



U. S. JUNIOR RACQUETBALL TEAM

PROCEDURES & PROTOCOLS

HANDBOOK

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Member

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Dear United States Junior National Team Member,

Congratulations on qualifying for the United States Junior Racquetball Team! USA Racquetball is proud to have you represent the nation's entire racquetball community in both national and international competition.

This next year will be both exciting and demanding for you in your role as a racquetball ambassador. As our sport enters a new era of growth, you will play an integral part in molding future development.

This Procedures & Protocols Handbook should be carefully reviewed, and if you have any questions, please contact either of us.

Again, congratulations on joining the U.S. Junior Racquetball Team!

Sincerely,

Mike Wedel
Executive Director
USA Racquetball

Charlie Pratt
Head Coach
U.S. Junior National Team

QUALIFYING FOR THE TEAM

The 2021-2022 United States Junior National Racquetball World Cup Team is comprised of individuals who have qualified by virtue of their finish at the Junior Team Qualifying event, according to the following:

- Finalists in the Boys and Girls 18s, 16s, 14s, 12s, 10s Singles Championships divisions
- Champions in the Boys and Girls 18s, 16s, 14s, 12s, 10s Doubles Championships divisions

Qualifying for IRF Junior World Championships in Two Singles Divisions

In the event that a player qualifies for the IRF World Junior Championships in two Singles divisions, the U.S. Junior National Team Head Coach will select the division or divisions in which that player will participate, based on the best interests of the Team.

If qualifiers from the National Championships Festival Presented by Penn are unable to fulfill their position on the U.S. Junior Racquetball Team, the Team will be comprised according to the following priority order:

Singles:

- 3rd place at the National Championships Festival Presented by Penn, in the division from which a vacancy occurred
- 4th place at the National Championships Festival Presented by Penn, in the division from which a vacancy occurred
- Quarterfinalists (by order of seed) at the National Championships Festival Presented by Penn, in the division from which a vacancy occurred
- Head Coach's choice, approved by the US Team Committee and/or the USAR Board of Directors.

Doubles:

If one member of a Doubles team elects to not compete at the IRF World Junior Championships, the U.S. Junior National Team Head Coach, based upon his/her assessment in pursuit of forming the strongest team relative to player strengths and weaknesses, will replace that player with:

- a player from the runner-up team, or
- a player who qualified as a Singles semifinalist in the age division

If both players of a Doubles team elect to not compete at the Junior World Championships, the runner-up team will be invited. If one member of the runner-up Doubles team elects not to compete at the IRF World Junior Championships, the other position will be filled per the one-player replacement process described immediately above.

Should a Doubles team not be identified through the above processes, the U.S. Junior National Team Coach will assemble a team using his/her personal judgment and experience, with final approval by the US Team Committee.

Those individuals joining the U.S. Junior National Team are required to attend the Junior Team Training Camp and IRF World Junior Championships, assuming one or both take place,

circumstances permitting. Failure to attend either, without express written consent from the Head Coach, will result in removal from the Team.

If a player attends the U.S. Junior Team Training Camp and then fails to attend the IRF World Junior Championships for any reason other than documented injury or approved immediate family emergency, that player will be denied entry into ANY USA Racquetball National Championship for a period of one year, beginning with the last day of the IRF World Junior Championships.

Confirmation of attendance at the Junior Team Training Camp and IRF World Junior Championships must be made by the date(s) communicated at the National Championships Festival Presented by Penn.

Any player who signs a U.S. Junior National Team contract and then resigns or is suspended will be restricted from participating in Team qualifying events for one year from the date on which the athlete resigns or until the date the suspension ends.

USA RACQUETBALL

U.S. JUNIOR RACQUETBALL TEAM

PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

A. Basic Principle of Conduct

Conduct oneself in such a manner to bring credit and honor to oneself, one's teammates, USA Racquetball, and the United States of America.

