



ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

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MESSAGES



On behalf of Racquetball Canada, I want to thank everyone for their amazing work over the past year to grow our sport. We've seen growth in the number of programs being delivered, the number of athletes on the courts the number of officials being certified, the number of coaches being trained, and the number of medals our national team athletes are bringing home from their international events. This growth is all due to the continuous support of our provincial boards and their hardworking staff, volunteers, coaches, officials, athletes and the Racquetball Canada board and staff. I look forward to continuing this momentum as we work on filling the courts with racquetball players.

Gwen Smoluk President



We continue to fill our racquetball courts and look to the future. Our athletes, coaches and staff represented us strongly at the Pan Am Games and Junior World Championship, bringing home medals. We started our club ambassador program with over 30 new ambassadors running new programs across the country and attracting new players. Racquetball Canada continues to create resources for coaches, officials and volunteers. We were successful in acquiring grants to continue our work in indigenous programming, gender equity, safe sport and more. We look forward to working with our provinces in the 2024- 2025 to continue to grow racquetball.

Kathy Brook Executive Director

TO OUR PARTNERS

Mission

- To coordinate, govern and encourage the advancement of Racquetball from grassroots to elite levels across Canada.
- Coordonner, gérer et favoriser l'avancement du racquetball, du niveau de base celui de l'élite, partout au Canada

Vision

- Fully utilize Canada's courts with racquetball players
- Utiliser les Terrains au Canada par des joueurs de racquetball à 100%

Values/Valuers

- Integrity, Safe and Inclusive, One Connected Family, Excellence
- Intégrité, sûr et inclusive, une famille connectée, excellence

Strategic Highlights

- New Strategic Plan Created for 2024- 2028
- Indigenous programming executed in 6 indigenous communities in New Brunswick, Ontario and Manitoba
- Research project conducted on the effect of indigenous programming on Racquetball Canada participation
- Premium membership launched
- Club Ambassador Program launched
- 30 new Club Ambassadors across Canada
- 30 new Try Racquetball Programs run across Canada
- New resources for club ambassadors were created and available for use
- Racquetball Canada Registration system launched
- 4 webinars were delivered to help attract new members on topics including attracting women and girls, newcomers, indigenous and resources for club ambassadors
- Parental Leave Policy created
- Athlete Agreements re-written

Sport Highlights

2023 National Champions:

- Women's Open Singles - Frédérique Lambert (QC)
- Men's Open Singles - Samuel Murray (QC)
- Women's Open Doubles - Frédérique Lambert (QC) and Michèle Morissette (QC)
- Men's Open Doubles - Kurtis Cullen (MB) & Coby Iwaasa (AB)
- Boys 21 & Under Singles - Naman Gauri (AB)
- Girls 18 & Under Singles - Ofelia Wilscam (QC)
- Boys 18 & Under Singles - Christian Pocsai (ON)
- Girls 16 & Under Singles - Chloé Jauvin (QC)
- Boys 16 & Under Singles - Raphaël Guillemette (QC)
- Girls 14 & Under Singles - Kaitlyn Couckuyt (MB)
- Boys 14 & Under Singles - Kyrylo Tkach (ON)

Pan Am Games Team

- Men's Team: Sam Murray & Coby Iwaasa
- Women's Team: Frederique Lambert & Michèle Morissette
- Head Coach: Michel Gagnon
- Team Therapist: Amy Barrette
- Team Leader: Jen Saunders
- Media Attaché: Jan Hanson

Results: Men's Doubles Silver Medal and Men's Team Event Silver Medal

Medalists at the 2023 Junior World Championships

- Junior Worlds - Tarija, Bolivia
- Bronze: 16U Mixed Doubles - Chloé Jauvin & Raphaël Guillemette

Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program

Four athletes were awarded SR2 cards.

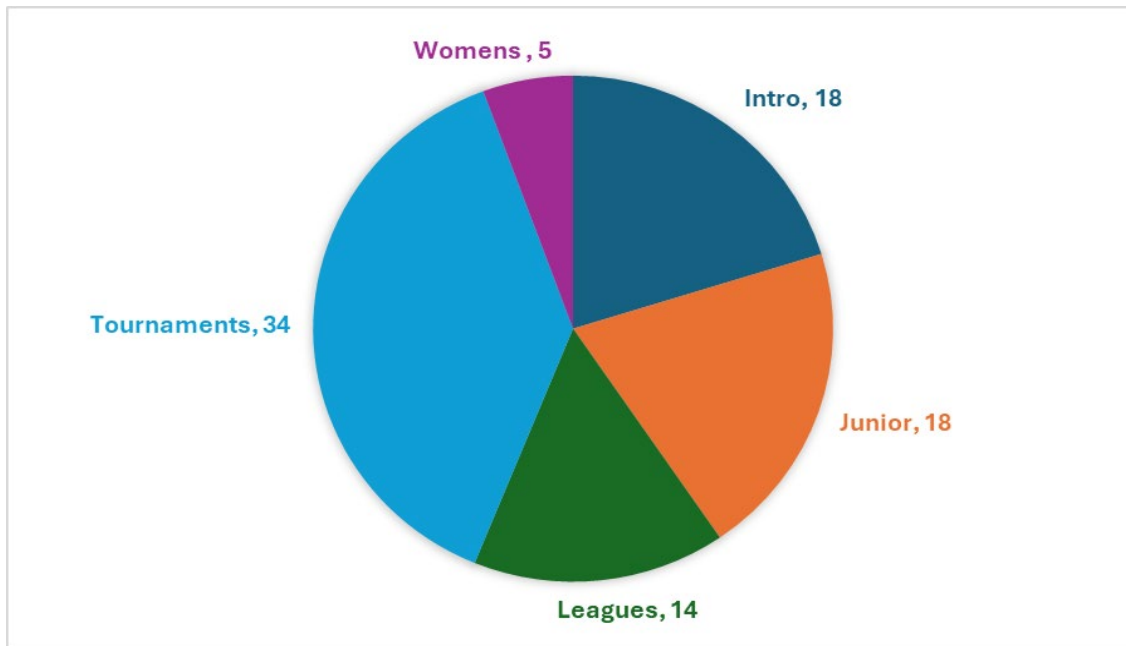
- Frédérique Lambert
- Michèle Morissette
- Samuel Murray
- Coby Iwaasa

Other Sport Highlights

- Samuel Murray won the Lewis Classic Pro/Am - a Tier 1 event on the International Racquetball Tour
- Summer Training Camp held in Winnipeg, MB with 13 athletes attending
- IST continues to support National Team Athletes
- Selection Events held in Edmonton and Winnipeg
- The Western Championship was held in Edmonton and the Eastern Championship in Burlington.
- Nationals were held at Winnipeg with 101 participants.

Programming

- 88 programs were uploaded into our registration system



- 12 Coach Education workshops were delivered
- 35 new Tech A/Tech B officials
- 3 certified level 2 officials
- 1 new trained level 3 official

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