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"The excitement of watching a match was infectious and I found myself drawn to catch each doubles match when not on the singles court. After a couple great evenings with players and regular doubles amateur supporters I was amazed that the Tour had not expanded outside North America."

-PETER NICOL

## SQUASH DOUBLES

Squash Doubles was invented in Philadelphia in 1907. Today there are four major doubles organizations overseeing the sport in North America and more than 15,000 players: Squash Canada, U.S. SQUASH, the ISDA (International Squash Doubles Association) and the WDSA (Women's Doubles Squash Association). The four groups organize and oversee the management of all aspects of doubles including junior and adult play from beginner to elite professional competition. In addition, the four organizations collaborate in efforts to grow and promote the game.

There are more than 165 courts in North America. The sport is played year round and courts are located in every major region. There are national championships offered for all types of doubles players with tournaments taking place every weekend during the season.

Barbados, Malaysia, Scotland, Singapore and Thailand also have doubles courts.

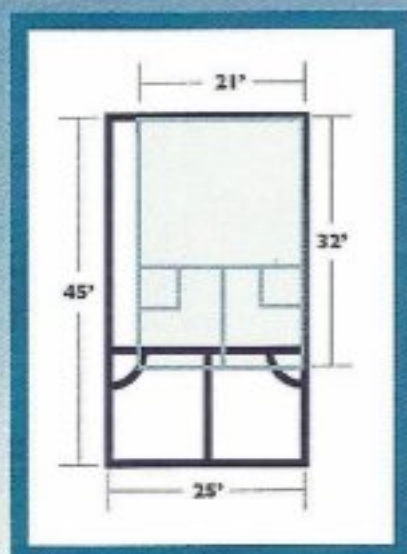
Professional doubles has seen incredible growth. Since rebranding in 2000, the men's tour (ISDA) has grown to more than 20 events and \$750,000 in prize money annually. The women's tour (WDSA), formed in 2007, is approaching \$100,000 and recently hosted a \$50,000 event in New York City. These tours partner with urban squash programs for kids in underserved communities and contribute tens of thousands of dollars annually to the programs throughout the United States.







**Four individuals with a wide range of competitive history, athletic talent, and personality traits use four racquets in close quarters to hit a fast, hard ball at speeds which routinely exceed 175 mph.**



## SQUASH DOUBLES (con't)

The four organizations have pulled together in an effort to provide the WSF a context for doubles in North America. Included are brief overviews of the programs and how the organizations work as stand-alone entities and collectively. One of the main differences from softball doubles is the great history which helps sustain the game today and for the future. Softball doubles was not standardized until 1986. The hope is that the WSF will include the hardball version of squash doubles in future conversations regarding doubles globally.

## WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION

The dimensions and rules for the hardball (North American) doubles game are listed on the WSF website as an official squash game.

