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**Local Resident and Defending National Champion Adam Manilla
Leads the Field for Wilson Junior Olympic Championships**

Denver – June 16, 2014 – The greater Denver area is set to host the 41st Wilson Junior Olympic Championships to be held June 25-29 at the Highlands Ranch Recreation Center at Northridge. The Championship is racquetball's premier junior event and is presented by Penn. Junior players from Colorado and across the U.S. will compete in more than 50 divisions separated by age and gender in Olympic play format.

The 2014 Junior Olympic Championships will serve as a qualifier for the Boy's and Girl's U.S. Junior National Team. Finalists in the 18 and Under, 16 and Under and 14 and Under Singles divisions and champions in the respective Doubles divisions will earn one-year appointments to the U.S. Junior National Team.

The Junior Olympic Championships features the top junior players in the U.S., including Adam Manilla (Centennial, CO) who is the defending champion of the 18 and Under Boy's Singles, Boy's Doubles and Mixed Doubles divisions. The University of Colorado student is a captain of the U.S. Junior National Team.

"It feels great to be able to compete in my hometown for my last year. It's very special to me because everyone that has ever supported me from my hometown can watch me compete," said Manilla. "My goal is to try and bring home a gold medal for all my supporters and people who have helped me get to where I am today."

Adam's sister, Erika, is also a top player in the 16 and under divisions and will be playing in the 18 and Under Mixed Doubles with her brother.

"USA Racquetball is thrilled to bring the nation's top junior championship to the Denver area," noted Steve Czarnecki, USA Racquetball Executive Director. "We've received great support from the community, including Highlands Ranch, and look forward to a terrific field in the Championship."

Media coverage will feature live video streaming broadcasts on the USA Racquetball Network. For a direct link to the USA Racquetball Network, visit www.USARacquetball.com to follow along during the Championship. Updates will also be provided via Facebook and Twitter, search: [usaracquetball](https://www.facebook.com/usaracquetball).

Action in the Boy's Singles 18 and under Gold division begins Wednesday morning with the final championships for both boys and girls set for Sunday afternoon. Viewing is free and spectators will not need tickets to view the matches. The Highlands Ranch Recreation Center

at Northridge is located at 8801 S. Broadway St., Highlands Ranch, Colorado 80126. For more racquetball on the internet visit: www.USARacquetball.com

About USA Racquetball

USA Racquetball, founded in 1969, is recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee as the National Governing Body for the sport. The organization annually conducts six national championships and sanctions hundreds of tournaments for players of all ages and skill levels. The organization also organizes the Adult and Junior National Racquetball Teams, oversees the Official Rules of Racquetball, administers National Player Rankings, manages a college scholarship program, and supports the introduction of new players to the sport.

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