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Welcome to the IRT 2019/2020 Season

We are excited to have you join us for the International Racquetball Tour's 47th season of exciting racquetball action! If you love extreme sport action and athletes with colorful personalities and tremendous athletic ability, you have come to the right place. The 2019/2020 season promises to provide all of that and more.

Overview of Racquetball

The sport of racquetball was created in the early 1940s by a U.S. man named Joe Sobek. Using 20 x 20 x 40 foot handball courts, a shortened tennis racquet, and a rubber ball, he created a fast-paced game that caught the nation by storm. In the 1970s, club members and students would line up around the block to get on the court for their hour of racquetball action. More fun than running, many celebrities fell in love with the exciting calorie-burning sport, including Elvis Presley, who had a court built in Graceland. In 1973, professional racquetball came on the scene, 5 years after the organization of the International Racquetball Association, the predecessor of USA Racquetball.

The basic rules of racquetball play are simple: Get the ball to the front wall before it bounces twice. More details are added in about serving and, because it is in an enclosed space, being in the way of the opposing player. The challenge is figuring out the geometry and speed of the ball's trajectory, then getting there to hit the ball, usually very hard, to the front wall in hope that one's opponent will be unable to return the ball again to the front wall. What separates this sport from tennis and other racquet sports is:

- All four walls and the ceiling are used during play
- The ball and racquet technology allow ball speeds of around 180 miles an hour
- The ball never leaves the court so play time is not "go pick up the stray balls" time.

Professional racquetball has a few very slight rule variations from the amateur racquetball play. In general, two serve attempts are granted to get the ball in play, players hit the ball to get it to the front wall before it bounces twice. Points are only scored when the player is serving. Games are played to 15 points. A match consists of two games to 15 points, with a tiebreaker to 11, if necessary. Playing a match usually takes about an hour.

Singles play has been a long-time standard of professional racquetball, but more recently, doubles competition and prize money has been added to many pro events. On the same court as singles play, four people hitting the ball requires some skill and practice. It is a fine science or a crazy dance, but twice the fun to watch!



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Worldwide Sport

Racquetball is an IOC Olympic-affiliate sport and has been included in the Pan American Games since 1995. It is on the approved sport list for Olympic inclusion, and many think it will be chosen as a medal sport in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics. Historically, the United States has had an overwhelming number of international champions in racquetball, but in the last 12 or so years, players from Mexico, Bolivia and even Guatemala are winning world championships. The #1 ranked player in the world is from Canada and 9 of the top 10 players on the IRT are from outside of the United States. In the 2019 Pan American Games, held in Lima, Peru, Mexico swept the gold medals in men's singles and doubles in the individual competition, and Bolivia won the Team competition.

Watch Live or On Demand

For many years, racquetball had to be watched in the club where it was being played. No more! Higher video resolution, faster network speeds, and four-wall-glass courts allow racquetball to be watched from your home or office. You may have seen the UnitedHealthcare US OPEN Racquetball Championship finals on The Tennis Channel. The IRT allows free viewing of all of our matches on Facebook and YouTube, and world championships like the Pan American Games are regularly livestreamed as they happen. As is the case with many sports, the commentators can make the broadcast much more exciting, bringing forth the history and rivalries, as well as the insider nuances of each competition. Some links are included below to point you to the action.

Questions?

If you are new to racquetball, you will undoubtedly have questions. There are many great resources for you. Videos bring the sport alive. For more information, contact Mike Grisz - CEO - E-mail: mike@irt-tour.com



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History of the International Racquetball Tour

Most Tournament Wins by Player

Only 40 individuals have won IRT pro tournaments (Tier 1 or Grand Slam).

Player	Number of Wins	Player	Number of Wins
Waselenchuk, Kane	116	Keeley, Steve	4
Swain, Cliff	71	De La Rosa, Daniel	3
Hogan, Marty	60	Strandemo, Steve	3
Monchik, Sudsy	43	Andrews, Ed	3
Huczek, Jack	29	Beltran, Alvaro	3
Carson, Rocky	26	Landa, Alejandro	3
Mannino, Jason	22	Inoue, Egan	2
Yellen, Mike	18	Bledsoe, Davey	2
Roberts, Andy	17	Newman, Jack	2
Brumfield, Charlie	16	Obremski, Dan	2
Harnett, Brett	16	Rojas, Jose	2
Peck, Dave	11	Hawkes, Brian	1
Ellis, John	8	Franco, Sebastian	1
Ray, Mike	7	Sweeney, Tim	1
Hilecher, Jerry	6	Parrilla, Andree	1
Gonzalez, Ruben	6	Croft, Ben	1
Kachtik, Drew	6	Pratt, Charlie	1
Doyle, Tim	5	Moscoso, Conrado	1
Serot, Steve	4	Wagner, Rich	1
Peck, Gregg	4	Guidry, Mike	1



