



Tournament Protocol

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As a result of a meeting that was held on May 20/07 just prior to the start of play at the 2007 national championships, the following protocol has been formally established which will govern all Racquetball Canada tournaments. This meeting was chaired by Ron Duda as the VP of the Technical portfolio and the following people were in attendance.

Ron Brown, Usher Barnoff, Rino Langelier, Michel Gagnon, Cal Smith, Adrian Webb, Loren Prentice and Ron Duda.

It should be noted that the Athlete rep at the time Francios Veins was invited but could not attend.

- 1) When will the draw be considered the draw and no further changes will be made?
The draw cannot be changed after 12:00 noon local time, the day prior to the event beginning. If an athlete has to be taken out of the draw after this time for any reason, the draw will not be re-done. Wherever the athlete that has withdrawn appears, the opposing player or players will get a bye to the next match. This will apply to all national and selection events, but not to junior nationals. It is possible that adjustments to the draw are necessary at junior due to the format that is used. If there happens to be extreme or extenuating circumstances, they can be dealt with by the tournament committee.
- 2) What will be the deadline for entering Racquetball Canada tournaments?
As a general rule we will have a 3 week deadline for the early bird entry and 2 weeks for the drop dead or final deadline.
- 3) What will be the deadline for the provinces to submit their tournament results for ranking purposes?
Racquetball Canada will run a new ranking report the first Tuesday of each month. Also the junior national results will be updated prior to the seeding of the players for the national championships.
- 4) How will we determine who will ref the following match.
For Racquetball Canada events, losers of the previous match will ref the next match.
- 5) Tournament draw format.
We will try to guarantee 3 matches in the open events in the singles selection and the nationals.
If we have 6 or less participants in an event, it will be a round robin.
3-5 participant will be 1 round robin, 6 participants will be 2 round robins of 3 participants in each round robin. (seed 1,4 and 5 in one round robin and seeds 2,3 and 6 in the other round robin. After round robin play is finished the crossover

matches are played where the 2 first place participants play for 1st and 2nd, the two second place participants play for 3rd and 4th and the 2 3rd place participants play for 5th and 6th.

If we have 7 or more participants it will be a straight draw.

6) Referees for Racquetball Canada events.

Racquetball Canada will do everything they can to have certified level 3 referees available for semi-finals and finals. We would prefer not to have the players ref these matches.

7) Start times for the finals at selection events.

It must be recognized that most of the players that compete in these selection events are traveling by air. We must do everything that we can to play the finals at a reasonable time to ensure that participants have time to catch their airplane.

8) When will the draw be posted for public viewing?

Racquetball Canada will have the draw available on the R2 website by 6:00 PM the day prior to the start of the event. Paper copies will be posted at the tournament facility sometime after the posting on the R2 website but prior to the start of play.

VP Technical

Ron Duda