

The Daily Racquet

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PLAYER'S GUIDE



Welcome to the 14th Anniversary of the US OPEN Racquetball Championships, presented by USA Racquetball. The US OPEN is racquetball's original "Grand Slam" event and each year the top men and women professionals from around the world come to Memphis and take to the portable glass court for their annual showcase.

This year, the US OPEN staff and local organizing committee members here in Memphis have worked very hard with our host venues to make your US OPEN experience — whether you're competing or spectating — is enjoyable and memorable.

With nearly 700 entrants and more than 1,100 scheduled matches, it's important that everyone be aware of the basics of an event this size — in order to keep things running smoothly. This first edition of "The Daily Racquet" is designed to give you just that — the basics. Refer back to this issue whenever you have a question and the chances are very good that you'll find your answer!

In Play Tuesday... October 20, 2009

Registration

The Racquet Club - Parlor A
3:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m.

Pro-Am Doubles for St. Jude

The Racquet Club
5:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m.

In Play Wednesday... October 21, 2009

Registration

The Racquet Club - Parlor A
8:00 a.m. — 9:00 p.m.

Amateur Matches

U of M/Wellworx/Ridgeway
8:00 a.m. — 10:00 p.m.

IRT/WPRO Qualifying

Ticket Session #1
The Racquet Club
10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

IRT Round of 64

Ticket Session #1
The Racquet Club
4:00 p.m. — 11:00 p.m.

Silent Auction for St. Jude

The Racquet Club - Player's Village
4:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m.

International Reception

The Racquet Club - Pro/Gold Lounge
9:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m.

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The Daily Racquet Gets You There!

Shuttle Schedule

Shuttles depart from each location hourly, beginning with the first time listed.

Shuttle #1 - Between WellWorx Sportsplex & University of Memphis

	From WellWorx	From University of Memphis
Wed - Fri	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Shuttle #2 - Between Hilton & The Racquet Club & University & Ridgeway

	From Hilton	From Racquet Club
Wed - Fri	6:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.	6:40 a.m. - Midnight
Saturday	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	6:40 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	6:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	6:40 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

	From the University	From Ridgeway Rec Ctr.
Wed - Fri	7:00 a.m. - Midnight	7:20 a.m. - Midnight
Saturday	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	7:20 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	7:20 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Shuttle #3 - Between The Racquet Club and WellWorx Sportsplex

	From The Racquet Club	From Well Worx
Wed - Fri	6:45 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.	7:15 a.m. - Midnight
Saturday	6:45 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.	7:15 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	6:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.	7:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

If You Are Driving From The Racquet Club

...To WellWorx (5 miles)

Right on Sanderlin
Left on White Station
Right on Summer Avenue
Right on Shelby Oaks
WellWorx is on the right

...To U of M (3.3 miles)

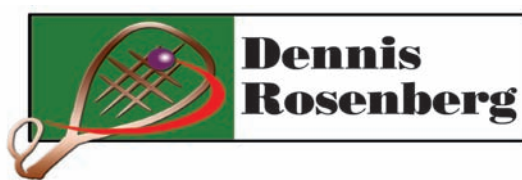
Left on Sanderlin
Left on Mendenhall
Right on Poplar (US 72)
Left on Perkins
Right on Southern
(cross railroad track)
Left on Echles ...
Rec. Center is on the left
*Remember parking is
limited at the University.

...To Ridgeway (4 miles)

Right on Sanderlin
Right on White Station
Left on Poplar (US 72)
Right on Ridgeway Road
The Ridgeway Baptist Rec.
Center is on the left
(attached to the church)

NEW FOR 2009 - Passes Needed for University of Memphis

To enter the University of Memphis Recreation Center, all players and guests will need an admission pass. Passes can be picked up when you check-in at the Registration Room (Parlor A) at The Racquet Club.





Registration & Check In...

Tournament check-in is a two-part process, starting at the registration desk. All players must check in at **The Racquet Club of Memphis registration desk (Parlor A)** before reporting for their first match — *regardless of venue!*

Players with matches at the WellWorx Sportsplex, Ridgeway Baptist Rec. Center or the University of Memphis must make a trip to the Racquet Club of Memphis to register before their first match. Failure to do so will delay your first match considerably and could result in forfeiture. Players are then required to check in at the tournament desk at their site, thirty (30) minutes prior to their scheduled match. Leave plenty of travel time to complete both steps.

