

IPRO Director's Message February, 2025

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The World Games 2025 (August 7-17), a quadrennial sports festival, will be held in Chengdu, Sichuan, China. A city of 20 million inhabitants, it is located in the southwest part of the country, and is known for its research base for giant panda breeding.

Mr. Wei, head of the LOC, calls Chengdu, 'China's Happiest City'; and, says China will deliver a wonderful Games featuring international standards, Chinese style with Chengdu characteristics, so as to jointly write a new chapter in the history of the World Games. This will be the 12th edition; and the 3rd time it has been held in Asia. Racquetball and Squash are two of the thirty-five sporting disciplines. Five thousand athletes are expected from 100 countries. The first World Games were in Santa Clara, California in 1981. Expect live streaming of racquetball and other disciplines on the TWG network, Olympic Channel, and IRF networks. Racquetball will be represented by 16 men & women in singles and mixed doubles.

Upcoming

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| <i>February 27-28</i> | <i>Level 1 Instructor/Coach Certification; Centro deportivo, Tarija, Bolivia Manuel Flores</i> |
| <i>April 11</i> | <i>Level 2-3 Officiating Seminar; Polidomo Centro Deportivo; Guatemala City, Guatemala. Gustavo Farell</i> |
| <i>December 5</i> | <i>Level 2-3 Officiating Seminar; Complejo Duarte; Guatemala City, GUA. Gary Mazaroff</i> |

Quote of the Month

'I almost grew up one day; but, I overcame it' LSW