B. Specific Principles of Conduct

1. During the tenure on the Team, the player must act as a responsible and respectful athlete at any racquetball-related function and always display proper sportsmanship and respect to the people in the event as well. Player agrees to not act in any way that would negatively represent the sport or country. (This includes, but is not limited to, swearing, abuse of racquetball equipment, abusing the referee, coaching against the U.S. Team in any form, directly or indirectly, etc.)
2. All players must follow the rules established by USA Racquetball, various venues, and organizations (clubs, Olympic Training Center, medical facilities, gyms, etc.) when using/dealing with their facilities.
3. Attendance at all individual and team meetings called by the coaching staff is mandatory. Punctuality is required.
4. Good sportsmanship is required during all competitions.
5. Any overt display of displeasure or frustration during practice and competition will not be tolerated. If such a display occurs, the player will be asked to sit down or be dismissed. Emotional control is an important part of practice and competition.
6. Standing at attention for national anthems of all countries is a must. Be respectful – no talking, use of phones, etc. (See Ceremonies, Award Presentations, and News Conferences.)
7. Player agrees to submit all required reports to the coaches by the specified due dates. Player also agrees to follow through on discussions with the coaches and complete tasks agreed upon by the coaches and athletes.
8. Absolutely no alcohol or prohibited substances may be possessed or consumed at any time. Any and every racquetball tournament or function is covered by this prohibition. As a U.S. Junior National Team member, you represent your sport and country wherever you go, not just at official team functions. (For further information, see Alcohol, Drug Policy, and Drug Testing.)
9. All players must abide by the Code of Conduct, SafeSport Code, and applicable MAAPP Policies.

US JUNIOR TEAM RULES AND POLICIES

A. Team Roles

1. The Team shall select two captains—one for the boys and one for the girls. The captains are the official liaison between the team and the coaching staff. The captains have the responsibility of ensuring that all team members follow the disciplinary standards as established by USA Racquetball for the team.
2. The Team will be assigned a national staff liaison and/or team leader. The staff liaison or team leader is the official liaison between the team members and coaches with USA Racquetball. Any questions regarding travel, USA RACQUETBALL policies and procedures, etc., should be directed to the staff liaison or team leader.

B. Practice, Clinics, and Conditioning Training

1. Each team member will be required to participate in and support the procedures of all training programs developed by the coaching staff.
2. All players must attend all scheduled practices and competitions. Any exceptions to this rule must be

- approved in advance by the head coach or coaching staff.
3. All players are required to pursue all physical-conditioning activities as designated by the coaching staff, unless medically excused.
 4. Any taping or stretching must be completed prior to the start of practice.
 5. Players who require medical attention, physiotherapy, or any special conditioning or rehabilitation program must do so without exception. Schedules should be worked out with the coach and the medical staff.
 6. Every team member must be ready to practice according to the coaching staff's schedule. If a player is late to practice, it is up to the coaching staff to determine if the player is allowed to practice or not.
 7. Notify the coaching staff prior to practice if you must leave early for personal matters (medical/dental appointments, etc.).
 8. Players must report injuries or sickness to the coach immediately after the occurrence or prior to the beginning of practice.
 9. Players, at times, will be required to participate in clinics, exhibitions, or demonstrations. Players will have at least fourteen (14) days' notice prior to each session.

C. Uniforms/Attire

1. Proper uniforms, as designated by the head coach, must be worn.
2. Team members are responsible for bringing all their team uniforms and equipment, including three or four (3 or 4) strung, ready-to-play racquets.
3. No part of any uniform or equipment may be altered (normal alterations for length, waist, etc., are permitted).
4. You are responsible for maintaining practice uniforms and equipment in good repair. Notify the coaching staff if a problem arises.
5. For award banquets, receptions, team dinners, and other occasions, appropriate clothing must be worn. Local customs may dictate more formal attire. Final decisions regarding dress standards will be the responsibility of the head coach or staff liaison.
6. On the medals stand, full US Team uniforms must be worn. Hats, sunglasses, open-toed shoes are not acceptable attire. No chewing gum.
7. Current team uniforms and clothing may not be given, traded or exchanged with other countries. In certain instances, special arrangements may be made to allow trading of T-shirts. The head coach will inform players if such a policy is in effect. Under NO circumstances may any equipment be sold to individuals, clubs, or organizations, or may individuals participate in promotion of racquets, camps, clinics, etc., unless cleared in advance by USA Racquetball.
8. Players must wear only authorized equipment and team clothing in any photographs or news releases published in relation to official U.S. Team functions.