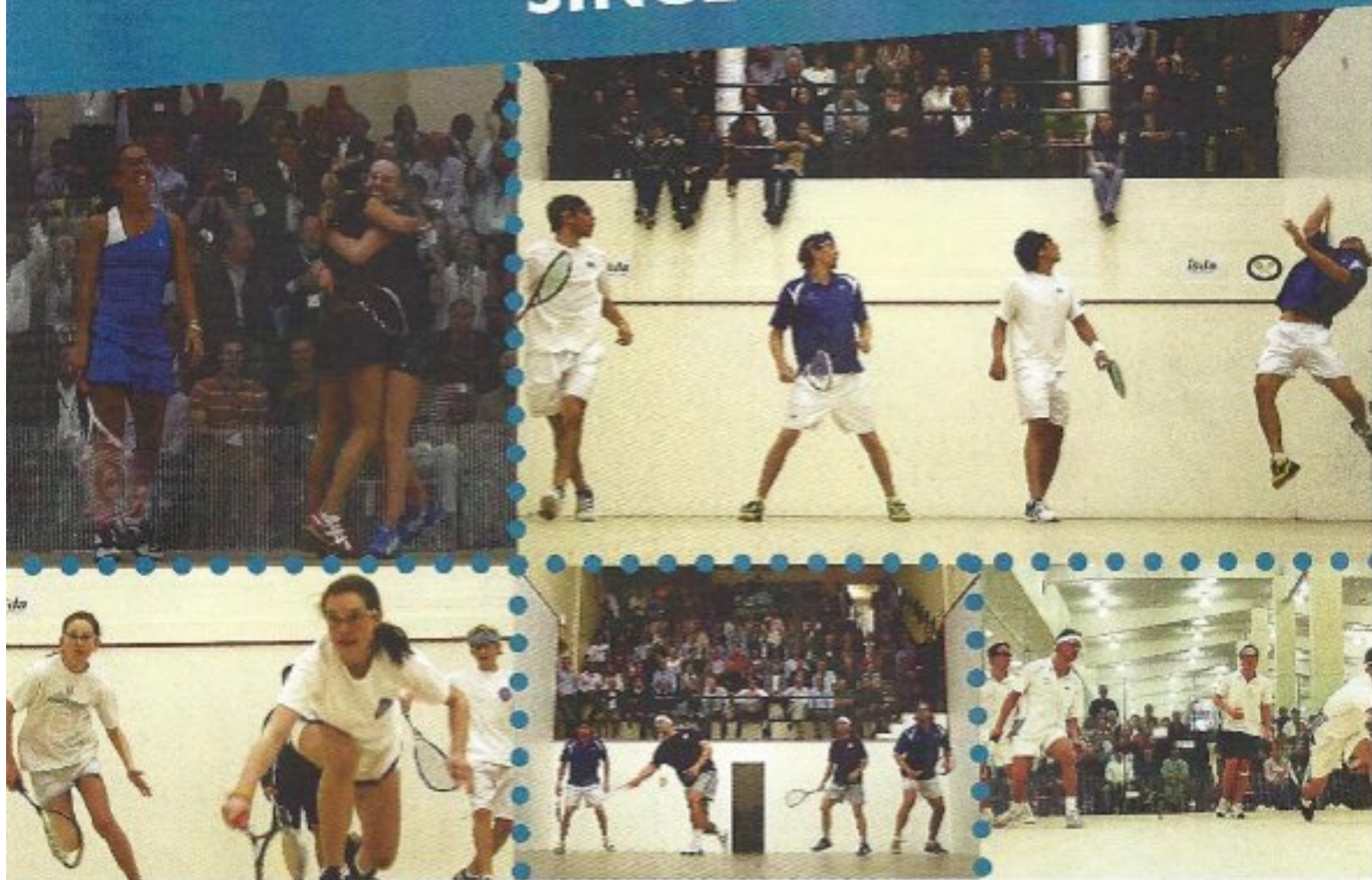
Dunlop makes a standard ball used for all officially sanctioned tournaments. Doubles is scored PAR to 15, best 3 of 5 games similar to the singles game. The court is 4 feet wider and 13 feet longer than a standard softball singles court.





# SQUASH DOUBLES

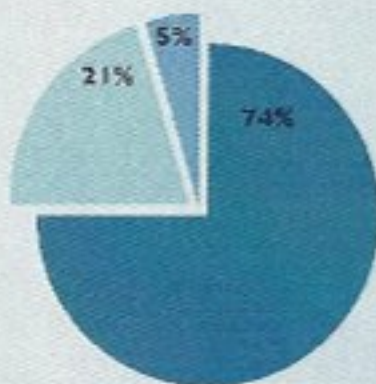
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### DOUBLES COURTS



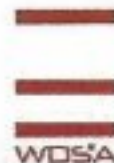
**Courts are located at private clubs, private homes, public clubs, community centers, military bases, colleges and resorts.**