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History of the International Racquetball Tour

Year-End Number One Player for the Last 25 Years

2019: Kane Waselenchuk
2018: Rocky Carson
2017: Kane Waselenchuk
2016: Kane Waselenchuk
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2009: Kane Waselenchuk
2008: Rocky Carson
2007: Jack Huczek

2006: Kane Waselenchuk
2005: Kane Waselenchuk
2004: Kane Waselenchuk
2003: Jason Mannino
2002: Cliff Swain
2001: Sudsy Monchik
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Meet the IRT Players

The top professional racquetball players come from all over the world. As of the end of the 2018/2019 season, here is the list of the top 30 singles finishers. Profiles of the top ten singles players are also provided.

	Singles Rankings	Points	Advantage	Events Played
1	Waselenchuk, Kane, Austin, TX USA	3,012.98	234.79	8
2	Carson III, Rocky, Ladera Ranch, CA USA	2,778.19	795.02	10
3	Landa, Alejandro, Ciudad Juarez, CH MEX	1,983.17	82.13	10
4	Parrilla, Andree, San Luis Potosi, SL MEX	1,901.04	97.03	11
5	Beltran, Alvaro, Tijuana, BC MEX	1,804.01	97.01	10
6	De La Rosa, Daniel, San Luis Potosi, SL MEX	1707.00	445.00	8
7	Murray, Samuel, Baie-Comeau, QC CAN	1262.00	109.99	8
8	Franco, Sebastian, Cali, Cali COL	1,152.01	0.99	10
9	Montoya, Rodrigo, Chihuahua, CH MEX	1,151.02	117.99	11
10	Mercado, Mario, Cali, Valle COL	1,033.03	38.02	9
11	Diaz, Jose, Stockton, CA USA	995.01	45.00	8
12	Bredenbeck, Jake, Marine, MN USA	950.01	109.99	11
13	Horn, David, Stockton, CA USA	840.02	115.80	11
14	Moscoso, Conrado, Chuquisaca, Sucre BOL	724.22	57.20	3
15	Allen, Jansen, Rice, TX USA	667.02	24.98	8
16	Franco, Gerardo, Monterrey, NL MEX	642.04	12.04	9
17	Portillo Torres, Eduardo, San Luis Potosi, SL MEX	630.00	53.46	8
18	Carter, Thomas, Wheaton, IL USA	576.54	28.51	11
19	Manilla, Adam, Centennial, CO USA	548.03	11.97	7
20	Collins, Robert, Kapolei, HI USA	536.06	19.06	9
21	Acuna, Andres, Costa Rica, San Jose CRI	517.00	10.43	6
22	Camacho, Felipe, Pueblo, CO USA	506.57	40.54	11
23	Pratt, Charles, Portland, OR USA	466.03	1.03	4
24	Mar, Javier, Chihuahua, CH MEX	465.00	130.99	6
25	Fernandez, Sebastian, Tijuana, BC MEX	334.01	26.97	4
26	Rojas, Mauro, Stockton, CA USA	307.04	37.04	6
27	Garay, Eduardo, Cali, Cali COL	270.00	20.00	4
28	Keller Vargas, Carlos, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz BOL	250.00	10.99	2
29	Garcia, Diego, Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires ARG	239.01.00	12.98	4
30	Benson, Justus, New Braunfels, TX USA	226.03.00	0.03	7



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TOP 10 PLAYER PROFILES

2018/2019 Season Ending Rankings



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#1

Kane Waselenchuk

Career W/L	579 - 52
Career W/L Pct	0.918
DOB	11/9/1981
Current Age	37years
Tour Debut	Bud Light IRT Pro Nationals, Las Vegas, NV, 4/30/2000
Age at Debut	18 Years, 172 days
# of Seasons w/ Appearances	18
Titles	116
# of Year End Titles	13
Plays	Left Hand
Height	5' 10"
Weight	175
Country	Canada
Hometown/Born	Edmonton, AB - CANADA
Current Residence	Austin, TX



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#2

Rocky Carson

Career W/L	566 - 224
Career W/L Pct	0.716
DOB	5/21/1979
Current Age	40 years
Tour Debut	13th Coors Light Pro-Am, Stockton, CA, 9/4/1995
Age at Debut	16 Years, 105 days
# of Seasons w/ Appearances	24
Titles	26
# of Year End Titles	2
Plays	Right Hand
Height	6' 0"
Weight	175
Country	USA
Hometown/Born	Santa Maria (Santa Barbara), CA - USA
Current Residence	Ladera Ranch (Orange County), CA - USA



