



ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20

Racquetball Canada

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TO OUR PARTNERS

Strategic Highlights

- Move to management by values system of operation including value alignment with True Sport
- Restructured the board to a 7-member governance board
- 4 committees struck - marketing, sport development, athlete development and high performance
- Trackie, a Canadian database system, was developed and used for membership and tournament registration
- New Website was launched and ability to synchronize with other provinces websites was created

Sport Highlights

- Samuel Murray continues to impress on the International Racquetball Tour and is ranked #7
- Team Canada attended the 2019 Pan Am Games in Lima Peru. A great opportunity for the Team but unfortunately were unable to bring hom any medals.
- Kurtis Cullen and John Halko attended the 2019 Pan Am Games as members of the IRF Officiating Staff
- The Junior team proudly represented Racquetball Canada at the 2019 Junior World Championships in San Jose, Costa Rica.
- Racquetball Canada maintains 4 full senior cards with Sport Canada. Carded athletes in 2019-2020 were Samuel Murray, Tim Landeryou, Frederique Lambert and Jen Saunders. (replaced by Coby Iwaasa in January)
- 2019-2020 National Champions were;
 - Women's Singles; Jen Saunders
 - Men's Singles; Sam Murray
 - Women's Doubles; Jen Saunders and Danielle Drury
 - Men's Doubles; Sam Murray and Tommy Murray

Operating Highlights

- Jen Saunders was hired as new High-Performance Director
- Kathy Brook was hired as new Executive Director

“Trackie is a one stop shop where we can have accurate and accountable membership numbers. The possibilities are endless”

Looking Ahead

- New IST team hired and working with National Team Athletes
- Marketing campaign to promote racquetball
- Increase in trained coaches and officials
- Communications and Safe Sport Director and Community Development Coordinator

Kathy Brook

Executive Director

September 2020

It has been a pleasure to step into the role of Racquetball Canada Executive Director. I was in the position for 3 months of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. In that time, we worked to finalize Trackie, the websites and ensure the new governance structure was in place. Thank you to the committee chairs who have done an outstanding job with their committees moving the sport of Racquetball forward. These committees come with important information and ideas that have been vetted by experts and the new governance board is able to approve the recommendations quickly and efficiently. The board worked diligently in these first three months to approve a brand-new policy suite. This policy suite is now posted on our website.

2020 was particularly challenging as a world-wide pandemic caused the sport to come to a standstill in March. We had to make the difficult decision to not send a team to Pan-Am Championships and to cancel our National Championships. Our fiscal year was extended to September 2020 as a result. We are in good financial shape; our volunteers continue to work tirelessly and we work hard to grow the Racquetball family.

Jen Saunders
HP and Sport Development Director
September 2020

I was excited to begin my new role with Racquetball Canada in January of 2020. Over the first 3 months of the year the High Performance Committee was busy working on qualifying and sending a Team to compete in the 2020 Pan American Championships with an eye on the 2020 Worlds. The Sport Development Committee worked through many challenges of combining Junior & Senior Nationals and was ready to host the event in Brossard Quebec.

Unfortunately we were met with uncharted waters when courts across the country were forced to shut their doors and all tournaments were cancelled including international events. At that time my focus shifted to ensuring the mental well-being of our athletes and coaches with the assistance of our newly hired Integrated Support Team.

I want to thank all the volunteers I have had the opportunity to work with over the past few months. I believe we have done the best we can for Racquetball during this unprecedented time. I also want to thank Kathy for her tireless work and being a great leader for our sport.

I look forward to the time we can all meet again on and around the courts!

FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND AUDITORS REPORT

- See attached documents