D. Competitive Rules/Officiating

1. Everyone must follow the specific protocols determined prior to competition.
2. During a match (either as a player or spectator), everyone must follow the rules of the game and any conduct or behavior deviating from those rules will be subject to disciplinary review.
3. No coaching against the U.S. Team will be allowed in any direct or indirect form.
4. In a match situation, only words of encouragement are allowed. Any disagreement among players and/or coaches must be worked out during timeouts or at the end of the game.
5. Players are responsible for refereeing according to the format of the event. In certain situations, the coaching staff may find alternates, but it is the player's responsibility to discuss the situation with the coaching staff and immediately inform the tournament director of the decision.

E. Ceremonies, Award Presentations, and News Conferences

1. All team members will attend opening and closing ceremonies as well as award presentations. Punctuality is required.

2. All protocol and conduct requirements of the local organizing committee must be followed.
3. Standing at attention for national anthems of all countries is a must. Be respectful – no talking, use of phones, etc.
4. Designated players and coaches are required to attend news conferences.

F. Travel Policies

1. For international travel, team members are required to possess passports that expire no sooner than six months from the final date of scheduled competition. If a competitive event takes place in the U.S., a passport or other proof of citizenship must be provided.
2. Other than immediate family members, no one may stay in a room with a junior team player unless USA Racquetball is notified in writing before the trip.
3. Every night, the “in your assigned room” curfew is 10:00 P.M. and the “lights-out” time is 11:00 P.M. Coaches and staff will strictly enforce these times. Any variance requires written approval from a U.S. Team coach that must be carried during the variance and displayed if requested if questioned. If it is a full-team exclusion, the written approval will be given to the captain. Violation of these times will be penalized in accordance with established rules.
4. Each athlete is required to complete any event evaluation within the timeframe requested.

G. Player/Family Financial Responsibility

As a member of the US Junior Team, each player (family) will have a financial requirement to cover expenses for their participation in the Junior Worlds. Details will be provided at the National Junior Olympic Championships parents' meeting.

H. Alcohol, Drug Policy, and Drug Testing

1. Absolutely no alcohol or prohibited substances may be possessed or consumed any time during any official team function (Junior Olympics, team trips, Junior Worlds, etc.), regardless of the amount consumed. Player agrees to submit to testing for the presence of such substances and understands that refusal to be tested will result in disciplinary action.
2. USA Racquetball follows the guidelines as set forth in the USOPC Drug Control Program as administered by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA). The International Racquetball Federation under the IOC follows the guidelines as set forth by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). Every Team member will receive appropriate literature from USADA as it relates to doping and current USADA/WADA banned substances.
3. USA Racquetball, USOPC, and USADA may drug test any athlete at random, during a competitive event, or at a training camp. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) or any other doping agency affiliated with the IOC may also test athletes. Tests may come with advance notification or be of the No-Advance-Notice (NAN) variety in accordance with WADA protocols and with adherence to athlete rights.
4. Further information, including a complete list of prohibited substances may be obtained at WADA's website: <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/prohibited-list>
5. Player agrees to immediately depart from any place where either alcohol or illegal drugs is either possessed or being consumed in violation of these rules by a fellow team member.

I. Athlete's Bill of Rights and Due Process

Every member of the U.S. Junior Racquetball Team should become familiar with the "Players Bill of Rights" as included in the By-laws of USA Racquetball. The Bill of Rights guarantees an equal opportunity to all amateur athletes to participate in amateur athletic competition. Every athlete is guaranteed due process with fair notice and an opportunity for a hearing before being declared ineligible for competition.

**Acknowledgement of Receipt of the 2021 USA Racquetball
Junior National Team Procedures & Protocols Handbook**

As a U.S. Junior National Team Member, I consent to abide by the rules and policies described in the U.S. Junior National Team Procedures & Protocols Handbook, including the Code of Conduct for all Team Members. I understand that violations may result in full or partial forfeitures of my privileges and standing as a U.S. Junior Racquetball Team Member.

I, _____, agree to the above conditions and Code of Conduct and hereby understand that disciplinary action may be taken if a violation occurs.

