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THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Hi everyone!

Well, we are fast approaching the culmination of a great season of racquetball here in New Hampshire! Our tournaments have more participants and are of better quality than I can remember in years past, and the N.E. Regionals looks like its going to be a monster! This event will be taking place on April 20th-22nd at The Executive Health & Sports Center in Manchester and co-hosted by The Nashua Athletic Club.

Both the NHRA and the CRA will be doing the draw and working the desks - a great team! This Regional is also a Junior Qualifier for the Junior Nationals on June 23rd-27th in Denver, so we are also offering all the junior age divisions.

My first tournament was the 1984 Regionals held at The Manchester Court Club - you're looking at the Women's D 3rd place winner right here! It was a great tournament experience with all the draws being full and lots of great players too. We hope to offer you the same this year, getting back to the "good ol' days"

where the draws had plenty of people and the atmosphere was fun.

We expect a lot of participants from all over New England and NY/NJ, rivaling the numbers we put up at The Mitch tournament. We have some great players coming in and I have been sworn to secrecy, so you will have to attend in order to watch them play! Don't kick yourself in the butt on the following Monday wishing you had known "so and so" was going to play our Regional!

So lets get all the membership out to play and end this season with a huge showing from New Hampshire. We're the host - let's show them all how to play! It's a great forum to show off our great tournaments, our great hospitality, and our great players!

On that note, make sure to check out our racquetball article in the new 'Granite Sports' magazine and I hope to see everyone at the N.E. Regionals in April!

Take Care,
Kelley

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APRIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

USRA RB MAGAZINE: Check out the latest issue (March/April 2001) of the USRA 'Racquetball' magazine for some NH people! Page 3 "Reader's Forum" (Deb Calista & Maureen Claussen), pages 8-10 "World Champion US Jr. National Team" (Kelley Beane), pages 46 & 47 for "The Mitch Nathanson Classic", page 53 for the "USOC Racquetball Coach of the Year" (Kelley Beane), and pages 62 & 63 for the National Rankings (numerous names).

WANTED: YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS!!! Tony would like to set up an electronic bulk mailing with everyone's e-mail addresses in order to keep the NH membership updated with the latest & greatest NHRA news - we need your help to accomplish this! Send your e-mail info to: nhraboardmember@excell.net

NEW MAGAZINE: Be on the lookout for the new NH sports magazine called GRANITE SPORTS! In the 'Sports Spotlight' section of the Spring 2001 edition (page 19), Kelley Beane & Chris Zalegowski co-author an article on racquetball called "A Complete Physical & Mental Workout". Nice job for a couple 'mediocre' racquetball players...

VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS WANTED: *THE NHRA NEEDS YOU!* We need people to work on committees such as: fund raising, awards, rules & policies, junior programs - many more! If you've got some talent, the energy, and/or time, we could use whatever you have to offer! We especially need sponsors for State events in a big way... For more information on the many ways you can help out, please call Kelley Beane or contact her through the web site: [www.neracquetball.com/nhra].

N.E. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: To take place at the Executive Health & Sports Center (co-hosted by the Nashua Ath. Club) on April 20th- 22nd. The deadline is April 13th - DON'T MISS OUT!!! For more information, check out our website or you can contact Tony Bruzzese by phone (603-893-1353) or email (tony@paragon.com).

ADVERTISING: Newsletter Ad Rates - \$100. Full page, \$50. 1/2 page, \$25. 1/4 page, \$15. Business card. The newsletter goes out to the full NHRA membership plus all the clubs, former members and many RB friends - *so advertise here!* Yearly rates are also available.

FEATURED PLAYER: Chris Zalegowski, a NH Demo Squadron player for Wilson Racquet Sports, was featured in their national racquetball players' newsletter for his instrumental work play-testing racquets for the development of Wilson's racquet line for next season (*but don't call Chris if you break your racquet hitting the wall!!!*).

