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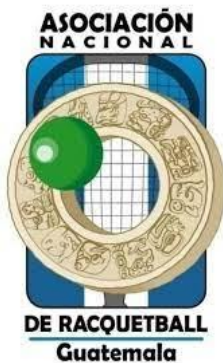
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## XX IRF WORLD RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA**  
**NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 6, 2021**



The International Racquetball Federation and the National Racquetball Association of Guatemala, have the honor of inviting you to participate in the  
**XX IRF World Racquetball Championship**  
to be held in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

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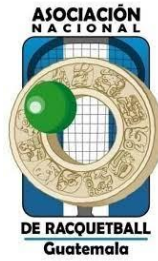
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## **DATES**

November 28 – December 6, 2021

## **CLUB**

Domo Complejo de Racquetball  
Avenida Final 10-27 Zona 13, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

## **OFFICIAL BALL**

Gearbox Sleek Black



## **2020-2021 IRF DUES**

IRF dues for 2020 and 2021 will be collected during the 2021 World Racquetball Championship (\$1,000 USD each year).

As of January 1, 2019, annual dues are \$1,000 USD by country. Dues must be paid to participate in this event.

## **DIVISIONS**

- Men's Open Singles
- Women's Open Singles
- Men's Open Doubles
- Women's Open Doubles

Each country may register two players in singles and one team in doubles.

## **THE WORLD GAMES BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA 2021**

To determine qualification to The World Games Birmingham 2021, all the positions to 24th will be played. If necessary, after that position, tie matches will be played.

Qualifying to compete in The World Games is individual to each athlete in Men's and Women's Open Singles divisions.

To achieve equality relative to global representation at the World Games, two wild cards in each branch will be given to athletes from Europe and Asia.



## **REGISTRATION**

1st Open event - \$ 200 USD – TWO HUNDRED US DOLLARS

2nd Open event - \$ 200 USD – TWO HUNDRED US DOLLARS

The final date to accept entries is November 12th. After this date, the organization will not accept any changes or new registrations.

The registration must be paid in cash (**USD**) at the Coaches Meeting for the total number of registered entries independent of whether they play or not. Further, it is obligatory that identification documents (**passports**) be presented that show the nationality of players.

**Registration of players should only be sent to:**

maurograndio@internationalracquetball.org

**[\\*Please send the completed excel spreadsheet to this address.](#)**

## **INSURANCE POLICIES**

**Each delegation will be responsible for coordinating insurance for its athletes, coaches, delegates, and any other official members of the Delegation. This insurance must cover any emergency / eventuality during the tournament including those related to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**VISA AND COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS:** Check to see if the citizens of your country are required to have a travel visa to enter Guatemala.

- <https://igm.gob.gt/categorias-de-paises/>
- <https://igm.gob.gt/protocolo-de-ingreso-al-pais-covid19/>

**SAFETY PROTOCOLS:** All participants of the competition must respect safety protocols established by the following institutions:



- World Health Organization  
[https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/331764/WHO-2019-nCoV-Mass\\_Gatherings\\_Sports-2020.1-eng.pdf](https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/331764/WHO-2019-nCoV-Mass_Gatherings_Sports-2020.1-eng.pdf)
- Ministerio de Salud Pública, Gobierno de Guatemala  
<https://www.mspas.gob.gt/covid-19/coronavirus-2019-ncov.html>
- IRF Protocols to restart sports activities.  
<https://www.internationalracquetball.com/protocols-to-restart-sport-activities/>

During the championships, following COVID protocols will be mandatory:

**Masks** must be worn in indoor places for every athlete, official, staff member, and the public (*masks do not have to be worn when playing*).

**Wash** your hands frequently and use alcoholic gel/hand sanitizer.

**Follow instructions** - Adhere to signs and messages.

**Transportation:** Use the official transportation that will be exclusive to the championships.

## AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to the top three places (two 3rd places) in singles and doubles. Trophies will be awarded to the top four places for team – Women, Men, and Combined.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday	11/26	09:00	Arrival / Training
Saturday	11/27	09:00	Arrival / Training
Sunday	11/28	09:00	Arrival / Training
		12:00	Coaches Meeting
		14:00	Referees Meeting
		18:00	IRF General Assembly
Monday	11/29	09:00	Round Robin



Tuesday	11/30	09:00	Round Robin
Wednesday	12/01	09:00	Round Robin
Thursday	12/02	09:00	Draws
Friday	12/03	09:00	Draws
Saturday	12/04	09:00	Draws
Sunday	12/05	09:00	Draws
Monday	12/06	09:00	Finals and awards
Tuesday	12/07		Departures

**COACHES & DELEGATES MEETING**

The Coaches & Delegates Meeting will be held on November 28 at 12:00 p.m. at the Biltmore Hotel (15 Calle, Zona 10, Guatemala City).

