

The Daily Racquet

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PLAYER GUIDE

Welcome to Minneapolis!

We are thrilled you are joining us this week in Minneapolis to celebrate US OPEN #26!

The US OPEN was first played in Memphis in 1996 at the Racquet Club of Memphis, and it remained there until 2009. The move to Minneapolis took place the following year, with Life Time Target Center the main venue 11 times, through 2021. We thank the University of Minnesota and Life Time Fridley for providing a great environment this year where amateur players, professional tour players, and longtime sports benefactors, manufacturers, and vendors can gather and reconnect.

Read on for more details on what to expect as a player here at the 26th US OPEN Racquetball Championships!

Play well, stay safe, and let's have a great 26th Anniversary Party here in the Twin Cities!

TRANSPORTATION TIPS

On Thursday, September 29th, amateur matches will be scheduled at two clubs: University of Minnesota Student Recreation Center and Life Time Fitness Fridley. Shuttles over to Life Time will be provided for this day only. *On the rest of the days, competition will be at the University only.*

Light Rail System: If you did not take the light rail when coming in, please consider it when leaving. You can reach the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in just under 45 minutes.

The light rail is clean, convenient and CHEAP! The light rail system also goes downtown and to the Mall of America. Visit www.metrotransit.org or search for "Metro Transit" in your app store for more information on the lines to take to various locations (e.g., Green to Blue for the airport terminals).

RESPECT & SAFETY

The CDC website and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) website continually provide updates, and we recommend attendees familiarize themselves. When you are in the US OPEN's host facilities, masks are not required but encouraged if it makes you feel more comfortable.

If you feel sick or experience any COVID symptoms, please do not enter any US OPEN host facility and instead immediately seek a COVID-19 test. Testing locations are available in the immediate area.

MORE US OPEN NEED-TO-KNOWS!

Registration and Check-In...

All players must register and check in at the Registration Desk in the Players Village at the University of Minnesota Student Rec Center before reporting for their first match, *regardless of venue!*

Players with first-round matches at Life Time Fridley (LTFF) must make a trip to the U of M Student Rec Center (UMN) to check in 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 30 minutes prior to their scheduled match. Please leave plenty of travel time to complete both steps.

Club Access...

To enter the Rec Center or Life Time Fridley, simply state you are participating in the US OPEN.

Take Note of Your Match Location...

For Thursday matches, please take note of the "club codes" next to each match time.

University of Minnesota Student Rec Center **(UMN)**

Life Time Fridley **(LTFF)**

What Ball Will I Be Playing With?

All Professional and Amateur Divisions will be using the ProPenn HD (purple), except for the LPRT Divisions, which will be using the ProPenn Green.

Pre-Championship Practice...

...will be available for players ONLY at the University of Minnesota Student Rec Center location. Courts will be available for practice on Tuesday, September 27th from 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Please check in at the Registration desk and then grab any open court.

Officiating

In all USAR 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 \$10 for that duty (except for Pro Matches at the University). Please consider donating your referee \$\$ to the U.S. Adult & Junior National Teams!

No Consolation Rounds!

To accommodate everyone who wanted to take part in this year's event, the number of court hours needed for regular division play didn't allow for consolation rounds. The upside is that it frees up time to watch some great pro action!

PRO MATCH TICKET PACKAGES Guarantee your Seats NOW!

Starting Thursday, you must have a Pro Match ticket package to watch ANY of the Court 1 & 2 Pro Matches at the University. Ticket packages must be purchased to view Pro Matches Thursday through Sunday.

Fewer than 10 Ticket Packages Remain!

For just \$139, guests will have a guaranteed General Admission seat for all the Pro matches, all week long. The price is \$99 for registered players! For junior and collegiate players, \$69! All HEROES division players will receive a complimentary ticket package to watch the Pro Matches for the week to thank them for their service to our country and its citizens.

To purchase your ticket package, please visit the Registration Desk in the Players Village or go online <https://www.r2sports.com/tourney.asp?TID=39683> to the Order Additional Items section under event registration.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MATCH START TIMES & DIVISION DRAWS

<https://www.r2sports.com/tourney.asp?TID=39683>

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Player Registration
University of Minnesota
Student Rec Center
3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Free Practice Sessions
University of Minnesota
Student Rec Center
3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Player Registration
University of Minnesota
Student Rec Center
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

USAR Amateur Matches
University of Minnesota
Student Rec Center
9:00 a.m. – 8:40 p.m.

IRT/LPRT Qualifying
FREE VIEWING
University of Minnesota
Student Rec Center
10:10 a.m. – 6:20 p.m.
2:50 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.

Charity Pro-Am Doubles
FREE VIEWING
University of Minnesota
Student Rec Center
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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