



IRF and PARC Update -- Tournaments in 2021 16 February 2021

The IRF and PARC Boards of Directors met on 12 February 2021 to explore the current situation regarding 2021 events that are wholly controlled by this pandemic that has changed everyone's lives. Our very highest priority is the health and safety of everyone in the international racquetball family as we continually examine changing circumstances and work together to create tentative plans.

We would like to share with you what we do know at present as well as what we hope to see regarding tournaments in 2021.

DECISION

The **2021 Pan American Racquetball Championships** scheduled for Easter Week in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, must again be **postponed** due to COVID and quarantine travel regulations. We thank everyone in Bolivia for their hard work, and we look forward to being there as soon as possible!

PROJECTION

While we cannot confirm 100% that this is what will take place, our discussion has been:

- **Pan American Racquetball Championships** -- Santa Cruz or Cochabamba, Bolivia -- July 2021
- **IRF World Racquetball Championships** -- Guatemala City, Guatemala -- September 2021
- **IRF World Junior Racquetball Championships** -- San José, Costa Rica -- November 2021

We realize this is very different from earlier communications, but this is what we are hoping for as of right now. The teamwork shown by everyone in the international racquetball community—national federations, sponsors, and players—is a testament to their spirit and their flexibility.

Our gratitude goes to everyone for your understanding as we all continue to dream of the time when we can once again be together. We will provide further updates as soon as we know more.

On one more topic, the letter below was originally sent on 13 January, and it is repeated here in case anyone may have missed it. It is important that everyone understand that the Denver, USA, event, while giving individual players an opportunity to compete in a pro stop, is not an IRF tournament.



January 13, 2021

Dear IRF National Federation Leaders,

Please review this message of clarification and notification.

An event named "World Singles & Doubles Open Championships" scheduled for May 20-23, 2021 in Denver, Colorado, USA, has raised some questions regarding association with International Racquetball Federation events.

Please know that this event is not part of the IRF nor is it sanctioned by the IRF. It is important that all National Racquetball Federations are able to share this information with their athletes, sponsors, and National Olympic Committees as needs indicate.

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