

## **Letter From The President - October 24, 2006**

The FRA Board of Directors met for our annual planning meeting on October 21, and we have several new and exciting announcements to make. Some now, and some are in the works for the future.

To start with, the FRA will start paying certified referee's \$10.00 per match at the 5 FRA sponsored events. State Singles, State Doubles, Regional Singles, Regional Doubles, and the Florida Open!!

We are offering a "Florida Certification Only" program that you should be able to complete over 1 tournament weekend. It will include a referee certification clinic Before the first round of the tournament. You must pass the test with an 85% or above score, and referee 3 matches B level or above or C Doubles or above. Your last match is to be observed by an already certified referee. USAR certified referee's in good standing, and AMPRO certified instructors will be "grand fathered" in. This program is still in the developmental stages, and we are planning on kicking it off at the Holiday Cash Classic in Orlando, on December 1st. So plan accordingly.

Also, the FRA would like to thank Joe Dorner for his great idea about Rankings that he posted on the Racquetball Forum on the FRA website. (Yes, we do read, and some of us respond) We have decided to start a Racquetball Season. Starting with State Singles in February and ending with an awards presentation for the Yearly Champions at the next years State Singles. (Awards are yet to be determined) This will NOT affect your Seedings.. We will continue to keep the ongoing rankings system we have in place. The seasonal rankings will be alongside your ongoing rankings.

Divisions that will be awarded will be Mens and Women's Open, A,B,C,D, Novice, 24-, 25+,30+,35+,40+,45+,50+,55+,60+65+,70+,75+... Juniors, 18-,16-,14-,12-,10-,8-,6-

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Keep Checking the Website for more new and exciting news. Especially you Kids in College!!

Thank you,  
Randy Forrest - FRA President