMAT:

Olympic Format with 4 flights in each age group, Gold, Blue, Red & White, thus ensuring that a player typically has a minimum of 3 matches per division and eventually plays against similarly skilled players during the event.

HOSPITALITY & SOUVENIR:

With special thanks to OJHRA, hospitality will be offered once per day on Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday. A tournament souvenir will be given to all participants at registration.

FUN, FUN and MORE FUN:

High School racquetball is great fun and is a perfect chance to get away with your friends & family. Enjoy the camaraderie and lifelong sporting friendships racquetball brings.

WHAT TO DO IN PORTLAND:

No matter what it is you like to be, do, eat or drink- even if you've never tried it before- You can, in Portland! The popular Downtown houses a multitude of shops and restaurants not far waterfront activities. The area is also known for family vacations to Mt. Hood, Oregon City & the Oregon Coast. Find more information at www.travelportland.com.



STUDENT PARTICIPATION:

No one shall participate in any high school racquetball contest unless they are bona fide student at an accredited high school, regularly enrolled and doing full work as defined by the regulations of the institution.

ADDITIONAL CHAMPIONSHP INFORMATION

INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS:

If a school has one player, that player may represent their school as an individual.

DIVISIONS:

Singles, doubles and mixed doubles are offered. In doubles, both players must be from the same school. All Divisions are Championship Divisions.

TEAMS AND FORMATS:

Players will compete for team and individual National Racquetball Championships in Boys, Girls, and Overall Team Competition. Teams will consist of players in 6 singles divisions, 3 doubles divisions for boys, girls, and 3 mixed divisions. Divisions are numbered 1 thru 6 in singles and 1, 2, and 3 in doubles. The top ranked player on a team must enter Division #1, the second ranked player in Division #2, and so on. Division #6 in singles and Division #3 in all doubles events are open to all players not entered in a higher division. No two players from the same school may play in the same division, except Division #6 in singles, and Divisions #3 in all doubles events. If there are fewer than 6 players, boys or girls, on a team, divisions must be filled from the top first, that is Division #1 Singles, then Division #2 Singles, and so on. All singles players are guaranteed 3 matches, including forfeits and byes. All players will earn points for their school toward the Team Championships. Players may enter 3events however, they must be separate events, and the 3rd event must be mixed doubles. Singles divisions will use Olympic Format (Gold, plus Blue, Red, and White). Doubles divisions will be single elimination and have only one consolation round. In doubles, just as in singles, the intent is for the best doubles team from each school to enter Division #1, the second-best team will enter Division #2, etc.

SCORING:

Points will be earned according to the round of your final loss (or victory if you win the division). Points are not cumulative; forfeits or byes are considered matches won. Point System will be available at the Match Check-in desk for Coaches review.

OFFICIATING:



Match losers are required to referee. Players who do not referee will be penalized 500 points (from team total).

REFEREE TESTING:

All Players are required to take and pass the online A-7 High School Referee Test prior to the event. The test is FREE!! To do so, log into your USA Racquetball profile> Courses and Testing > A-7 High School Referee Test.

PARENTS & COACHES RULES:

All parents and coaches must remain in far corners of the viewing area on the court. No speaking directly to the referee and all issues or complaints must be brought to the tournament desk immediately.



OFFICIAL BALL:



USA Racquetball and the ProPenn Green ball will be used in all matches.

MIXED DOUBLES RULES:

-Each receiving team member must clearly take a position on opposite sides of the back court within 10 seconds of the score being called. Failure to do so is delay of game.

-The boy must serve to the boy and the girl must serve to the girl. Any serve that is judged by the referee to be served to the incorrect player is a fault serve (same as a short serve).

-Definition of legal serve: The serve must bounce in the middle or in the correct side of the court, and must remain either in the middle or in the correct side of the court for the second bounce if it were to occur.

-Only the boy may return the boy's serve; only the girl may return the girl's serve. Returning serve out of turn is considered an encroachment and results in a point for the serving team.

SEEDING/RANKINGS REQUESTS:

By Friday- February 23rd@ 8 PM you must have submitted your final player positions.

SEEDING AVAILABLE:

Online at the event site, Monday- February 26th @ 4pm

SEEDING DISPUTE: Send email to: championships@usra.org by Tuesday- February 27th @ 4pm

DRAWS AVAILABLE: Online at the event site Monday- February 26th @ 4pm

TIME CONFLICT RESOLUTION: Send email to: Championships@usra.org with name/divisions/school by Tuesday- February 27th @ 2pm

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