

LA28 Correspondence May 2022

May 2, 2022

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Dear Mr. Wasserman and Mr. Harper,

On behalf of IRF President Osvaldo Maggi and IRF Secretary General Luke St. Onge, I am pleased to send this letter regarding inclusion of Racquetball on the Sports Programme of the Los Angeles 2028 Summer Olympic Games.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Kirk
Secretary, Board of Directors
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From: John Harper <jharper@la28.org>

Date: May 11, 2022 at 1:10:15 AM CDT

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Subject: RE: Greetings from the International Racquetball Federation

Dear President, Dear Secretary General, Dear Cheryl,

Thank you for your kind note and letter from last week. It is a pleasure to meet you over email.

We appreciate the overview you shared and excitement to connect. As we noted in our letter following the last IOC EB meeting at the beginning of April, we are in close collaboration with the IOC outlining our approach to finalize the LA28 Sport Programme over the course of the next year. To be consistent across all Federations we have not had any presentations or requested information from any IF at this time.

The next step in our process later this month is for the Olympic Programme Commission and IOC Executive Board to review and approve the assessment criteria that we will collaboratively use to review both the disciplines within the initial sport programme, as well as utilize for any potential new sports assessment. This criteria will be aligned to the Principles that were validated and shared at the beginning of April. Our intention will be to communicate again to all IFs following the IOC EB meeting and next steps from there.

Thank you for your understanding as we work through this process. Should you have any additional questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out.

All the best and kind regards,
John.

John Harper

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May 18, 2022

Dear John,

I just wanted to drop you this quick reply to the response you sent last week. Considering how very busy you must perpetually be, it was so nice of you to write back sharing information on where LA28 Programme preparations and considerations stand currently.

As I write this, Osvaldo Maggi, our IRF President, is in Europe with his first stop in Madrid to meet with the IWGA, then on to the IOC in Lausanne. The IRF Board of Directors collaborated with Osvaldo to create a comprehensive Reconnect report to share, and our recent letters to you and to the USOPC (Susanne Lyons and Sarah Hirshland) are certainly part of the Reconnect.

As an officer on both the IRF and USA Racquetball Boards of Directors, as well as a racquetball player for 45 years ("A level" at best!), I'm so pleased that the Olympics are returning to Los Angeles. This is a bright spot in exciting but stressful times, and you may be assured that any support we could possibly give, whether included on the LA28 Programme or not, would be a privilege to supply.

Best of luck to you in your continuing plans and activities.

Sincerely,
Cheryl

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