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#3

Alejandro Landa

Career W/L	108 - 61
Career W/L Pct	0.639
DOB	3/20/1988
Current Age	31 years
Tour Debut	Choice Hotels 8th US Open, Memphis, TN, 11/23/2003
Age at Debut	15 Years, 247 days
# of Seasons w/ Appearances	16
Titles	3
Highest Year Ranking	2018-19, #3
Plays	Right Hand
Height	5' 8"
Weight	163
Country	Mexico
Hometown/Born	Chihuahua - MEX
Current Residence	El Paso, TX - USA



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Andree Parrilla

Career W/L	53 - 37
Career W/L Pct	0.589
DOB	7/23/1996
Current Age	23 years
Tour Debut	2012 Ektelon Nationals, Fullerton, CA, 5/27/2012
Age at Debut	15 Years, 308 days
# of Seasons w/ Appearances	8
Titles	1
Highest Year Ranking	2018-19, #4
Plays	Right Hand
Height	5' 6"
Weight	137
Country	Mexico
Hometown/Born	San Luis Potosi - MEX
Current Residence	San Luis Potosi - MEX



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Alvaro Beltran

Career W/L	386 - 203
Career W/L Pct	0.655
DOB	10/15/1978
Current Age	40 years
Tour Debut	1999 Promus 4th US Open, Memphis, TN, 12/5/1999
Age at Debut	21 Years, 50 days
# of Seasons w/ Appearances	20
Titles	3
Highest Year Ranking	2014-15, #3
Plays	Right Hand
Height	6' 1"
Weight	210
Country	Mexico
Hometown/Born	Tijuana - MEX
Current Residence	San Ysidro (San Diego), CA - USA



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Daniel De La Rosa

Career W/L	140 - 79
Career W/L Pct	0.639
DOB	7/4/1993
Current Age	26 years
Tour Debut	13th US Open Racquetball Championships, Memphis, TN, 10/26/2008
Age at Debut	15 Years, 114 days
# of Seasons w/ Appearances	11
Titles	3
Highest Year Ranking	2016-17, #3
Plays	Right Hand
Height	5' 7"
Weight	170
Country	Mexico
Hometown/Born	Chihuahua - MEX
Current Residence	Gilbert, AZ - USA



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Samuel Murray

Career W/L	34 - 34
Career W/L Pct	0.500
DOB	1/1/1993
Current Age	26 years
Tour Debut	16th US Open, Minneapolis, MN, 10/9/2011
Age at Debut	18 Years, 280 days
# of Seasons w/ Appearances	8
Titles	0
Highest Year Ranking	2018-19, #7
Plays	Right Hand
Height	6' 0"
Weight	215
Country	Canada
Hometown/Born	Brossard, QC - CAN
Current Residence	Baie-Comeau, QC - CAN



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Sebastian Franco

Career W/L	57 - 57
Career W/L Pct	0.500
DOB	2/5/1993
Current Age	26 years
Tour Debut	13th US Open Racquetball Championships, Memphis, TN, 10/26/2008
Age at Debut	15 Years, 263 days
# of Seasons w/ Appearances	11
Titles	1
Highest Year Ranking	2017-18, #6
Plays	Right Hand
Height	5' 10"
Weight	180
Country	Colombia
Hometown/Born	Santiago de Cali - COL
Current Residence	Columbia, MD - USA



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#9

Rodrigo Montoya

Career W/L	24 - 11
Career W/L Pct	0.686
DOB	6/4/1996
Current Age	23 years
Tour Debut	21st United Healthcare US Open, Minneapolis, MN, 10/9/2016
Age at Debut	20 Years, 126 days
# of Seasons w/ Appearances	3
Titles	0
Highest Year Ranking	2018-19, #9
Plays	Right Hand
Height	5' 11"
Weight	177
Country	Mexico
Hometown/Born	Chihuahua - MEX
Current Residence	Chihuahua - MEX



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#10

Mario Mercado

Career W/L	37 - 42
Career W/L Pct	0.468
DOB	1/12/1995
Current Age	24 years
Tour Debut	2015 IRT Shamrock Shootout, Lombard, IL, 3/15/2015
Age at Debut	20 Years, 60 days
# of Seasons w/ Appearances	5
Titles	0
Highest Year Ranking	2017-18, #7
Plays	Right Hand
Height	5' 7"
Weight	155
Country	Colombia
Hometown/Born	Cochabamba - BOL
Current Residence	Centreville, VA - USA



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Head-to-Head Matchups for Top Players Through the 2018-2019 Season



