

IRF World Senior Racquetball News July, 2020

Hello Everyone!

We hope all are well and have adjusted to the changing environment. On that note, we want to provide an update on the 36th edition of the World Senior Racquetball Championships, scheduled for 1-5 September this year in Albuquerque, New Mexico USA.

New Mexico Racquetball hosted the National Paddleball Championships at Midtown the first week in March. One week later, when the virus became a national phenomenon, all clubs were mandated to close, and we then cancelled or postponed nine events through June. Sitting in this vulnerable position, our starship World Senior Championships remains on the calendar. Things are out of our control; yet, we shall do all in our power to host it. When Midtown and sister clubs re-opened early June, we began to plan for a 'best case' scenario.

New Mexico Racquetball events fall under the jurisdiction of the state government and New Mexico Sports & Wellness during this pandemic. We recognize our available options; with a set of compromises and adjustments. We shall strive to provide value and an enjoyable experience for all. It is prudent now to inform our constituency of the following change: Based on the current environment and caution used by authorities, we are moving the September event to December 16-19, 2020. All from around the globe who have entered and wish to drop are entitled to a refund. Others will remain in the R2sports system. We shall keep everyone abreast of additional changes as we move closer to December.

Other important items to note:

- ...The adjusted dates are Wednesday through Saturday (no Tuesday matches).
- ...Tuesday afternoon player check-in; followed by a player meeting & social at the host hotel.
- ...We shall be publishing 'best practices' for health & safety.
- ...Register early to assure a position in the draw.
- ...Individual states may continue quarantines; and/or have entry and exit restrictions.
- ...We are aware that the revised dates back up to the Holidays.

Quote of the Month: 'From disappointment, seek out opportunity' YF

Stay safe and we hope to see you in December,

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