

ADDENDUM: 2000-2001 RULEBOOK

At its May 2000 meeting, the USRA Board of Directors voted to suspend the existing rules moratorium for the purposes of formalizing the experimental "one-serve in Open" rule, and to clarify several text rulings. Effective on September 1, 2000, the following revisions were made to the Official Rules of Racquetball. This addendum — in conjunction with the current rulebook — now comprise the official 2000-2001 version.

- Text was re-worded regarding "certifications & compliance" for the mandatory eyeguard rule. The rule now reads:

Rule 2.5 APPAREL

(a) All players must wear lensed eyewear that has been warranted by its manufacturer or distributor as 1.) designed for use in racquetball and 2.) meeting or exceeding either the full ASTM F803 standard or Canadian (CSA) impact standard. This rule applies to all persons, including those who wear corrective lenses. The eyewear must be unaltered and worn as designed at all times. A player who fails to wear proper eyewear will be assessed a technical foul and a timeout to obtain proper eyewear. A second infraction in the same match will result in immediate forfeiture of the match.

Certifications & Compliance. The USRA maintains a reference list of eyewear so warranted by their manufacturers, and provides that list to each sanctioned event (an eyewear list dated more than 90 days prior to the first day of the tournament will be deemed invalid for the purpose of determining compliance with this eyewear rule). In addition, the list is available online at the USRA.org website (indexed under "eyeguards"), and individual copies may be requested by calling the USRA National Office at 719/635-5396.

To be used in sanctioned competition, protective eyewear must:

- bear a permanent, physical stamp of the appropriate "ASTM-F803" citation on the frame itself, OR
- appear on the ASTM reference listing, OR
- bear the "Protective Eyewear Certification Council" [PECC] seal of approval for the ASTM standard, OR
- be certified in writing by the maker that it complies with the required ASTM standard (in this instance, the player must be able to provide written, adequate proof - on demand - at any sanctioned event, before such eyewear may be used).

- The one-serve modification in Open division play was officially adopted for all sanctioned competition, resulting in text changes to the following rulings:

Rule 3.1 SERVE

In Open Division competition, the server will have one opportunity to put the ball into play [see section 5.0, for complete, one-serve modifications]. In all other divisions, the server will have two opportunities to put the ball into play. [remaining text moved to separate paragraph]

Rule 3.9(i) -- In open division play, if a serve is called a screen, the server will be allowed one more opportunity to hit a legal serve. Two consecutive screen serves results in an out.

Rule 3.10(a) -- Two Consecutive Fault Serves [see Rule 3.9], *or a single fault serve in open division play [see exceptions: 5.0].*

Rule 3.12(a)2. -- Two Consecutive Fault Serves [see Rule 3.9], *or a single fault serve in open division play [see exceptions: 5.0].*

Rule 4.3 Fault Serve in Doubles (c) [serve hits partner] & (d) [consecutive faults]

(c) In open division play, if a serve hits the non-serving partner while standing in the box, the server will be allowed one more opportunity to hit a legal serve. Hitting the non-serving partner twice results in an out.

(d) In open division play, consecutive faults -- either (i) a screen serve followed by hitting the non-serving partner or (ii) hitting the non-serving partner followed by a screen serve -- results in an out.

Rule 5.0 One-serve modifications - With the adoption of the one-serve rule, this modification is

eliminated, and replaced with revisions to Rule 3.1; 3.9; 4.3(c) & (d) [preceding]
Additional text changes, referencing first and second serves, were applied consistently within text wherever applicable.

- **Rule 4.2 Serve in Doubles** - Changed text to "The order of serve may be changed between games, *provided that the referee has been verbally notified before the first serve of the new game.*"

- Rule 11.0 - Specific to Men's Professional Tour [IRT]
- Rule 12.0 - Specific to Women's Professional Tour [LPRA]
- Rule 12.1 GAME, MATCH

All games are played to 11 points, and are won by the player who scores to that level, with a 2-point lead. If necessary, the game will continue beyond 11 points, until such time as one player has a 2-point lead. Matches are played the best three out of a possible five games to 11.

- *Within the policy section, the following segments had text changes, and now read:*

A.3 SCHEDULING

(a) Preliminary Matches. If contestants are entered in more than one division, it is likely that they will be required to play several times on the same day with little rest between matches. This is a risk assumed on entering multiple categories of play. If possible, schedules should provide at least one (1) hour of rest between matches.

(b) Final Matches. Where the possibility exists of one or more players reaching the finals in multiple divisions, it is recommended that these matches be scheduled several hours apart to assure more rest between the final matches. If this is not possible, it is recommended that a singles final be scheduled before any doubles final, and that at least one (1) hour of rest be allowed between matches.

(c) Conflicts. If a player reaches the finals of two divisions which are scheduled within the same hour, that player should be given the option of choosing which final is to be played first.

A.5 FINISHES

Finalists must play off for first and second place, or determine a winner by some mutually-acceptable method. Semi-finalists are not required to play off for third place. However, if one semifinalist wishes to play off and the other does not, the one willing to play shall be awarded third place. If no playoff for third place occurs, both semi-finalists will receive fourth place points.

- Missing text added:

A.9 SPECTATOR CONDUCT

In the event of disruptive or threatening behavior on the part of any spectator, relative, parent, guardian or coach at any USRA sanctioned event, the referee is empowered to address a "first offense" by enforcing sanction #1 detailed below. For additional infractions, the tournament director or USRA official in attendance, either of their own accord or at the request of the referee, is empowered to enforce sanctions #2 and #3 as warranted.

1. For the first offense: violator may watch, but not speak, while the athlete's match is being played.
2. For the second offense: violator may not watch the athlete's match, but may remain within the building.
3. For the third offense: violator will be removed from the club for the duration of the tournament, and pertinent authorities advised of the restriction. If a given situation so warrants, the tournament director or USRA official may invoke this sanction immediately and without previous offenses ? in the interest of safety.

- Moratorium on Rule Changes extended:

D.1 (a) Rule change proposals must be submitted in writing to the USRA National Office by June 1st. NOTE: The Board of Directors has imposed a moratorium on rule changes that establishes the next deadline for submission of rule change proposals as June 1, 2002, which would set the earliest possible effective date as September 1, 2003.