## FUTURE

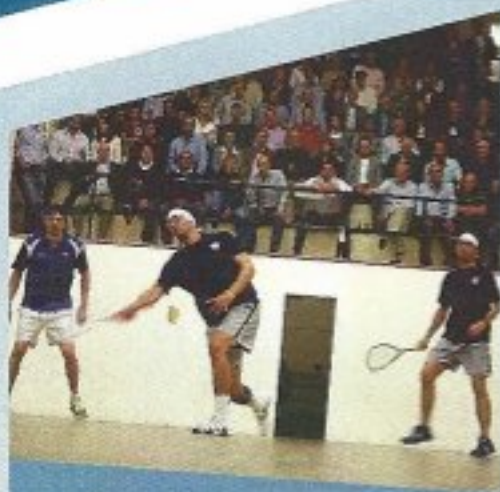
Squash doubles will continue to grow. U.S. SQUASH has hired a full time doubles staff member to meet organizational demand while initiatives are taking place to grow all aspects of the game. Growth will fuel new court construction and discussions are taking place to develop a portable glass court for the doubles tour.

"Having been involved in professional softball singles, softball doubles and hardball doubles I can attest to the fact that hardball doubles offers another dimension to the game of doubles Squash. It's an incredibly exciting game to play and watch."

—CHRIS WALKER







**There is a National Championship doubles event offered for anyone, from u11 to 80+.**

"Having played in the World Championships in both hardball and softball doubles, there is no comparison to the level of excitement both as a player and spectator. The velocity, geometry and logic involved in hardball doubles make it an infinitely better game."

—PRESTON QUICK

## U.S. SQUASH

Squash doubles in the United States started in October 1907 and was standardized in the 1930s. U.S. SQUASH started the men's and women's National Championships in 1933. Professional doubles was started in 1938 and a viable tour was created in the late 1970s. The United States and Canada alternate hosting the World Doubles Championship every two years. The first was held in 1981 in Toronto and was sanctioned by all three North American squash associations and the WSF (known then as the International Squash Racquets Federation). By 2010, eight National Doubles Championships were held in the United States with more than 800 players vying for 36 different titles. It is estimated there are now 10,000 doubles players in the United States. New York and Philadelphia have active doubles leagues for both men and women of all abilities.

## DOUBLES STRUCTURE

The U.S. SQUASH doubles program is managed by a full time staff member in collaboration with the U.S. SQUASH doubles committee and many local and regional associations. The U.S. SQUASH doubles committee is the largest volunteer squash committee in the United States with 30 members representing every major region with doubles play.

U.S. SQUASH oversees national and regional doubles play, sanctions more than 40 doubles events per year, and maintains player rankings. With the success of the city wide doubles leagues, there will be a national league championship this coming season.







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doubles regularly.**

"I have always enjoyed playing  
hardball doubles. With  
the influx of international  
professionals to the game,  
the rest of the world is  
seeing what a great game it is  
and how it can enhance your  
singles play. There is no  
reason it shouldn't be played  
on every continent!"

—JONATHON POWER

## SQUASH CANADA

Squash doubles has been played in Canada since the 1920s. There are currently 36 courts in the country (plus one under construction), located in the five provinces which include over 90% of Canada's population. The National Championships were first played in 1934 and have been played every year since, with the exception of 1938. Canada hosts five National Championships with over 300 players competing for 24 different titles. Provincial Championships are held in 4 of the 5 provinces with over 1,100 players participating in doubles leagues weekly across the country. It is estimated there are now more than 4,000 players in Canada who play doubles regularly.

## STRUCTURE

In Canada, squash doubles is administered collaboratively by Squash Canada, founded in 1913 as the Canadian Squash Racquets Association, and the 12 provincial and territorial squash associations. The Canadian committees collaborate closely with the U.S. SQUASH doubles committee in all aspects of the game, including international events, tournament schedules, rules and officiating.







**Squash Doubles**  
has a rich history of  
international  
events dating back  
to the 1940's

## INTERNATIONAL DOUBLES EVENTS

**THE LAPHAM-GRANT TROPHY** The Lapham-Grant Trophy is an annual singles and doubles event contested between the United States and Canada. The doubles component has been held annually since 1945. The location rotates between the U.S. and Canada, and features the top singles and doubles players from each country. It is the oldest international doubles contest in the world.

