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# WEDNESDAY

PARTY IN THE PARK BAR — HYATT REGENCY

# FRIDAY

HEAD/PENN PRESENTS:  
"AN AMERICAN IDOL CONTEST"  
— HYATT REGENCY

Returning after a few years absence, this event is always a tournament highlight. Players and guests will compete for prizes and the title of "The Finals - American Idol" winner.

# SATURDAY

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AND  
HALL OF FAME

The Hyatt Grand Ballroom will be transformed into an elegant setting for the most prestigious celebration in the sport's history.

# SUNDAY

OPEN FINALS

Keep your afternoon and early evening free to watch the U.S. Team Qualifiers at the YMCA! Winners earn appointments to the U.S. Team squad that will compete at the World Championships in August.

FAREWELL IN THE BAR — PARK BAR HYATT

Join fellow players and fans for the last party night of THE FINALS.

# MONDAY

All remaining division finals will be played throughout the day (except the U.S. Team Qualifying OPEN divisions, played on Sunday).

## AND ALL WEEK LONG...

U.S. TEAM AUCTION

There will be an auction to benefit the U.S. Team held throughout the event. Anyone willing to donate an auction item please contact Mary: mmeredith@earthlink.com

Enjoy downtown nightlife at over 100 restaurants and nightclubs – all within walking distance of the Hyatt.

For more information on Houston – <http://www.houstonracquetball.org>

### MEMBERS ONLY

This National Event is hosted for USA Racquetball members only. A USA Racquetball membership is required of all participants, ...and entrants may either join online at [www.usaracquetball.com](http://www.usaracquetball.com); include fees with their entries; or present a current membership card, receipt or cancelled check indicating recent enrollment as proof of membership. **PLAYERS WITHOUT VALID MEMBERSHIPS WILL NOT BE ENTERED IN THE DRAW.**

### THE FORM

You'll find the entry form in this PDF or online at [usaracquetball.com](http://usaracquetball.com). You must submit both completed pages with fees to be entered into the draw. If you are faxing your entry, be sure to include both pages. Fax entries require an extra fee.

### THE FEES

- ENTRY: \$99.00 First event (includes \$10 referee fee), \$49.00 second event. Players may enter two events.
- LATE FEES: Entries received after the deadline will be surcharged an additional \$20.00 late fee. No payments will be accepted on-site at the registration desk.
- PROCESSING: Telephone/Fax entries will be accepted through the deadline with an \$15.00 service charge and pre-payment with Visa/Mastercard at 719/635-5396.

### ENTRY DEADLINE

Wed., MAY 6, postmarked no later than Friday, MAY 1. Only pre-paid entries are placed into the draw; any withdrawals will be subject to a \$15.00 fax fee; no refunds will be issued after the deadline date, regardless of cause (including unforeseen injury or illness). **Confirmation:** Players may verify their entry and divisions by referencing an online participants' list (updated regularly through the entry deadline), linked through "Marquee Event" at [usaracquetball.com](http://usaracquetball.com). **Registration:** Players must register at the YMCA prior to their first match, during these hours: Tues. 5 pm to 9 pm, Wed. 8 am to 9 pm, Thurs. 8 am to 9 pm, Fri. 8 am to 8 pm.

### DOWNTOWN YMCA ACCESS

All players must have a bag tag to be admitted into the YMCA racquetball area, and to complete their registration in the Hospitality Park. Players may register online and pick up their bag tag – and one free guest pass per entrant – at the USA Racquetball desk located just inside the entrance to the YMCA. Additional guest passes can be purchased from the YMCA for \$5.00 per day or \$15.00 for the entire week.

**EVENT ADMINISTRATION**  
USA Racquetball @ 719/635-5396, ext. 129.

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
[www.usaracquetball.com](http://www.usaracquetball.com)

### TRAVEL

The U.S. Olympic Committee Travel Desk and United Airlines join USA Racquetball in offering the lowest possible United Airfares to national events.