NEWSLETTER RATES: Newsletter subscription is available to non-members/non-residents for a \$10.00/yr. rate.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER: When your USRA membership card states a 4/01 expiration date, that means your membership expired on the 1st day of the month - *not at the end of the month!* Stay on the mailing list - keep your membership active!

NHRA APPAREL: Customized NH Racquetball sportswear now available at NH tournaments (like the upcoming Regionals) or by contacting Kelley Beane. These items are available for your purchase:

NHRA silk-screened white tee shirts	\$12.00
NH Racquetball low profile 2-tone hats	\$15.00
NHRA embroidered teal collared shirts	\$24.00
NHRA silk-screened gray sweatshirts	Were \$28.00 Sale - \$20.00
NHRA embroidered collared sweatshirts (black & ash)	Were \$35.00 Sale - \$28.00
NEW - NHRA 'Attitude' T- shirts - 3 styles to choose from (white & ash)	\$12.00

New England Regional Singles Racquetball Championships

The NHRA and CRA (Connecticut Racquetball Assoc.) would like to remind everyone of the upcoming New England Regional Championships to be held **April 20th, 21st and 22nd**. Hosted by the Executive Health & Sports Center and co-hosted by the Nashua Athletic Club. The entry deadline for this event is **Friday, April 13th!!!** This is one of the biggest tournaments of the season and is also a qualifier for the Ektelon/USRA Nationals in Houston, TX at the end of May. We are anticipating over 200 players from all over the country to come participate in this event. This is a great opportunity to come watch and play some of the best racquetball players in their divisions and in the country, so **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!**

For more information, check out our website at: www.neracquetball.com/nhra Also, you may contact Tony Bruzzese at (603)893-1353 or email him at: tony@paragon.com.

What Division Are You Eligible to Play In?

One of the questions that comes up at this time of year is, "What division am I eligible to play in the Regionals? Can I drop down a division?" For New Hampshire players, part of the answer is contained in the "New Hampshire Racquetball Association Skill Level Rules", which was published in one of the NHRA newsletters last summer (it's also available on the NHRA website at <http://www.neracquetball.com/nhra/>). The rule can be summarized as follows:

In the Regionals, you may play the same division you were eligible to play at the start of the 2000/2001 season (September 1st, 2000) so long as:

- *The skill level you want to play in is not more than one division lower than your current skill level division, and/or*
- *You have not won a Regional title at that skill level - or a higher skill level.*

For example, let's say you were eligible to play C's as of 9/1/2000 (the start of the 2000/2001 season), but you won 2 tournaments (with a full draw) in C's this season. Even though you are now considered a 'B' player, you are still be eligible to play C's in the upcoming Regionals because that is the skill level division you were eligible to play at the start of the current season (9/1/00) and you have not advanced more than one skill level.

Adult age group divisions start at <24 (24yrs. & under), and run in 5 year increments from 25+ through 75+. To be eligible to play in the <24 division, you must be 24yrs. or younger as of the first day of the tournament (4/20/01). To be eligible to play in any of the other adult age group divisions, you must be that age or older as of 4/20/01. You can play any age group that is equal to, or less than, your age (e.g., if you are 47yrs. you may play 45+, 40+, 35+, etc.).

Junior age group divisions start at <8 (8yrs. & under) and run in 2 year increments up to <18 (18yrs. & under). To be eligible to play in a particular Junior division in this year's Regionals, you must have been that age or younger *as of January 1st, 2001*. For example, to be eligible to play in the <12 division, you must have been 12 years old or younger as of January 1st, 2001. You can play in any Junior division that is your age or over (e.g., if you were 11 years old as of January 1st, 2001, then you may play <12, <14, <16, etc.).

If there are still questions after reading the above explanation, you may contact the NHRA for more clarification (e-mail: nhraboardmember@excell.net).

