



April 29, 2022

Dear Mr. Wasserman and Mr. Harper,

We want to get to know you, and we want you to know about Racquetball.

Via this letter, the International Racquetball Federation officially declares its desire to earn the opportunity for the sport of Racquetball to be included on the LA 2028 Sports Programme.

With so many sports vying for a coveted spot on the Programme, we are eager to demonstrate how we are compelling and unique. For those who believe Racquetball is past its prime, the reality is that this could not be further from the truth. The LA Olympic Games, in the country where Racquetball was created 70 years ago, will be the ideal opportunity to validate the passion that 3.5 million players* in the U.S. and many millions more outside the U.S. hold for this fast-moving exhilarating sport.

* <https://www.statista.com/statistics/191922/participants-in-racquetball-in-the-us-since-2006/>

The IRF aligns strongly with LA28 Sports Programme Principles, and our presentation to you will confirm this statement. We are a sport that fully complies with anti-doping regulations. We value diversity: Racquetball is a sport played both indoors and outdoors for people of all walks of life, ethnicities, genders, and ages (currently 6 to 95!).

The Board and Staff of the IRF, in concert with our nationally recognized federations, have proven consistently capable of smooth execution of large-scale competitions. Since Mar del Plata in 1995, Racquetball has been present at six of seven Pan American Games and will be competed in Santiago next year. This is such an important point of pride, but it is in reality just the tip of the iceberg in Racquetball's long history of participation in Olympic Chain events in a multitude of countries over more than five decades. To this day, Racquetball possesses full medal sport status in the Pan American Games, Central American and Caribbean Games, Central American Games, and South American Games.

We also want to share with you the exciting news that effective April 1, 2022, the IRF Board of Directors approved the Virtual Reality racquet sport game Racket:Next (aka Racket: Nx) to become a fully sanctioned sports discipline of an IOC-Recognized global sports federation. With this action, Racket:Next becomes the first electronic game of any sort to become an official global sport.

The IRF is venturing confidently into the E-Games arena and is one of the three sports invited to have a presence in the E-Gaming Pavilion at The World Games in Birmingham, Alabama, USA, in July 2022. The IRF is also considered a strong candidate to participate in the IOC's Olympic Virtual Series later this year.

We have so much more to tell you about Racquetball and the people behind it who possess unwavering dedication and integrity...people who devote significant time and expertise to support global sports.

The opportunity to meet and talk with you about Racquetball and the Olympics is a thrilling prospect. We request a meeting at your convenience to discuss inclusion on the LA28 Sports Programme.

With best regards,

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