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USA Racquetball at 719-499-9561 or at Championships@usra.org

ENTRY FEE:

\$80- 1st division \$45- 2nd division

USAR MEMBERSHIP:

All participants must be a current USA Racquetball member before they will be placed in the draw.

DEADLINES, REFUNDS:
Online Entry Deadline
Friday- March 2nd, 2018- 9:00pm MT
-postmarked by February 28th

Late Deadline (\$20 fee)

Friday- March 9th, 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 March 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-March 12th @ 4:00 pm online at usaracquetball.com.

CHECK-IN BEGINS:

Tuesday- March 13th @ 4pm-7pm

PLAY BEGINS:

Wednesday- March 14th @ 8am

PLAY ENDS:

Saturday - March 17th @ 5pm

AWARDS CEREMONEY:

Saturday – March 17th @ 6pm
***immediately after last match!

VENUE:

University of Minnesota (UOMR) Recreation Center



123 SE Harvard St Minneapolis, MN 55455 (612) 625-5000 12 courts





GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

The Metro Transit operates one of the largest public transportation systems in the country. Riding public transit is a convenient and inexpensive way to get around. It runs near the university, downtown and the International airport for about \$1.75. 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.

The Commons – Graduate Hotel



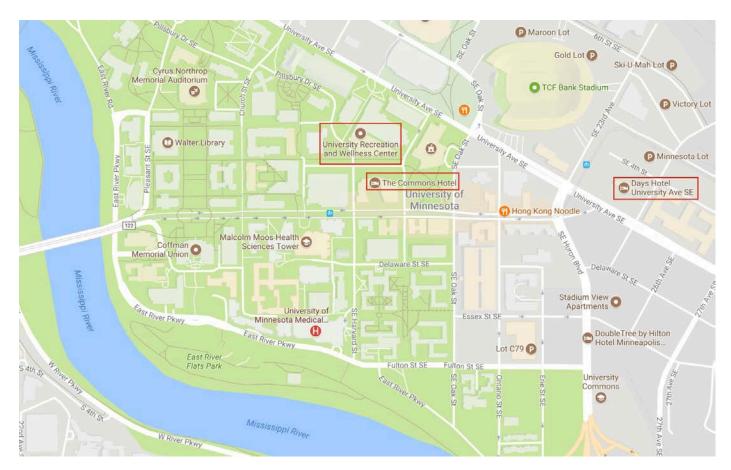
615 Washington Ave SE Minneapolis, MN 55414 (612) 379-8888 \$124 per night (single or double) .2 miles from club ROOM BLOCK ENDS: Thursday- March 8th, 2018

Days Inn



2407 University Ave SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414
(612) 623-3999
\$99 per night (single or double)
.6 miles from club
ROOM BLOCK ENDS: (Only 25 rooms!)
Monday- February 12th, 2018

Register Online usaracquetball.com



TEAM USA:



Champions in Men's & Women's #1 gold singles division will qualify for a one-year appointment to the U.S. National Adult Team. Player seeking a position in the US Team must be a US Citizen and play in the #1 singles division. If the winner is ineligible or declines the appointment, then the 2nd place finisher may elect to fill the appointment. If 2nd place finisher is not able to accept the appointment, then position goes vacant.

ALL-AMERICANS:

The top four (4) finishers in each of the men's and women's gold singles divisions #1-#6 and finalists of gold doubles divisions #1-#3 will be designated as 2017 Intercollegiate Racquetball All-Americans.

TEAM COMPETITION AWARDS:

Awards will be given to schools competing in the team competition for 1st-3rd in the Men, Women and Overall.

USA RACQUETBALL RULES:

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

HOSPITALITY & SOUVENIR:

Hospitality <u>lunches</u> and <u>dinners</u> will be offered throughout the event. A tournament gift bag will be given to all participants at registration.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS:

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



FUN, FUN and MORE FUN:

Collegiate racquetball is great fun and is a perfect chance to get away with your friends. Enjoy the camaraderie and lifelong friendships.

SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL:

We have arranged for a social night, **Saturday, March 17**th@ **9:00 PM**. We will have hors devourers' to enjoy as you mingle and get to know fellow players, coaches and fans.

WHAT TO DO IN MINNEAPOLIS:



Minneapolis is the perfect blend of natural beauty and urban sophistication. You should check out the Mall of America, Paisley Park or catch an event at the Target Center host of the US Open Racquetball Championships. For more things to do, check out http://www.minneapolis.org

ADDITIONAL CHAMPIONSHP INFORMATION

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

An undergraduate student enrolled in an accredited U.S. college or university, herein referred to as "school", shall be eligible to compete in the U.S. National Intercollegiate Championships if they meet the following requirements: Full-time student as defined by the "school" at which player is enrolled *Enrolled in a regularly matriculated degree program at the "school" for which academic and competition eligibility is to apply. including two-year and four-year programs (certificate programs not eligible) *Student must be in good academic standing at the "school" in which the player is enrolled *Enrolled full time at the same "school" for one complete term immediately prior to and including -the term in which the competition is scheduled.

EXCEPTIONS:

Students taking the final courses that are necessary to obtain their degree in the semester in which the competition is scheduled are not required to be enrolled full-time. Graduate students engaged in coursework, research, teaching or thesis production which will lead toward the awarding of a degree are eligible. They must be enrolled full-time and have not used their four years of college eligibility.

COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY:

Athletes must have college eligibility remaining to participate in the National Intercollegiate Championship. Limited to 4 years of participation. Verification must be sent to the tournament director no later than **March 9**th, **2018**.

TEAMS AND DIVISIONS:

Teams shall consist of 4 to 30 players, men and women, from the same university/college. Teams cannot combine players from different campuses. Like singles teams, doubles teams must also be from the same school. •There are six (6) singles divisions, three (3) doubles divisions

for men and women. No two players from the same team will play in the same division. Divisions are numbered 1-6 (singles) and 1-3 (doubles). Singles players may enter doubles as a second event. If there are less than six players, men or women, on a team, divisions will be filled from the top first. *For schools with additional singles players, they may play skill divisions.

TEAM SCORING:

Division I and Division II team titles will be calculated. To be eligible for Division II rankings, each school must already compete in Division II or Division III in basketball or football.

OPEN TEAM TITLE DIVISIONS:

Schools seeking national team titles in either Division I or Division II may field one men's team and one women's team, comprised of singles players #1-#6; doubles teams #1- #3. If someone is playing in Team Title Division Singles, they may not play in Skill Division Singles, but may play in Skill Division Doubles.

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.

OFFICIATING:



Match losers are required to referee or present a similarly suitable replacement. Players who do not referee will be penalized 500 points (from team total). Semifinalist who

don't advance must line judge for #1 & #2 Gold Finals.

OFFICIAL BALL:

Penn is the Official Ball of USA Racquetball and the ProPenn Green ball will be used in all matches.

REFEREE TESTING:

All Players are required to take and pass the online A-8 College Referee Test prior to the event. The test is FREE!! To do so, log into your *USA Racquetball profile> Courses and Testing > A-8 College 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.

ELIGIBILITY APPEALS / WAIVER:

Must be made in writing to Championships@usra.org by Friday- March 9th@ 8 PM

TEAM ROSTER'S DUE:

By Friday- March 9th@ 8 PM you must have submitted your final player positions.

SEEDING AVAILABLE:

Online at the event site, Monday-March 12th @ 4:00 pm

SEEDING DISPUTE:

Send email to: <u>championships@usra.org</u> by Tuesday- March 13th @ 12pm

DRAWS AVAILABLE:

Online at the event site Monday-March 12th @ 4:00 pm

TIME CONFLICT RESOLUTION:

Send email to:

championships@usra.org with name/divisions/school by Tuesday- March 13th @ 2pm