2001 NHRA AWARDS BANQUET

(March 3rd at the Nashua Athletic Club)

* *Serious Awards* *

MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR - Chris Zalegowski, who presented it to **Brandt Pace**

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR - Kelley Beane, who presented it to **Ann Doucette**

JUNIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR - Mike Keddie

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS: MALE - Rob Smith; FEMALE - Suzanne Ewert

HUSTLE AWARD - Owen McGarrahan (*for his great work on hustling up sponsors!*)

TOURNAMENT OF THE YEAR:

LARGEST DRAW - The Mitch Nathanson Classic (at the EHSC & the NAC)

SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER - The Justin Open (at the NAC)

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR - Scott Elwell

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - Justin Wallace (*Mr. E-Force!?!*)

IRONMAN AWARD - Paul Wallace

COMEBACK PLAYER OF THE YEAR - George Rogers

JUNIOR TEAM AWARD - Mike Keddie, Matt Keddie, & Billy Bayliss

THE 2000-2001 STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONS - *See the NH Singles Championship results...*

* *Fun Awards* *

- **Judy McCole** was given a kid's counting book to help her keep track of the score when she's refereeing Kelley's matches (one little piggy, two little piggy, etc.)
- A date ball was given to **Jeff Hill** to help him search for all the many eligible female racquetball players (*wherever they may be - if there's any left out there!*)
- **Gretchen & Carol Gobar** were given a couple useful tournament items: a fan for Gretchen to keep her cool on the court (*and not so red-faced*), and pom-poms for Carol to help cheer her on during those tough matches.
- Classy slippers for a classy lady: **Nan Higgins** received some attractive black & white zebra slippers to accentuate her elegant banquet attire (*you can dress her up, BUT can you take her out too???*)
- Since **Jim Lukeman** looks to be the next in line for the doctor's scalpel (*a frontal lobotomy*), he was given an **OPERATION** game to prepare him for the big event (*his new wife Karen can play nurse...*)
- **Ann Doucette** was given a make-up travel kit for some last minute touch-ups before hitting the court for those big matches (*look your best, feel your best, play your best - if it works, I WANT TO BORROW IT!!!*)
- A heavy-duty hinge was given to **Mike Cole** for the next time he attempts to "realign" a door upon exiting the court after a difficult match at NAC (*Matt & Tim will appreciate the extra maintenance help!*)
- 'Sugar Daddy' **Matt Chabot** (*why do the ladies call him that?!?*) received some wild boxer shorts to wear on the court (*women are forever trying to dress men - are they trying to tell him something?*)
- This year's 'Best Dressed' player awards go to **Pat Sims & Tim Whitcomb** for their excellent court attire; if you witnessed the 'sportswear' they were given to model, you might think they were going to a costume party (*or a drag show - quite becoming, but I doubt we'll be see their new wardrobe on the court anytime soon!*)
- **Carl Savage** was the recipient of the 'Roving Hinder' award and was given a bright hunting vest to help his opponents locate him on the court (*now they have a much better target to shoot at!*)
- **Ed Dalton** was given a folding lawn chair to help with his center court positioning during those long Masters matches (*a word of caution: lawn chairs are borderline, but an umbrella & a beer cooler are NOT officially approved USRA equipment - not yet at least!*)
- A dinosaur video was given to **Dick Lowell**, who was a little confused with its meaning: was it a reminder of the old days growing up, or was it a video of the last Masters tournament (*only Kelley knows for sure...*)

* **A WORD OF NOTE:** Many thanx goes out to **Wilken Tom** for his extremely generous donation of beautiful Skagen sport watches to the raffle and to the Board members - *thank you Wilken!* *

