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IRF and USA Racquetball Announce San Antonio, Texas, USA, as Location of XXII International Racquetball Federation World Racquetball Championships

Colorado Springs, CO – The International Racquetball Federation and USA Racquetball jointly announced today the site of the XXII IRF World Racquetball Championships.

The IRF World Championships, August 23-31, 2024, will take place at the Thousand Oaks Family YMCA in San Antonio, Texas, USA. Athletes from around the world will arrive the week of August 19 to prepare for competition that will begin after Opening Ceremonies are held on August 23rd.

Sponsored by the Texas Racquetball Association and the Alamo City Racquetball Association, this excellent YMCA facility has hosted many Racquetball events on its four courts. "We are honored and excited to host the XXII IRF World Racquetball Championships. Our state-of-the-art facility has been a proud host to numerous Racquetball tournaments, including prestigious professional tour competitions. We extend a warm welcome to athletes from around the world and look forward to contributing to the success of the championships," said Veronica Wong-Rizo, SVP/Chief Engagement Officer at the YMCA of Greater San Antonio.

IRF President Anibal Osvaldo Maggi León commented, "The IRF thanks those who have made and will make this next World Championships in San Antonio an exciting reality, including Sandy Rios, Dean Schear, Mike Grisz, Cheryl Kirk, the San Antonio Local Organizing Committee, and, of course, the Thousand Oaks Family YMCA. We look forward to visiting the historical city of San Antonio and welcoming athletes from around the world to the XXII IRF World Racquetball Championships."

"USA Racquetball is thrilled to be bringing the IRF World Racquetball Championships back to the United States of America for the first time since 1996," said USA Racquetball Executive Director Mike Grisz. "We look forward to partnering with the San Antonio Local Organizing Committee in planning for and providing a first-class experience for the world's elite racquetball athletes and their supporting delegations."

As more details come available, information will be shared on IRF and USA Racquetball websites and social media pages.

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About the IRF

The International Racquetball Federation is the international governing body of the sport of Racquetball under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee. Founded in 1979, the IRF provides governance, rules, and leadership to its 83 national federation members. Recognized by the IOC in 1985, the IRF offers three events annually and one, the IRF World Championships, biennially. It is the international umbrella organization for Racquetball over the Olympic Chain of events such as the Pan American Games, The World Games, Central American Games, Central American and Caribbean Games, and IRF Regional competitions.

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About USA Racquetball

USA Racquetball, founded in 1969, is recognized by the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) as the National Governing Body for the sport. The organization annually conducts five national championships and sanctions hundreds of tournaments for players of all ages and skill levels. The organization also organizes the Adult and Junior National Racquetball Teams, oversees the Official Rules of Racquetball, administers National Player Rankings, manages a college scholarship program, and supports the introduction of new players to the sport in both indoor and outdoor disciplines.

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