



ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

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MESSAGES



This was a very exciting year in that we were able to return to playing on the courts again. As expected, the pandemic added a whole new layer to hosting events and I want to thank all the staff, board members and volunteers at Racquetball Canada in all the provinces for their unwavering support in making these events successful. This year we had several new coaches and groups working with our team who have come up with some creative ways to grow our sport. Their enthusiasm is definitely infectious, and I am truly proud to be a member of this fantastic team and I look forward to things to come in the upcoming year.

Gwen Smoluk President



This was another tumultuous year for Racquetball Canada as the pandemic lingered on, but together with staff, volunteers, coaches, and athletes, Racquetball Canada continued to grow, evolve, and come out ahead. Despite many shutdowns we were back on the courts and I was able to see our juniors compete at Junior Nationals at Cedar Springs in Burlington. We also hosted our first Eastern and Western Championships. Racquetball Canada began some great work in governance and kick started our Good Governance workshop series. The inflatable courts were a big hit and continue to grow programming across the country. Thank you to our great staff, board and volunteers and everyone who continued to support us. We look forward to a great year ahead.

Kathy Brook Executive Director

TO OUR PARTNERS

Strategic Highlights

- Successful and safe return to sport
- Improved Sport Canada Report Card scores
- Creation of a Governance and Nominating Committee
- Creation of an Auditing and Revenue Generation Committee
- Started the Good Governance Workshop Series
- Completed gender equity action planning
- Developed a diversity statement and shared widely
- Created a survey, implemented, and received a report on safe sport culture in racquetball
- Completed national membership marketing campaign
- We had international officiating assignments at the World Championships
- Long Term Athlete Development document was re-written and published
- Competition Review suggestions were implemented
- Official Education on-line module was written
- IRF Rules adopted and implemented in Canada
- Increased capacity at the provincial level in many provinces
- 12 coach education workshops were delivered
- 134 coaches were trained
- Pilot program with newcomers was completed
- Women in Coaching Committee continued to meet
- Racquetball Ontario joined the national website platform



Sport Highlights

2021 National Champions:

- Women's Open Singles - Frédérique Lambert (QC)
- Men's Open Singles - Samuel Murray (QC)
- Women's Open Doubles - Christine Keay (MB) & Cassie Prentice (SK)
- Men's Open Doubles - Samuel Murray (QC) & Tommy Murray (QC)
- Girls 18 & Under Singles - Juliette Parent (QC)
- Boys 18 & Under Singles - Nathan Jauvin (QC)
- Girls 16 & Under Singles - Tamara Wilscam (QC)
- Boys 16 & Under Singles - Christian Pocsai (ON)
- Girls 14 & Under Singles - Chloé Jauvin (QC)
- Boys 14 & Under Singles - Asher Pocsai (ON)



Medalists at the 2021 Junior World Championships

- Boys 18 & Under Doubles - Bronze - Nathan Jauvin & Christian Pocsai
- Boys 14 & Under Doubles - Bronze - Asher Pocsai & Raphael Guillemette
- Girls 14 & Under Singles - Bronze - Chloé Jauvin

Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program.

- Four athletes were awarded 1-year cards based on their top 8 finish at the World Championships.
 - Frédérique Lambert
 - Alexis Iwaasa
 - Samuel Murray
 - Coby Iwaasa

Other Sport Highlights

- Samuel Murray had a season ending ranking of 5th in singles and 6th in doubles on the International Racquetball Tour
- To start the 2022-23 season a National Team Selection Event was safely held in March in Calgary.
- Eastern and Western Nationals were added to the event calendar with divisions for all ages and skill levels.
- Michèle Morissette and Lee Connell qualified for World Games



Operating Highlights

- Terry Nelson hired as Financial Officer

Social Media Highlights

- 106,000 Twitter impressions
- Reached 77,220 on Facebook which is an increase of 302%
- Reached 5407 people on Instagram which is an increase of 188%
- 1772 followers on Facebook
- 1136 followers on Instagram
- 7415 impressions on YouTube
- 2259 video views on YouTube
- 1163 newsletter subscriptions



FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND AUDITORS REPORT

- See attached documents