NH RACQUETBALL RANKINGS

MENS OPEN		MENS A		MENS B		MENS C		MENS D	
ZALEGOWSKI, CHRIS	390	WALLACE, PAUL	180	SMITH, ROB	175	WHITE, ERIC	185	CHABOT, MATT	165
HILL, JEFF	125	SKLAPONY, MARK	100	KEDDIE, MIKE	125	STEEVES, GREG	125	MORRISSEY, JIM	150
BOUCHER, JAIME	115	MAKOSIEJ, SCOTT	80	SIMS, JIM	110	BURGESS, BOB	120	SCHERER, KEN	100
REIFF, SCOTT	100	BRUZZESE, TONY	75	MAKOSIEJ, SCOTT	100	KEDDIE, JAY	95	KEDDIE, MATT	85
COLE, MIKE	95	BAILEY, LEE	70	WALSH, GARY	100	LYNCH, JOHN	90	BATES, RICHARD	80
RYAN, DAVID	40	GAGNON, BRUCE	60	LACROIX, ERIC	75	LACROIX, ERIC	65	RHEAULT, PAUL	75
MORSE, JEFF	35	CINO, PAUL	50	BRETON, DAVE	50	MONKS, LEE	65	TAYLOR, DEREK	65
GATES, CHUCK	30	ROBINSON, SCOTT	50	BURGESS, BOB	50	ANDREWS, CHRIS	50	FRENETTE, RANDY	50
BESSETTE, JASON	25	SITOMER, JIM	40	DREW, PHIL	50	BRODIEN, NEAL	50	GUIDABONI, BOB	50
HUSSON JR., JOE	20	SAVAGE, CARL	35	NORTON, RYAN	50	HELLINGS, PAUL	50	HAMBLIN, ROBERT	50
MENS NOVICE		MENS 25+		MENS 30+		MENS 35+		MENS 40+	
LAROCHELLE, DAN	250	ZALEGOWSKI, CHRIS	400	COLE, MIKE	150	LUKEMAN, JIM	200	VARRILL, JOHN	160
DEYOUNG, RICH	180	HILL, JEFF	100	MCGARRAHAN, OWEN	100	BRUZZESE, TONY	100	SAVAGE, CARL	100
LAROCHELLE, MATT	150			LUKEMAN, JIM	30	LABONTE, MARCO	85	NORMAND, MIKE	75
WILLIAMS, MIKE	100					RODGERS, GEORGE	50	DAYNARD, KEN	50
BAYLISS, BILLY	75					VARRILL, JOHN	50	GATES, CHUCK	50
FRENETTE, RANDY	50					GRAHAM, TERRY	30	ROBBINS, PHIL	15
DYER, SHAWN	30					WATSON, BURT	20	RODENBERG, KEVIN	10
SAUTER, STEVE	10								
MENS 45+		MENS 50+		MENS 55+		JR. <10		JR. <12	
VARRILL, JOHN	200	BIRD, SID	150	PACE, BRANDT	300	SAUTER, MATT	80	KEDDIE, MATT	100
WALLACE, PAUL	140	PACE, BRANDT	110	MILEWSKI, MITCH	180	BECK, C.J.	30	SAUTER, MATT	35
KUEL, CHARLES	75	BARNABY, MICHAEL	75			BAYLISS, BILLY	20	KILMER, BRYAN	30
SAVAGE, CARL	70	RUGGIERI, JOE	30			DURANT, NICHOLAS	20		
DAYNARD, KEN	65	GIORGETTI, PHIL	10			MCCUMBER, RUSSELL	10		
GATES, CHUCK	50								
ROBINSON, SCOTT	50								
DEYOUNG, RICH	25								
LARKIN, GREGG	20								
SAVAGE, STEVE	15								
MENS 60+		MENS 65+		MENS 70+		JR. <16		JR. <18	
DALTON, ED	230	BOUCHARD, RON	150	BENNETT, RUSS	180	BYE, ERIK	15	BENTON, BRIE	50
LOWELL, DICK	190	LECOMPTE, NORBERT	115						
BOUCHARD, RON	75	TOWLE, PARKER	60						
BENNETT, RUSS	50	BAMFORD, HAROLD	40						
WOMENS OPEN		WOMENS A		WOMENS B		WOMENS C		WOMENS D	
BEANE, KELLEY	200	SIMS, PAT	370	LAFRANCE FOOTE, JUDY	180	LAFRANCE FOOTE, JUDY	280	GOBAR, GRETCHEN	265
HIGGINS, NAN	150	WRIGHT, PAM	90	SMITH, LYNN	75	GOBAR, GRETCHEN	265	LAFRANCE FOOTE, JUDY	250
WRIGHT, PAM	75	MCCOLE, JUDY	85	EWERT, SUZANNE	50	CALISTA, DEBRA	230	SHAPIRO, SHARON	150
MULLEN, ANA TERESA	10	IRVINE, DEB	15	BENTON, BRIE	20	MULLEN, ANA TERESA	130	CALISTA, DEBRA	100
		BENTON, BRIE	10	IRVINE, DEB	10	EWERT, SUZANNE	80	SABBOW, CHRIS	80
		KILMER, DENISE	10	JOHNSTON, SHARON	10	SHAPIRO, SHARON	45	SIMS, PAT	50
						BENTON, BRIE	20	EWERT, SUZANNE	15
						SIMS, PAT	15		
						LARKIN, KIM	10		
						SABBOW, CHRIS	10		
WOMENS NOVICE		WOMEN 25+		WOMEN 30+		WOMENS 35+		WOMENS 45+	
NILAND, BRENDA	50	BEANE, KELLEY	350	BEANE, KELLEY	315	BEANE, KELLEY	375	HIGGINS, NAN	665
COOPER, ELISE	15					HIGGINS, NAN	150		
						SIMS, PAT	50		