Signature of Athlete

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (if Athlete is under 18)

Date

APPENDICES

Player Responsibilities
Team Penalties
Player Information Form
USA Racquetball Agreement
Athlete Social Media Guidelines
Parent / Private Coach Code of Conduct
Parent Coaching Agreement
Private Coaching Agreement

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Complete and submit quarterly reports as required by Head Coach. Information includes training, injuries, clinics, and a copy of grades each quarter.
2. Notify team liaison of all public relations appearances and press releases.
3. Fulfill all training requirements as designed by the coaching staff.
4. Communicate regularly with the team coaches.
5. Wear proper U.S. Junior National Team attire when representing the Team in photographs, public appearances, interviews, etc.
6. Complete and mail to USA Racquetball the general information and uniform size requirement forms by the deadline.
7. Contract must be completed and received by USA Racquetball within 14 days of receipt.
8. Failure to complete any of the above responsibilities may result in a penalty.
9. Raise funds for trip to IRF World Junior Championships.
10. In accordance with the Center for SafeSport's Policies and Procedures, all Junior National Team members, Esprit included, will be required to complete the online age appropriate SafeSport Training. Should a parent prefer their athlete(s) not complete the training, the parent or guardian must complete it in place of the Junior Athlete.

TEAM PENALTIES

Athletes will be given due process as required by USA Racquetball player's bill of rights in all disciplinary actions. The U.S. Team Committee will have the final decision on all assigned penalties and in certain cases may increase or reduce the penalty depending upon extenuating circumstances.

*TEAM PENALTIES

	<u>I</u> X	<u>II</u> X
1. Unsportsmanlike conduct during match *	X	X
2. Giving/selling/trading current uniforms or equipment while at an official function.		X
3. Wearing of unauthorized clothing	X	
4. Unauthorized alteration of official clothing/equipment	X	
5. Failure to attend practice meeting	X	
6. Drinking of alcohol		X
7. Leaving practice, meeting, competition without notifying coaches	X	
8. Refusal to attend camp, clinic, exhibition, or event		X
9. Failure to follow proper protocol	X	
10. Failure to bring proper equipment/clothing	X	
11. Failure to referee	X	
12. Illegal drug usage: a) inadvertent b) advertent	X	X
13. Failure to obtain proper documentation	X	
14. Failure to remain in assigned room	X	
15. Unauthorized people staying in room	X	
16. Misrepresentation of USA RACQUETBALL		X

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>
17. Disrespect for coaches or teammates	X	
18. Criminal action by courts	X	X
19. Sexual misconduct		X

* Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct

Level I Infraction

- swearing on court
- any unsportsmanlike conduct that results in a technical foul

Level II Infraction

- aggressive behavior toward official or opposing player
- any disqualification from match

LEVEL I

- Harmful to administration of U.S. Junior Racquetball Team, team discipline, and USA Racquetball reputation.
- Each level one infraction results in two demerits
- Each level one infraction may result in probation for up to 6 months or missing one international competition
- Cannot be selected as male or female junior athlete of the year
- Subsistence payments may be withheld until probation or suspension is completed.
- Three level I infractions would accumulate six demerits meaning that Level II penalties apply.

LEVEL II

- Harmful to the U.S. Junior Racquetball Team, the United States of America, USA Racquetball, and the sport of racquetball
- A level II infraction results in six demerits, thus resulting in punishment up to:
 - Suspension from the team for up to one year
 - Loss of all grant funds during the suspension period
 - Cannot be selected as male or female junior athlete of the year

PLAYER INFORMATION FORM

Submit Immediately to Team Liaison

Please type or print

Team Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone / Email	Primary Phone	Secondary Phone	Email
Guardian #1 Name: _____	() - <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> H <input type="checkbox"/> W	() - <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> H <input type="checkbox"/> W	
Guardian #2 Name: _____	() - <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> H <input type="checkbox"/> W	() - <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> H <input type="checkbox"/> W	
Player	() - <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> H <input type="checkbox"/> W	() - <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> H <input type="checkbox"/> W	

Club Affiliation:

Name _____

Address _____

Passport Number _____

Passport Expiration Date _____

Person to contact in case of an emergency (likely not to be traveling with player):

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Allergies/Reactions _____

Team Member Name _____

Sponsors

Name	Address	City	State	ZIP	Email

Private Coach(es)

Name	Address	City	State	ZIP	Email

UNIFORM SIZES

T-Shirt _____

Shorts/Skort/Skirt Size _____

Warm-up jacket _____

Warm-up pants _____

Signature of Athlete

**USA RACQUETBALL AGREEMENT
UNITED STATES JUNIOR RACQUETBALL TEAM**

Agreement is entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, between the USA Racquetball Association of the United States, Inc., a Colorado corporation, having its principal office at 1661 Mesa Ave, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906, and _____ (U.S. Junior Racquetball Team Member).

