

Players – We would like to inform you of some important changes that were voted on at the last NPA Board of Directors meeting.

- 1) We have raised the entry fees for tournaments and have changed the payment structure: The deadline for tournament entries is the FRIDAY BEFORE the tournament date. All those entering by the deadline will be charged \$35 per player (a \$10 discount). From the deadline to five days before the tourney you may still enter the tourney but will lose the discount, the fee becomes \$45 per player. AT FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE TOURNEY DATE ENTRIES WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED. If you plan to play, but have an obstacle keeping you from signing up you may contact Lorri Brigham to ask that a spot be held for you. The player must do this by the Sunday before the tourney, the entry fee will be \$45 per player. Lorri will communicate with the player if a spot can be held and the date/time the commitment must be made by. If a player enters the tourney then withdraws with less than 5 days notice there is a \$10 per player penalty. Please understand all of this is being done in an effort to make tournaments run more smoothly. When players enter two to three days before the tourney logo wear is over or under ordered, scheduling errors occur, and a snowball effect of bad things happen. Please help your sport thrive by embracing this new format.
- 2) All age divisions will play under a new format. Instead of offering a consolation division we will change the format to that of a “roll down”. All losers from the 1st round will form a new division (i.e. Golden Masters “B”). We feel this will add more spirited competition for these divisions.
- 3) We encourage all players to make better use of the website. You can find the current rules, the tournament schedule – along with a printable copy of the entry blank and other useful information
- 4) It was decided that players should make themselves aware of the rules of the game. You can download a copy of the rules from the website and there are always copies at the tournament desk. There are countless infractions in every tournament. As we don’t usually play with a referee, a player is often made to feel “picky” when they point out a rule infraction to an opponent. Everyone should be playing by the rules – no one should ever hesitate to point out an infraction – and players should not get upset if one is pointed out to them. It is your obligation as a tournament player to know the rules and play by them. In this same vein, no player should ever hesitate to ask for a referee. It is often looked at as if you are being a bad sport by asking – you are not. In fact you are just trying to ensure a clean, fun game for everyone on the court.
- 5) By Board vote the Fall Doubles has been renamed the “Brigham Classic”
- 6) Please welcome our new Board of Directors members: Ed Maher (Kalamazoo, MI) and. We regret to announce that Jim Richter has resigned from the Board due to other obligations (but you will still see him at tournaments)

7) The 2011 Tourney schedule is:

The Brigham Classic: December 4th and 5th / Delta College, University Center MI

Midwest Singles: January 21st to 23rd / Bronson Athletic Club, Kalamazoo MI

Western Regionals: February 5th / Sorrento Valley Racquetball & Fitness Center. San Diego CA

Midwest Doubles: February 11th to 13th / Michigan Athletic Club, Lansing MI

National Singles: March 18th to 20th / Forest View Racquet Club, Arlington Hts IL

Nat'l Doubles: April 15th to 17th / Sorrento Valley Racquetball & Fitness Center, San Diego CA

Please note: Our first tourney is at Delta College. We wanted to spread the sites around and Jim Price has done a lot to promote our sport. We had to make a concession to the school of not starting the tourney before Noon on Sunday. This means the Sunday matches may run longer into the day than we are used to...just wanted you all to be aware. We have a group rate at a local resort about 1 mile from the college. The Bay Valley Resort has a block of rooms reserved for us a \$59 per night, **BUT YOU MUST RESERVE BY NOVEMBER 12TH (you can always cancel the room if your plans change). The number is (989) 686-3500. There is a restaurant on the premises which we will use for our Saturday night get-together.**