* **UPDATED USRA POINTS AS OF 3/23/01** * (12 month cumulative)

2001 NH STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 3rd & 4th, 2001 at The Nashua Athletic Club

	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
MENS OPEN	Chris Zalegowski	Jeff Hill	Mike Cole	Jaime Boucher
MENS A	Paul Wallace	Mark Skladony	Tony Bruzzese	Scott Robinson
MENS B	Rob Smith	Gary Walsh	Mike Keddie	Ryan Norton
MENS C	Eric White	Bob Burgess	Greg Steeves	Lee Monks
MENS D	James Morrissey	Matt Chabot	Paul Rheault	Rich Radwanski
MENS NOVICE	Rich DeYoung	Mike Williams Sr.	Billy Bayliss	
MENS 25+	Chris Zalegowski	Jeff Hill		
MENS 30+	Mike Cole	Owen McGarrahan		
MENS 35+	Jim Lukeman	Tony Bruzzese	Marco Labonte	George Rogers
MENS 40+	John Varrill	Carl Savage	Mike Normand	Ken Daynard
MENS 45+	John Varrill	Paul Wallace	Charles Kuel	Scott Robinson
MENS 50+	Sid Bird	Brandt Pace	Mike Barnaby	
MENS 55+	Brandt Pace			
MENS 60+	Dick Lowell	Ed Dalton	Ron Bouchard	Russ Bennett
MENS 65+	Ron Bouchard			
MENS 70+	Russ Bennett			
WOMENS OPEN	Kelley Beane	Nan Higgins	Pam Wright	Ann Doucette
WOMENS A	Diane Taylor-Whitman	Pat sims	Judy McCole	Pam Wright
WOMENS B	Judy Lafrance-Foote	Rica Shepardson	Lynn Smith	Suzanne Ewert
WOMENS C	Judy Lafrance-Foote	Gretchen Gobar	Rica Shepardson	Suzanne Ewert
WOMENS D	Gretchen Gobar	Sharon Shapiro		
WOMENS 35+	Kelley Beane	Nan Higgins	Ann Doucette	
WOMENS 45+	Nan Higgins			