For reservations, phone United's U.S. Olympic Travel Desk, toll-free, at (800) 841-0460 between 8:30 am and 8:00 pm EST weekdays. Reference the USA Racquetball account number 565 EF to receive United's lowest fare!

### LODGING

Hyatt Regency Houston  
1200 Louisiana (1 block from YMCA).  
Rate: \$95.00 per night for up to four guests per room. For reservations, call 713/654-1234 and mention National Singles or online at <http://houstonregency.hyatt.com/groupbookings/hourhusr92009>



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Be prepared to play at 8:00 am on the days shown next to your entered divisions. These estimates are provided for your travel planning purposes only — actual starting dates/times may change (possibly later, but no earlier) according to the final number of players entered in each draw.

<b>U.S. TEAM QUALIFIER AND OPEN</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday	<b>AGE: 25+ SKILL: B</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Thursday
<b>U.S. NATIONAL DIVISIONS</b> <b>AGE: 24-</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Friday	<b>AGE: 25+ SKILL: C</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Thursday
<b>AGE: 25+</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Friday	<b>AGE: 30+ SKILL: A</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Thursday
<b>AGE: 30+</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday	<b>AGE: 30+ SKILL: B</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday
<b>AGE: 35+</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday	<b>AGE: 30+ SKILL: C</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Thursday
<b>AGE: 40+</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday	<b>AGE: 35+ SKILL: A</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday
<b>AGE: 45+</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday	<b>AGE: 35+ SKILL: B</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday
<b>AGE: 50+</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday	<b>AGE: 35+ SKILL: C</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Thursday
<b>AGE: 55+</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Thursday	<b>AGE: 40+ SKILL: A</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday
<b>AGE: 60+</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Friday	<b>AGE: 40+ SKILL: B</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday
<b>AGE: 65+</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Friday	<b>AGE: 40+ SKILL: C</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Thursday
<b>AGE: 70+</b> Men: Friday • Women: Friday	<b>AGE: 45+ SKILL: A</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday
<b>AGE: 75+</b> Men: Friday • Women: Friday	<b>AGE: 45+ SKILL: B</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday
<b>AGE: 80+</b> Men: Friday • Women: Friday	<b>AGE: 45+ SKILL: C</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Thursday
<b>AGE: 85+</b> Men: Friday • Women: Friday	<b>AGE: 50+ SKILL: A</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday
<b>MILITARY</b> Wednesday	<b>AGE: 50+ SKILL: B</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Thursday
<b>JUNIORS</b> Thursday	<b>AGE: 50+ SKILL: C</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Thursday
<b>SKILL: ELITE</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday	<b>AGE: 55+ SKILL: A</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Thursday
<b>SKILL: A</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday	<b>AGE: 55+ SKILL: B</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Thursday
<b>SKILL: B</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday	<b>AGE: 55+ SKILL: C</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Thursday
<b>SKILL: C</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday	<b>AGE: 60+ SKILL: A</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Friday
<b>SKILL: D</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Friday	<b>AGE: 60+ SKILL: B</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Friday
<b>AGE: 24- SKILL: A</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday	<b>AGE: 60+ SKILL: C</b> Men: Thursday • Women: Friday
<b>AGE: 24- SKILL: B</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday	<b>AGE: 65+ SKILL: A</b> Men: Thursday
<b>AGE: 24- SKILL: C</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday	<b>AGE: 65+ SKILL: B</b> Men: Thursday
<b>AGE: 25+ SKILL: A</b> Men: Wednesday • Women: Thursday	<b>AGE: 65+ SKILL: C</b> Men: Thursday

USA Racquetball Official Rules will govern competition, including the mandatory use of protective lensed eyewear tested to ASTM F803 or CSA impact standards (including prescription frames and lenses).

It is the player's responsibility to make certain that their eyewear conforms with the standard specified in Rule 2.5(a). Find a listing of ASTM eyeguards online at [www.usra.org](http://www.usra.org) > "index" > "eyeguards".