It is agreed:

- 1.0 **Responsibilities of the Team Member.** The team member, as a racquetball athlete having been selected by USA Racquetball as qualified to serve as a member of the United States Junior Racquetball Team (USJRT), agrees to represent USA Racquetball and serve as a member of the USJRT. The team member shall participate in USJRT activities as determined by the coaching staff including, but not limited to, participating in racquetball tournaments to which the USJRT has been invited. In addition, the member shall at all times:
 - 1.1 Abide by the By-Laws of USA Racquetball and the terms of the USJRT Procedures & Protocols Handbook.
 - 1.2 Abide by rules of eligibility for the sport of racquetball as may be adopted from time to time by the International Racquetball Federation and USA Racquetball.
 - 1.3 Promote USA Racquetball and the sport of racquetball and participate in promotional efforts as outlined in the USJRT Procedures & Protocols Handbook.
 - 1.4 Perform such other duties as may be required by USA Racquetball, USJRT coach, or team liaison with guidance of the US Team Committee.
 - 1.5 Team members shall be required to participate in and support the procedures of training programs and competitions as outlined in the USJRT Procedures & Protocols Handbook.
 - 1.6 As a member of the junior team, each player (family) will have a financial requirement to cover all expenses for their participation in US Junior Team Training Camp and Junior Worlds (including but not limited to transportation, accommodations, meals, entry fees, insurance, and uniforms). Transportation to the event is the full responsibility of each athlete. Travel dates should be confirmed with the head coach. All participation fees will be due by the communicated deadline dates.
 - 1.7 Adhere to all rules, policies, and Code of Conduct as outlined in the US Junior Team Procedures & Protocols Handbook.
- 2.0 **Responsibilities of USA Racquetball.** USA Racquetball shall:
 - 2.1 Provide opportunities for the team member to demonstrate racquetball skills.
 - 2.2 Provide no payment or benefits that might in any way jeopardize the Olympic eligibility of the team member.
- 3.0 **Indemnification.**
 - 3.1 USA Racquetball shall not be responsible for any losses, claims, damages, or injuries to the team member or the team member's equipment or property, unless those losses, claims, damages, or injuries relate to the negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct of USA Racquetball.
 - 3.2 The team member shall be responsible, liable for, and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless USA Racquetball and its officers, directors, employees, and agents for any and all losses, damages, claims, and injuries arising out of injury or damage to the team member, to other team members, to third persons and to equipment and property of the team member and others which is the result of negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct of the team member.
 - 3.3 USA Racquetball shall give the team members notice of any claims against it.
- 4.0 **Term** - This agreement shall remain in effect until the first day of the scheduled event in which the

athlete qualified in the prior calendar year.

