

# The National Racquetball Association of the Deaf

## PLAYERS' GUIDELINES

These players' guidelines are based on the rules of the United States Racquetball Association (the "USRA"), as stated in the Official Rulebook.

### **TOURNAMENT POLICIES/RULES**

- Entry Fee:* All entry fees are non-refundable.
- The "non-refundable" fee must be printed on the tournament application.
- Number of Events:* Players shall limit their participation to three (3) events of any kind to avoid scheduling problems.
- Double Elimination:* Double Elimination is highly encouraged in Single Competition to give players a second chance to play and make our travel more worthwhile. For the same reasons as in Double Elimination, we encourage each host to hold men's, women's and mixed doubles competition; however, these doubles are highly recommended for Double Elimination. The round robins shall apply for the small doubles groups.
- Double Round Robin:* Double Round Robin is for four- (4) or less players in a division. The two- (2) players, who earn the most points, will be in the Championship.
- Sudden Death:* Sudden Death is a tiebreaker and only one fifteen- (15) points game for the championship game.

### **DIVISIONS**

- Novice Division:* The Novice Division is for a beginning player who is just learning to play.
- Intermediate (B and C) Divisions:*
- The Intermediate Division is for a player who has played tournaments before and has a skill level enough to be competitive in the division.

*A Division:* A Division is for a player who has achieved the skills enough to be competitive in a more challenging division.

*Open Division:* The Open Division is the highest level of play and is for advanced players.

*Age Divisions:* Age Divisions are as follows:

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| Men A35+ | Women A35+ |
| Men B35+ | Women B35+ |
| Men C35+ | Women C35+ |
| Men A45+ | Women A45+ |
| Men B45+ | Women B45+ |
| Men C45+ | Women C45+ |
| Men 55+  |            |

*Age Division Rule:* A player wins a first place, must not be allowed to play in the same division in the following NRAD tournament. However, a player can be allowed to play another division.

*Master Age Division Rule:* A player, who reaches at age of 60 or more, shall be recognized for Master Age Division. A player shall choose any kind of divisions whatever he/she wishes to participate.

If a player wins a first place, must not be allowed to play in the same division in the following NRAD tournament. However, a player can be allowed to play another division. This issue shall not apply to OPEN Division.

The minimum number of players and winning 1st, or 2nd, will be determined if a player is required to move up to the next higher division. Check the chart below to determine which division you qualify for:

| <b>Division</b> | <b>Number of Players</b> | <b>Place</b> | <b>New Division</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| A               | 12 or less               | 1st          | OPEN                |
| A               | 13 or more               | 1st-2nd      | OPEN                |
| B               | 12 or less               | 1st          | A                   |
| B               | 13 or more               | 1st-2nd      | A                   |
| C               | 12 or less               | 1st          | B                   |
| C               | 13 or more               | 1st-2nd      | B                   |
| Novice          | 12 or less               | 1st          | C                   |
| Novice          | 13 or more               | 1st-2nd      | C                   |

### **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

1. Singles matches are double-elimination and Doubles matches are double-elimination.
2. Player will forfeit if the player has not checked at the tournament desk by scheduled playing time. Player must check in with tournament desk 15 minutes prior to play.
3. Tournament director and the NRAD Vice President have the right to deny or reclassify any entrant.
4. Divisions may be combined or eliminated if there are not enough entrants.
5. Modified USRA rules. Matches will be 2 games to 15 points, tiebreaker to 11 points. All games are won by one point. The loser matches will be 2 games to 11 points, tiebreaker to 11 points.

6. Lenses Eyewear manufactured for racquet sports is mandatory in all events or violators will forfeit their match.
7. All winners will be required to referee. Failure to referee will result in forfeit of the next match. It is your responsibility to find a qualified substitute.
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## **DOUBLES RULES FOR MEN'S WOMEN'S AND MIXED EVENTS**

GROUP 1: Open player may choose Open, A, B, C or Novice player.

GROUP 2: A player may choose A or B player; or, B player may choose another B player.

GROUP 3: C player may choose C or Novice player; or, Novice player may choose another Novice player.

### **NRAD CASH PRIZES**

(Based on Eight or more Players in Each Divisions)

| <u>PLACES</u>   | <u>OPEN DIVISION</u>   | <u>A DIVISION</u> | <u>B DIVISION</u> | <u>C DIVISION</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | \$400.00               | \$200.00          | \$100.00          | \$50.00           |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | \$200.00               | \$100.00          | \$ 50.00          | \$25.00           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | \$100.00               | \$ 50.00          | \$ 25.00          | \$15.00           |
| <u>PLACES</u>   | <u>NOVICE DIVISION</u> | <u>GROUP 1</u>    | <u>GROUP 2</u>    | <u>GROUP 3</u>    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Award                  | \$200.00          | \$100.00          | \$50.00           |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Award                  | \$100.00          | \$ 50.00          | \$20.00           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Award                  |                   |                   |                   |

35+ and 45+ Divisions will follow up the cash prizes of A, B and C Divisions.

## **RANKING POINT SYSTEM**

A player, who promotes to other division, the earning points from National Racquetball Association of the Deaf ("NRAD"), **does not** count.

A player, who participates in the same division, the earning points from previous NRAD, will be counted.

## **RETURN TO LOWER STATUS**

SECTION 1. Any player who has been classified at a division level may be eligible to request a reclassification to a lower division level if he/she has played at least two (2) years of NRAD tournaments in his/her assigned level of competition. In the event that a player is prevented from playing in his/her classification by reason of injury or otherwise, he/she must write a request for reclassification. These requests must be written to the Ranking System Committee Chairman of the NRAD for consideration ninety (90) days before, and for approval within thirty (30) days before, the beginning of NRAD tournament.

SECTION 2. A player shall place the last place in the OPEN Division in the two consecutive years. A player may be eligible to return to A Division.

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