**WORLD SQUASH DOUBLES** The World Squash Doubles Championship has been held in North America since 1981 when it was sanctioned by the International Squash Racquets Federation. It has been held bi-annually since 1994 where it has alternated with the World Softball Doubles. In its most recent format, teams enter through their national governing body and the event is sanctioned by the WSF. Countries who have competed include Australia, Canada, England, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Pakistan, Scotland and U.S.A.

**COPA-WADSWORTH** Similar to the Lapham-Grant, the Copa-Wadsworth is an annual event that pits the United States versus Mexico, their neighbor to the south. It regularly has a doubles component and has been held since 1990.

**THE CAN-AM CUP** Canada and the United States compete every other year for the Can-Am Cup. It is a doubles squash competition between the United States and Canada, played in a "Ryder Cup" type format. The first event was held in Boston, MA in October of 2008. It brings together the best men's and women's doubles squash players from across North America in a team format in Open and age class categories. In the most recent event in Toronto in the fall of 2010, over 50 elite players from each country participated.





**The doubles tours partner with urban squash programs for the underprivileged and contribute tens of thousands of dollars annually.**

"Hardball doubles is a fantastic game to both play and watch. The team work aspect is great along with the creativity; mix this together with the lightening speed of the ball and you get an incredible spectacle! I love it!"

—MARK CHALONER

## MEN'S PRO DOUBLES

Professional doubles started in 1938 at The Heights Casino in Brooklyn, NY. It had a viable tour starting in the late 1970s with events located in both the United States and Canada. In 2000, the doubles pro tour rebranded itself with the new name, International Squash Doubles Association (ISDA). It is the governing body responsible for the men's world professional squash doubles tour and will celebrate its 75th anniversary of professional doubles in 2013.

Since its inception, the ISDA has continued to experience growth each and every year. Over the past three seasons, with the addition of corporate sponsorship, the ISDA increased its presence across North America while producing its own magazine 'Doubles or Nothing', as well as ISDA signature clothing and a custom tour racquet. It has quickly become North America's largest professional squash tour. In the fall of 2011, the ISDA will be hosting the first event overseas in Scotland.

The 2009-10 season had five tournaments with \$40,000 or more in prize money, including the \$150,000 Briggs Cup at the Apawamis Club in Rye, New York. The 2010-11 season carried the momentum of that success with 25 events across North America. The ISDA continues its growth and development, reaching out to new cities and future stars each season with the addition of its Challenger Tour.

**Top international singles players who have made the successful transition to doubles and their highest PSA ranking:**

Chris Walker	ENGLAND	#4
Martin Heath	SCOTLAND	#4
Mark Chaloner	ENGLAND	#7
Paul Price	AUSTRALIA	#4
Brett Martin	AUSTRALIA	#4





**WDSA has increased the number of women playing doubles.**

"After playing singles for years, doubles is definitely my game of choice at this point, not only because of the team component, but the speed, agility, and tactics create a unique and dynamic game that continually challenges the mind and of course the body."

—ALICIA MCCONNELL

## WOMEN'S PRO DOUBLES

Since the Women's Doubles Squash Association (WDSA) formed in 2007, it has reached several of its goals. It has increased the number of women playing professional and amateur doubles and encouraged former college players, current teaching professionals and WISPA touring professionals to play.

In addition to the tour growth, with stops throughout the United States and Canada, the WDSA has helped foster and build women's doubles on the amateur level which has been achieved through pro-am tournaments and Under 30 events at local clubs.

The WDSA, corporate partners, patrons and membership have established relationships with local charities throughout the United States – City Squash, METROsquash, Mile High Squash and Squash Haven – all urban squash programs.

**Top international female singles players who have made the successful transition to doubles and their highest WISPA ranking:**

Natalie Grainger	USA	#1
Narelle Krizek	AUSTRALIA	#23
Suzie Perrepoint	ENGLAND	#23
Amanda Sohby	USA	#17 (WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPION)