2001 'LUCKY 13th' RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

March 9th & 10th, at the Railyard Racquet & Health Club, Woodsville, NH

	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
MENS OPEN/A	Aron Drew, NH	Jim Sitomer, NH	Rich Saffo Jr., NH	Mike Keddie, NH
MENS B	Mike Keddie, NH	Chris Lavoie, VT	Larry Lavoie, NH	Steve Monsein, MA
MENS C	Walter Sinnot-Armstrong, NH	Jay Keddie, NH	Stef Saffo, NH	Veronica Saffo, NH
MENS 50+	Howard Peelle, MA	Steve Savage, NH	Sid Bird, NH	Robert Hamblin, NH
MENS OPEN/A DOUBLES	Aron Drew, NH	Steve Savage, NH	Rich Saffo Jr., NH	Sid Bird, NH
	Jim Sitomer, NH	Steve Monsien, MA	Mark Brezina, VT	John Biele, NH
MENS B/C DOUBLES	Larry Lavoie, NH	John Biele, NH	Neal Brodien, NH	Rich Saffo Sr., NH
	Chris Lavoie, VT	Nowell Brown, NH	Robert Hamblin, NH	Doug Riggie, NH
MIXED DOUBLES	Veronica Saffo, NH	Stef Saffo, NH	Teresa Lavoie, NH	
	Mark Brezina, VT	Bob Snow, NH	Chris Lavoie, VT	

Many thanks to all our participants for making the 2001 New Hampshire State Singles Championships the most competitive in recent years! Most matches this year went to tie breakers (a tournament director's nightmare), but it only goes to prove that we truly have the best racquetball players in the area! Everything when down to the wire and there was never a clear-cut winner in any of the division; 9 out of the 12 final matches went into tiebreakers and 5 of them were decided by a score of 11-10! The total number of participants in this year's championship was 90, which is a bit higher participation from the 2000 event; roughly about one third of our total membership played. Special thanks also go out to the Nashua Athletic Club for being our gracious host to this year's event. All the players received nice blue denim shirts, which were embroidered with the new NHRA logo - a classy tournament shirt indeed! It was great to see everyone's competitive spirit shining brightly and truly reflects a bright future for the New Hampshire racquetball population! The highlight to this year's championship weekend was again the NHRA Awards Banquet, which proved to be a good decision and a lot of fun for all that attended. The NH Board tries to use all the excellent feedback we receive from you, *so please - keep it coming!* We have already started planning next year's tournaments and we hope to see all of you - plus many more new players - in our next State event (which should be State Doubles in the Fall). Our goal is to make New Hampshire racquetball the best in New England, *and it starts with all of you - our membership!!!*





THE GOSSIP COLUMN
(OR, WHAT'S ALL THE RACQUET ABOUT)



The 2000-2001 season is coming to an end. What a great year to be involved in NH Racquetball.

Not only do we have the two best tournaments in the country (Mitch & Justin), but we finally got recognized in the rball magazine. That can't be Cliff Swain - what the heck is he doing? And who is that other chump? What has he ever done for rball?!?

Hats off to Kelley Beane on being selected by the USOC as Racquetball Coach of the Year. We have all seen how the JR's look up to you.... even Mike Keddie. Who'd have thought you and Otto - side by side (cute couple). Seriously, thank you for all your time, effort, and enthusiasm. We love you, man!!!

As for Peggy, keep her off the courts!!!! She's a mess!!!! We don't like her at all (isn't that right Justin?). Drinking beer on the court - that's not right. She needs a few make-up tips, too. We have just two words for Peggy - LOS ER...

Some concerns for Jeff Hill since the banquet. Is that magic dating 8 ball working OK for you? You can place an ad in the paper. SWM looking for SWF. Best of luck to you Jeff. (Stud muffin) And I guess complaining about beautiful women is the only way New England women can get into the magazine. That's the closest N.E. women will ever get to being centerfolds...

Well, that's the NH gossip as I see it and I'll see you the next time.

Good luck to all playing entering the regional and national tournament. Make NH proud and bring back the gold.

Until next time, when you're on my court, stay out of my way... (!!!)