### CITIZENSHIP & AGE REQUIREMENTS

Only U.S. citizens may compete in the U.S. Team Qualifying divisions; all other age & skill divisions are open to U.S. citizens and residents. For age division competition, players must meet the proper age requirement as of the first day of competition of their division.

### DRUG TESTING

The USAR will be using the U.S. Olympic Committee's Drug Testing Program at this event. Testing will be performed on U.S. team-qualifier players only. For more information about specific medications call the USOC Drug Hotline at 1-800-233-0393.

### QUALIFIERS & CERTIFICATIONS

#### REGIONALS:

All players must have competed – in any division – at a recognized Regional/State Qualifier to be eligible to compete in "The Finals". Any legitimate waivers of qualifying competition must have been directed to – and approved by – the USA Racquetball Headquarters prior to the scheduled regional weekend. National waiver fee of \$100 must be included with entry fee. Individual regional tournament directors may not approve exclusions from play, for any reason.

#### SKILL DIVISION CERTIFICATION:

Skill level entrants (to A, B, C, D divisions) must:

- be AmPRO certified at that level, OR
- have played in the same division at the mandatory regional qualifier, OR
- be approved by the state director or representative as being legitimately competitive in the entered skill division at the national level.

Tournament directors will use these benchmarks to determine eligibility for skill competition, and reserve the right to re-classify or disqualify players when/if they are improperly placed.

#### JUNIOR DIVISIONS:

For juniors who want to accompany their parents or others who simply want to participate in this historic event, special junior divisions will be included.

#### MILITARY:

The Military Divisions are open to active duty, National Guard and Reserve forces only (entrants must show a valid DoD military ID card at event table check in). Retired members, their dependents or DoD Contractors can not compete in these divisions.

#### U.S. Team Qualifying Divisions - Top four players qualify for U.S. Team.

#### Open Divisions - Top 8 IRT Pro's and Top 8 WPRO Pro's may not compete.

For starting times visit online at [usaracquetball.com](http://usaracquetball.com)

Individual starting times will be available on Monday, May 18 after 5 pm or call the National Office at 719-635-5396 during normal business hours, 9 am to 5 pm Mountain Time.

# Part 1: Entry Form

If you are FAXING(\$15) your entry, be sure to include BOTH sides of this page in your transmission! Fax: 719/635-0685 or enter on line at [www.usaracquetball.com](http://www.usaracquetball.com)

**Please PRINT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M | F

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Eve) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Regional (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Division(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR SEEDING** — Please indicate your finish in these events:

**2008 National Singles**

Finish\_\_\_\_ Div\_\_\_\_

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**2009 Regional Qualifier**

Finish\_\_\_\_ Div\_\_\_\_



**2008 U.S. OPEN**

Finish\_\_\_\_ Div\_\_\_\_

**2008-09 NMRA / WSMRA**

Finish\_\_\_\_ Div\_\_\_\_

**2009 State Championship**

Finish\_\_\_\_ Div\_\_\_\_

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**WAIVER** I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims that I may have against the USA Racquetball, Hyatt, Ektelon, Downtown YMCA, Penn Racquet Sports, Gearbox, Head, ProKennex and all other event sponsors or their respective agents for any and all injuries. I also acknowledge the potential risk of eye injury during competition, and can provide certification in writing that my protective eyeguards (including prescription frames/lenses) conform with all standards specified in USA Racquetball Rule 2.5(a). By registering to compete in this event, I consent to be subject to drug testing as administered according to the USA Racquetball/USOC guidelines, and release all rights to the use of event photographs in which my image appears. Full waiver to be signed at check-in.

Participant Signature & Date \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED SKILL LEVEL VERIFICATION**

Please indicate below your eligibility for competition in the skill level you have chosen. This information will be verified and re-classification may take place if deemed appropriate by the Tournament Director.

I competed in my Regional, State Singles, NMRA, or WS/MRA tournament qualifier.