Officiating & Appeals...

In all USA Racquetball division play, match losers will be required to referee, or find a suitable replacement. You'll need to report to the tournament desk immediately following your assigned match, and all referees will be paid \$5.00 for that duty...OR you can donate your fees to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Last year's "referee donations" totalled over \$500!

No Consolation Rounds!

As noted on your entry form (and in order to accommodate everyone who wanted to take part in this year's event) the number of court hours needed for regulation play makes it necessary to eliminate consolation rounds.

So first round losers will just have to console themselves by taking full advantage of the "party schedule" to enjoy the many social activities, AND make the most of the opportunity to watch the pros battle it out on the glass court!

Web Updates...

Daily site reports, up-to-the-minute expanded reports, frequently updated draw-sheets, and interactive visuals will be featured on www.usopenracquetball.com.

You can also follow the US OPEN on Twitter!
www.twitter.com/usopenrb

Tournament Hospitality...

Hospitality for players will only be available at the WellWorx Sportsplex (lunch only). **All players** may enjoy the hospitality room at WellWorx, regardless of where their matches are scheduled.

Take Special Note...

Don't assume that you'll be playing at one specific venue throughout the week. Divisions may be played at multiple clubs -- WellWorx, University of Memphis and Ridgeway Baptist. Please make sure to check the drawsheets before every match.



Past WPRO Champions

2008	Paola Longoria
2007	Rhonda Rajsich
2006	Christie Van Hees
2005	Christie Van Hees
2004	Cheryl Gudinas
2003	Rhonda Rajsich
2002	Cheryl Gudinas
2001	Kerri Wachtel
2000	Christie Van Hees
1999	Jackie Rice
1998	Jackie Rice
1997	Michelle Gould
1996	Michelle Gould

Past IRT Champions

Kane Waselenchuk
Rocky Carson
Jason Mannino
Kane Waselenchuk
Kane Waselenchuk
Kane Waselenchuk
Sudsy Monchik
Cliff Swain
Sudsy Monchik
Jason Mannino
Sudsy Monchik
Cliff Swain
Sudsy Monchik



Past CPRT Champions

- 2008 - Jimmy Lowe
- 2007 - Woody Clouse

Professional Match Schedule:

Wednesday, October 21st	
Men's & Women's Pro Qualifying	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Men's Round of 64	4 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Thursday, October 22nd	
Men's Round of 32	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Women's Round of 32	1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Men's Round of 16	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday, October 23th	
Women's Round of 16	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Men's Quarterfinals	1 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Women's Quarterfinals	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 24th	
Women's Semis & Men's Semis	10:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, October 25th	
CPRT, WPRO & IRT FINALS	9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Doubles & Auction for St. Jude

The US OPEN Racquetball Championships is once again proud to name the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as its designated charity. The tournament has donated more than \$270,000 in total donations since its inception in 1996.

Each year a silent auction is held during the tournament to benefit St. Jude featuring Olympic memorabilia and racquetball equipment from the industry's best manufacturers.

In addition, a Tuesday evening kick-off invites 32 lucky amateurs to donate \$325 apiece for the opportunity to play in a single elimination doubles challenge with a top professional as their partner, with all proceeds donated to St. Jude. If you are interested in playing in the doubles event, please see the Info Booth in the Players Village at The Racquet Club.

Competition ...	WellWorx Sportsplex	Univ. of Memphis	Ridgeway Baptist	The Racquet Club
	USAR Divisions	USAR Divisions	USAR Divisions	IRT & WPRO Matches
Hospitality...	For Players Only Lunch (Wed-Sat) Noon - 2:00 p.m. Snacks & Powerade	None Players may enjoy the hospitality room at Wellworx	None Players may enjoy the hospitality room at Wellworx	For All Pub Dining Room \$ & Concessions \$ in Players Village
Other Food Service...	Restaurants nearby	Not much nearby	Limited Concessions	Restaurants nearby
Parking...	Standard	Very Limited	Standard	Standard
Towel Service...	Full Service facility	Unavailable	Full Service facility	Full Service facility
Lockers...	Full Service facility	Unavailable	Full Service facility	Unavailable
First/Last Matches...	WellWorx	Univ. of Memphis	Ridgeway Baptist	The Racquet Club
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	No matches on Sunday	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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