- 5.0 **Amendment** - This agreement may be altered or amended at any time by the mutual agreement of USA Racquetball and the U.S. Junior Racquetball Team Member.
- 6.0 **Non-Exclusivity** - This is a non-exclusive agreement and therefore USA Racquetball may enter into similar agreements with other racquetball athletes.
- 7.0 **Force Majeure** - Both USA Racquetball and the team member shall be relieved of their obligations under this agreement in the event and to the extent that performance of those obligations is unavoidably delayed or prevented by acts of God, public enemy, war, civil disorder, fire, flood, explosion, riot, labor disputes or strike, any act or order of any governmental authority, or any other causes, whether similar or dissimilar, beyond their control.
- 8.0 **Assignment** - The team member may not assign or otherwise transfer any rights or obligations of the member under this agreement.
- 9.0 **Waiver** - The right of USA Racquetball or the team member to require strict performance and observance of any obligations under this agreement shall not be affected in any way by any previous waiver, forbearance, or course of dealing.
- 10.0 **Governing Law** - This agreement and any disputes arising under it shall be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado.
- 11.0 **Termination.**
 - 11.1 USA Racquetball may terminate this agreement and remove the team member from the U.S. Junior Racquetball Team by written notice to the team member upon occurrence of any of the following events:
 - 11.1.1 The team member's breach of any of the terms of this agreement.
 - 11.1.2 The team member's failure to qualify as an eligible competitor under International Racquetball Federation rules.
 - 11.1.3 The team member's continuous illness or incapacity for a period in excess of 120 days.
 - 11.1.4 The insolvency, dissolution, or termination of existence of USA Racquetball.
 - 11.1.5 A determination by USA Racquetball that the member has failed to perform his or her duties under this agreement with reasonable diligence or, in USA Racquetball's view has acted in a manner contradictory to the best interests of USA Racquetball and the sport of racquetball.
 - 11.2 The team member is guaranteed due process as outlined in the Players Bill of Rights of the By Laws of USA Racquetball.
 - 11.3 The team member may terminate this agreement by the giving of 30 days written notice to USA Racquetball.
 - 11.4 If this agreement is terminated by the team member of USA Racquetball in compliance with sections 11.1 or 11.3, all products and materials supplied to the athlete during the agreement period must be surrendered to USA Racquetball within 2 weeks of official notice.
- 12.0 **Headings** - The headings and numbers appearing in this agreement have been inserted as a matter of convenience, and this agreement is not to be construed with reference thereto. If there is any conflict between such numbers and headings and the text of this agreement, the text will control.
- 13.0 **Entire Agreement** - This agreement contains all of the terms agreed upon by the parties with respect to the subject matter of this agreement and supersedes all prior agreements, arrangements and communications between the parties concerning such subject matter, whether oral or written.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties to this agreement have entered into it on the day and date written above.

FOR THE UNITED STATES RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION (USA RACQUETBALL)

Executive Director, USA Racquetball _____ **Date** _____

U.S. Junior National Team Member _____ **Date** _____

Parent or Legal Guardian _____ **Date** _____
(if U.S. Junior National Team Member is under 18 years of age)

Parent / Private Coach Code of Conduct

USA Racquetball is committed to creating a positive environment for youth members' physical, emotional, and social development and ensuring we promote a safe environment, free of misconduct.

By signing below, I hereby agree:

1. To provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my athlete by placing the emotional and physical well-being of him/her ahead of my personal desire for him/her to win.
2. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other event.
3. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, athlete, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
4. I will never reprimand or yell at my athlete or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
5. I will teach my athlete to treat other players, coaches, fans, volunteers, officials, and staff with respect, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language, and socioeconomic status. I will also take action and report any acts of bullying, harassment or abuse to the appropriate authorities. I will help my athlete enjoy the experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, etc.
6. I will respect my athlete's coaches and understand that the individual(s) assigned by the Head Coach to coach my athlete's matches is (are) the only individual(s) who will coach (match strategy, serve suggestions, appeals, time out management, etc.) my athlete during the match, including between games and during time outs. If I am not one of those individuals, any information or suggestions that I convey to the coach(es) will be conveyed in a respectful manner either prior to or after the match.
7. I will respect the authority and decisions of USAR staff members, tournament officials and referees during practice and tournaments, and I will teach my athlete to do the same.
8. I will insist that my athlete compete in a safe and healthy environment. I will demand a sports environment for my athlete that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use in court areas at competition venues. Any legal use of the above at other Team events around my athlete or other U.S. Junior National Team staff, members, and delegates will be done only where permitted and in a way that is respectful to their wishes, health and well-being. Note: No one in a coaching and/or leadership role will consume prohibited substances or alcohol at any time during an US Junior Team event or competition.
9. I will not assist or condone any athlete's use of prohibited substances as described by the International Olympic Committee, International Racquetball Federation, United States Olympic Committee, or USA Racquetball, or, in the case of athletes, to use such drugs or refuse to submit to properly conducted drug tests administered by one of these organizations. <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/prohibited-list>

ACKNOWLEDGMENT/AGREEMENT

I understand that, should I violate any points of the Parent / Private Coach Code of Conduct, I could be subject to a verbal warning by an official, coach, or on-site director; ejection from the court area or competition venue; a written warning by USA Racquetball; and/or suspension of spectator privileges.

