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14th IRF World Racquetball Championships 2008 moves to Ireland

Colorado Springs, USA – The International Racquetball Federation will hold its 14th World Championships 2008 in Kingscourt, Ireland. The IRF Executive Committee has just voted on the venue change recently.

The 2008 Worlds were originally granted to Paris, France but financial reasons forced the European Racquetball Federation (ERF) to 'search' for another venue, while other bids from around the world were already eager to host the Worlds as well.

"We were much delighted to receive a bid from Ireland to host the 2008 Worlds", says ERF President Erik Meyer, "Irish Racquetball is the backbone of European Racquetball and we are more than confident to have the best Worlds ever in 2008 in Ireland".

The Kingscourt Racquetball Club has been chosen as the host venue for several reasons. The club offers state of the art racquetball courts with great spectator seatings. The facility has been built only a few years ago while a fitness gym is currently in construction and will be ready by 2008. The club hosts several National racquetball events every year.

The town of Kingscourt is a busy market town in County Cavan, Ireland. It is located in the east of the county near Carrickmacross, County Monaghan. The town was founded towards the end of the 18th century. The town has a rich and varied history. Cabra Castle, is a fine example of a Norman-style castle, and is located nearby the town. Ireland's capital Dublin is only 45 minutes drive away.

IRF President Keith Calkins stated: "While the IRF was anxious to bring the World Championships to Europe in 2008 it was a very logical move to Ireland. The event will offer a terrific opportunity to support the currently positive movement in Europe, but even more in Ireland."

40 countries from around the globe are expected to qualify for the 14th IRF World Championships and compete for the World Title. For more information on racquetball's premier international competition please visit the IRF website in the months ahead.

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About International Racquetball Federation

It was founded with 13 charter countries in 1979. Since that time countries affiliated with the IRF has grown to more than 100. Since the IRF became a recognized sport for inclusion in future Olympic Programs in 1985 the sport is now competed as a full medal sport in over 6 IOC recognized events such as the Pan American Games and World Games.