I have been AmPRO certified at this level by:

\_\_\_\_\_ AmPRO Certified Instructor (name required)

I have been approved for participation at this level by the state \_\_\_\_\_ director or designated representative shown below:

\_\_\_\_\_ (name required)

ALL players must have pre-qualified by competing in any division at a qualifying event. See "Qualifiers & Certifications."

U.S. NATIONAL TEAM QUALIFIER

U.S. National Divisions

AGE

SKILL (one only)\*\*

24-

Open – (national open)

(Top 8 IRT and Top 8 WPRO Players not allowed)

25+

Elite (state open)

30+

A

35+

B

40+

C

45+

D

50+

AGE + SKILL\*\* (one only)

55+

24-  A  B  C

60+

25+  A  B  C

65+

30+  A  B  C

70+

35+  A  B  C

75+

40+  A  B  C

80+

45+  A  B  C

85+

50+  A  B  C

55+  A  B  C

60+  A  B  C

65+  A  B  C

U.S. Military Divisions

Open

A

B

C

30 plus

40 plus

Junior Divisions

10 & under

advanced

intermediate

14 & under

advanced

intermediate

18 & under

advanced

intermediate

\* Player may enter only one of the divisions shown in RED, and must be approved to compete at that skill level (see "Qualifiers & Certifications").

\*\* Players must be approved at the skill level chosen along with their age (see "Qualifiers & Certifications").

First-round losers may sign up for only ONE consolation round.

Don't forget to complete the OTHER side of this page!

# Part 2: Fees & Payment

REVISED TEAM QUALIFYING PROCEDURES (As of March 1, 2005)



## USA RACQUETBALL MEMBERSHIP

Current Membership # (must be current)..... Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

USRA Membership .....(\$50.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST EVENT**.....(\$99.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Each entrant will be provided hospitality, plus nightly social events and Saturday banquet.

Entrants will also receive a high-quality souvenir.

**JUNIORS** .....(\$25.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SECOND EVENT** .....(\$49.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## MILITARY DIVISIONS

1st Division USAR .....(\$98.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Division Military .....(\$30.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Division Military .....(\$30.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

1st Division Military .....(\$50.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Division Military .....(\$30.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Division Military .....(\$30.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Fee .....(\$20.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone & Fax Entry fee .....(\$15.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Package .....(\$90.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All special events/parties will require a ticket for admission, and a guest pass will be needed to enter the host club. Guest package includes tournament shirt & souvenir, daily hospitality passes, tickets to all scheduled social events, Banquet and tournament guest pass. \$150.00 value.

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Regional Waiver fee (all waivers) ..... \$100.00

Tax deductible donation to Olympic Dream..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE:** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Use your USA Racquetball MBNA credit card to charge your entry, and receive an additional 10% off your fees. Only USA Racquetball MBNA cards receive this discount!

MC/Visa \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. code# \_\_\_\_\_ MBNA \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Entries are NOT accepted without pre-payment and required signatures. Surcharges may include: \$25.00 for returned checks and \$10.00 for declined credit cards.

## U.S. TEAM QUALIFYING

In order to earn an appointment to the U.S. National Team, benchmark performances must be reached at selected qualifiers. Presently the team is comprised of one top professional from each tour (1 each, IRT/male & LPRA/female = 2); the top-four (4) finishers from the U.S.

National Singles Championships (4 each, male & female = 8); finalists from the U.S. National Doubles Championships (4 teams, 2 each, male & female = 8); and Intercollegiate National champions (1 each, male & female = 2). By reaching these benchmarks, individuals are appointed to the U.S. Team for a term of one year, and are then added to a pool of athletes to compete at international events.

**MAIL COMPLETED ENTRY & FEES TO:**  
**"THE FINALS"**  
 1685 West Uintah  
 Colorado Springs, CO • 80904-2906  
 [Fax: 719/635-0685]  
**Entries must be received by**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