Printed Name of Parent/Private Coach

Signature of Parent/Private Coach

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Private Coach

Signature of Parent/Private Coach

Date

Parent Coaching Agreement

1. No parent coaching will be allowed during U.S. Junior National Team matches at the World Championships unless discussed and approved in advance by the U.S. Team Head Coach.
2. The U.S. Team Head Coach or an assistant coach will be assigned to each match and will be responsible for coaching during the match. Any information parents wish to convey to the assigned coach should be provided before or after the match in a respectful and constructive way.
3. If a parent is also the private coach of an athlete and wishes to participate in coaching or assisting with coaching his/her athlete at an event, that parent must complete SafeSport training (including a background check) and complete the USA Racquetball Instructor Program (USAR-IP) before arrival at the event. For the well-being of the athlete, the US Junior Team Head Coach and the parent will come to an agreement at least 30 days before the event as to who will be the primary coach and who will assist.
4. The US Junior Team Head Coach or an assistant coach will occupy one of the two coaching positions for each match as allowed per international competition rules. *(Note: Athletes are not permitted to coach other athletes at IRF events.)*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT/AGREEMENT

I acknowledge that as a parent coach, I am certified as a USAR-IP Instructor and fully certified in Safe Sport. I am in receipt of the US Junior Team Procedures & Protocols Handbook and agree to adhere to all content therein.

Printed Name of Parent/Private Coach

Signature of Parent/Private Coach

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Private Coach

Signature of Parent/Private Coach

Date

Private Coaching Agreement

1. USA Racquetball recognizes that private coaches who are not family members are at times engaged by a family to work with an athlete. Private coaches are welcome to attend and coach their clients/athletes with the stipulation that they must complete SafeSport training (including a background check) and complete the USA Racquetball Instructor Program (USAR-IP) before arrival at the event. Private coaches must agree to adhere to the same standards and conduct as the US Junior Team Head Coach and Assistant Coaches.
2. Private coaching arrangements/intentions to coach will be communicated to the US Junior Team Head Coach as soon as possible after the athlete has signed his/her US Junior Team contract but at least 30 days before the first day of event competition.
3. If a private coach has not been engaged for an athlete prior to an event, the US Junior Team coaching staff will have full responsibility and latitude for coaching the athlete. No private coaches will step in and coach during the event without having been approved prior to the event.
4. The private coach will communicate closely with the US Junior Team Head Coach throughout the event so that the good of the team is considered along with that of the individual athlete.
5. The US Junior Team Head Coach or an assistant coach will occupy one of the two coaching positions for each match as allowed per international competition rules. *(Note: Athletes are not permitted to coach other athletes at IRF events.)*
6. A US Team Coach or Assistant Coach will be at the venue from the first match through the last match regardless of whether or not he/she is in a primary coaching role.
7. Private coaches are not considered part of the US Team Coaching staff. He/she will not attend team meetings unless the Head Coach extends an invitation to participate in a particular meeting for a specific purpose. **Athletes who have private coaches at an event are not in any way exempt from their responsibilities to fully participate as a team member per the US Junior Team Procedures and Protocols Handbook.**
8. Private coaches will adhere to the schedule as prescribed by the US Junior Team Head Coach. Directly before, during, and at the end of the match are the extent of private coach participation with the team and its players. Private coaches will not meet with players in a private setting. Private coaches will not transport or accompany athletes elsewhere than directly between the club and hotel.
9. If an issue arises between a private coach and the US Junior Team coaching staff, the Team Leader will act as liaison between the parties at the event and the US Team Committee/USAR Executive Committee.
10. USA Racquetball will not be responsible for any costs associated with the presence of private coaches at event competitions.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT/AGREEMENT

I acknowledge that as a private coach, I am certified as a USAR-IP Instructor and fully certified in SafeSport. I am in receipt of the US Junior Team Procedures & Protocols Handbook and agree to adhere to all content therein.

Printed Name of Parent/Private Coach

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