**IRF GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The IRF General Assembly will be held on November 28 at 18:00 p.m. at the Biltmore Hotel (15 Calle, Zona 10, Guatemala City).

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

**IMPORTANT:**

Per IRF policy, for reasons of logistics, safety, and security, all members of official delegations from countries outside of Guatemala (delegates, coaches, staff, and players) are required to stay in the host hotel. Anyone not staying in the host hotel and/or who fails to follow COVID protocols will not be permitted to participate in the event.



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## **RATES AND RESERVATIONS**

### **Biltmore Hotel (main host hotel):**

- Double room per night     USD \$108
- Triple room per night        USD \$125

### **Holiday Inn Hotel:**

- Double room per night     USD \$126
- Triple room per night        USD \$154

### **Westin Hotel Camino Real**

- Double room per night     USD \$158
- Triple room per night        USD \$190

All rates include taxes, WIFI, and breakfast. The host hotels will offer lunch and dinner service priced between USD \$13 and USD \$16.

### **INFORMATION AND LINK TO RESERVE**

Regina Pelaez  
 Mobile: +502 55108330  
[Regina\\_pelaez@hotelbiltmore.com.gt](mailto:Regina_pelaez@hotelbiltmore.com.gt)

**Last booking day with these rates: November 5, 2021**

### **IMPORTANT:**

- Fully refundable rate before November 12.
- Payment Options - All reservations must be guaranteed with a bank transfer or major credit card.





## TRANSPORTATION

- There will be official and exclusive transportation between the host hotel and the racquetball complex. Safety protocols for COVID-19 will be followed.

- Transportation between Airport and Official Hotel: The National Racquetball Association of Guatemala and the Guatemalan National Olympic Committee will provide the transportation service between the airport and the host hotels for free.

Send an email with the flight information, number of members of your delegation and hotel where they will stay to: [racquetguate@gmail.com](mailto:racquetguate@gmail.com)  
cc: [maurograndio@internationalracquetball.org](mailto:maurograndio@internationalracquetball.org)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### **REMINDERS - IRF Rule Changes -- Effective September 1, 2016**

1. Rule 3.16a-- There will be two time outs allowed per game (reduced from three in the first two games and two in the tiebreaker).
2. Rule 3.16d-- There will be a two-minute rest period between all games (reduced from five minutes between the second and third games).
3. Rule 3.1-- The server has two opportunities to put the ball in to play in all divisions including the Open division (changed from one serve only in the Open division).
4. Rule A.7-- Each player/team will be allowed to make a maximum of three "not accepted" appeals per game (changed from five "not accepted" appeals per 15-point game, and three "not accepted" appeals in the 11-point tiebreaker).

**\*\*\* Please ensure that everyone in your country is informed of these rule changes, including but not limited to players, coaches, referees, and delegates. \*\*\***

## UNIFORM POLICY - REMINDER

All players must wear country identification while playing (name and/or emblem) on the back of their shirts clearly visible from the outside to both the referee and the public. For doubles teams, both participants must wear the same complete uniform (identical shorts and t-shirts, with the only exception being if the name of the player is included on the shirt. If one player has his/her name on the shirt, the other must have this feature as well.)



## **IRF CODE OF CONDUCT**

In closing, please review below the IRF Code of Conduct that governs this and all IRF/PARC events.

The International Racquetball Federation is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Further, the IRF supports equal opportunity and prohibits discriminatory practices. Members of the IRF and participants in IRF programs and activities are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the policies of the IRF. All members have a responsibility to maintain and enhance the dignity and self-esteem of members and participants of the IRF by:

- 1) Demonstrating respect to individuals regardless of gender, ethnic or racial origin, sexual orientation, age, marital status, religion, political belief, disability, or economic status.
- 2) Avoiding comments that would publicly slander, degrade, or threaten another Individual(s). This includes comments that are available in a public electronic format.
- 3) Consistently demonstrating the spirit of sportsmanship, sports leadership, and ethical conduct and practices.
- 4) Ensuring that the rules of the sport and the spirit of such are adhered to consistently.

*We look forward to seeing you in Guatemala!*

**ANÍBAL OSVALDO MAGGI LEÓN**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**INTERNATIONAL RACQUETBALL FEDERATION**