Sincerely,

kill shot

OFFICIATING - Advice On How To Referee A Racquetball Match

1) Pre-match Duties:

- a) At the tournament desk
- b) Pick up clipboard with scorecard
- c) Sharp pencil with an eraser
- d) Game ball
- e) Ask for match format (and any modifications that were stated on the tournament application)
- f) Any other questions (about rules, court hinders, etc.)?
- g) Inquire if the players have been paged to the court
- h) A watch (would be handy) and a court towel (if necessary)
- i) Find the assigned court and report to it in a timely fashion

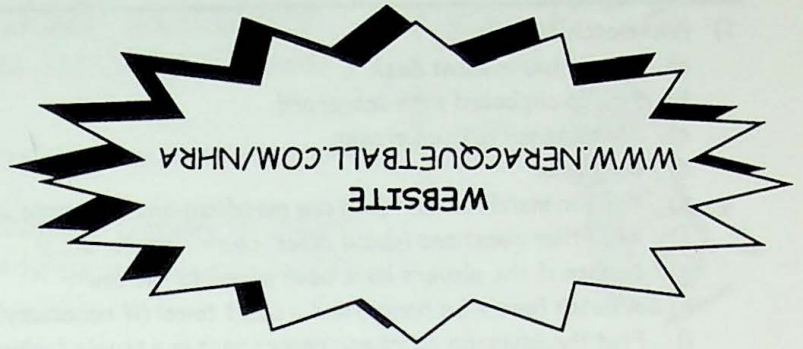
2) At The Court / Starting The Match

- a) Make sure that the players are on the court warming up (if not, have the tournament desk page them again to report *immediately* to the court). Start the match in a reasonable time.
- b) Make sure that all players are warming up wearing protective eyewear and racquet wrist tether.
- c) Assign line judges and explain their duties (if they are necessary or requested). If you have trouble with this, ask the Tournament Director(s) for assistance.
- d) Point out court and/or dead ball hinders; also point out any out of play areas (if any of these apply). This is a good time to inspect the player's equipment (glasses, racquet, etc.).
- e) Choose who will be serving first - your choice of method (flip a coin, pick a number - odd or even, etc.) The winner has the choice of either servicing or receiving; the player or team who didn't serve first in game #1 will initiate the serve in game #2. If a tiebreaker is necessary, the player or team who has scored the most points in the first two games has the option to serve or receive. Note on the scorecard who serves first (in doubles, you may want to note a description of the player's clothing if you are not familiar with them).
- f) Explain special rules or exceptions (if any). Also explain how you want them to request a hinder (by raising their non-racquet hand when needed). If you feel it necessary, this is a good time to explain how you are going to call screen serves, technical fouls and avoidable hinders.
- g) A regular match is 2 games to 15 points, tiebreaker to 11 points. The players or teams have three 30 second time outs in the regular games and 2 time outs in the tiebreaker. They are also allowed 2 minutes between the first and second game, 5 minutes before the tiebreaker.

3) The Match

- a) Initiate the serve by calling the score when both players are in a reasonable position to serve/receive. It is the server's responsibility to check the receiver. Call any short or bad serves; initiate the 2nd serve by calling 'second serve' (when necessary).
- b) Always have the serving player or team in the 'up' position on your scorecard or clipboard (this will help keep track of the server during long rallies). After a rally call 'point', 'hand' or 'half out' (in doubles), or 'side out'.
- c) Make all call loud, clear and fast enough. A hesitant or delayed call could cause confusion on the court.
- d) Rule of thumb: you can't call what you don't see - there's no room for guessing. Call what you see and play on for all the other times. The players on the court can overrule your call - they have the best view. If you are unsure of a call after a rally, don't be afraid to ask the players for help; if doubt remains, call a replay.
- e) A brief explanation may be necessary to explain a call during the match (and is allowed). *Arguing and ill temper is not allowed* - take control of the match; don't let things get out of hand!
- f) The referee does has jurisdiction over the spectators as well as the players during the match.
- g) The players have a right to question your interpretation of the rules during the match; any technical questions or problems that you cannot handle should be immediately directed to the tournament director(s) before the match continues.
- h) All USRA rules apply and are in effect - except when the tournament director recognizes certain modifications that were stated on the tournament application (like the 1-serve rule in the Open divisions and the use of the 12ft. line on the back wall). Check to see if any apply)
- i) Don't be intimidated and don't be a know-it-all; referee the match as you would like to have someone referee one of yours. Good luck, pay attention and have fun!

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