	K. Waselenchuk	R. Carson	Landa	A. Parrilla	A. Beltran	D. De La Rosa	S. Murray	S. Franco	R. Montoya	M. Mercado	J. Diaz	J. Bredenbeck	D. Horn	C. Moscoso	J. Allen	G. Franco	E. Portillo	T. Carter	A. Manilla	R. Collins
K. Waselenchuk		76-3	13-1	11-0	46-5	17-1	3-0	4-0	2-0	5-0	5-0	3-1	3-0	1-0	10-0	1-0	2-0	1-1	2-1	0-0
R. Carson	3-76		7-4	3-2	27-22	16-10	9-0	8-0	1-0	8-0	5-0	5-1	3-0	0-1	14-0	2-0	1-0	4-0	3-0	2-0
A. Landa	1-13	4-7		2-3	5-2	6-3	1-1	3-1	2-1	1-0	1-0	3-0	2-0	0-1	5-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0
A. Parrilla	0-11	2-3	3-2		1-5	1-2	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-2	1-0	3-0	4-0	0-1	2-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
A. Beltran	5-46	22-27	2-5	5-1		8-4	1-0	5-1	0-3	5-2	5-1	2-1	5-1	0-1	8-3	2-0	0-0	2-0	4-0	2-0
D. De La Rosa	1-17	10-16	3-6	2-1	4-8		1-0	5-1	2-1	2-0	6-0	3-2	6-1	0-0	10-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	3-0
S. Murray	0-3	0-9	1-1	0-2	0-1	0-1		1-1	1-0	2-2	2-0	1-0	1-2	1-0	1-2	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0
S. Franco	0-4	0-8	1-3	0-1	1-5	1-5	1-1		0-0	0-0	4-1	3-0	1-0	0-0	2-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	4-0
R. Montoya	0-2	0-1	1-3	0-0	3-0	1-2	0-1	0-0		0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
M. Mercado	0-5	0-8	0-1	2-1	2-5	0-2	2-2	0-0	1-0		0-0	0-0	1-4	0-0	1-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	4-0
J. Diaz	0-5	0-5	0-1	0-1	1-5	0-6	0-2	1-4	0-0	0-0		0-2	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0
J. Bredenbeck	1-3	1-5	0-3	0-3	1-2	2-3	0-1	0-3	0-0	0-0	2-0		0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	2-0	1-0	1-0
D. Horn	0-3	0-3	0-2	0-4	1-5	1-6	2-1	0-1	0-0	4-1	0-0	1-0		0-2	2-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0
C. Moscoso	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
J. Allen	0-10	0-14	0-5	1-2	3-8	1-10	2-1	2-2	0-3	2-1	3-2	1-1	2-2	0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	6-0
G. Franco	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0		1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1
E. Portillo	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1		0-0	1-0	1-0
T. Carter	1-1	0-4	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0		0-0	3-0
A. Manilla	1-2	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-4	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0		2-0
R. Collins	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-3	0-1	0-4	0-1	0-4	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-6	1-1	0-1	0-3	0-2	



Grand Slam and Tier 1 Events for 2019/2020

Currently, there are 13 events scheduled for the 2019/2020 IRT pro season. Join us online and in the stands for all of them or bring the IRT to your area. The premier event of the season will be the UnitedHealthcare US OPEN in Minneapolis—you don't want to miss it! For the entire 2019/2020 schedule and for additions/updates/date changes go to our website: www.irttour.com.

From	Tier	Name	City	State	Country
Sept 05-08	1	ATLANTA OPEN	LILBURN	GA	USA
Sept 19-22	1	VALENTINE OPEN	LAUREL	MD	USA
Oct 02-06	GS	US OPEN	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	USA
Oct 24-27	1	ARIZONA OPEN	TEMPE	AZ	USA
Oct 31- Nov -3	1	LOS COMPADRES AUTO SALES	FULLERTON	CA	USA
Dec 05-08	1	2019 JOHN A. PELHAM MEMORIAL	PORTLAND	OR	USA
Jan 17-19	1	LONGHORN OPEN	AUSTIN	TX	USA
Jan 23-26	1	42 ND LEWIS DRUG PRO AM	SIOUX FALLS	SD	USA
Jan 30- Feb 02	1	LOU BRADLEY MEMORIAL	SUN PRAIRIE	WI	USA
Mar 12-15	1	SHAMROCK OPEN	CHICAGO	IL	USA
Apr 30 - May 02	1	WORLD DOUBLES PLUS SINGLES	DENVER	CO	USA
May 13-16	GS	BOLIVIA OPEN AMERICAN IRIS	COCHABAMBA	CB	BOL
Jun 18-21	1	BLACK GOLD	CHIHUAHUA	CHH	MEX



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