

# NMRA 2021 National Championships

Vetta Sports Club, Concord (St. Louis Area), MO



May 5-8, 2021 (Wednesday through Saturday)

**\*\* Round Robin Age Divisions Starting at 40 Years Young \*\***

**Tournament Information Sheet** [www.nmra.info](http://www.nmra.info)

<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=31392>



Tournament Directors / Staff	Tourney Director – Cindy Tilbury 303.888.4461 <a href="mailto:cindy.tilbury@att.net">cindy.tilbury@att.net</a> Tourney Director -- Karen Grisz 703.597.9985 <a href="mailto:ktracquetball@gmail.com">ktracquetball@gmail.com</a> Dan Whitley – Vetta Club Manager <a href="mailto:dwhitley@vettasports.com">dwhitley@vettasports.com</a>
<p>Host Club</p> 	<p><b>Vetta Sports Concord</b> – 10 Panel-Walled Courts <a href="http://www.vettasports.com">www.vettasports.com</a> 12320 Old Tesson Rd, St. Louis, MO 63128 314.842.3111 Club hours 6 am to 10 pm (Saturday 8 am to 8 pm) Bring a lock. No overnight lockers. Towel service available free (driver license held). All club facilities are available to tournament players and paid guests. Great club and locker room amenities available during the event. Racquet stringer available. Pro shop items available.</p>
<p>Host Hotel River City Casino/Hotel</p> 	<p><b>River City Casino &amp; Hotel</b> 777 River City Casino Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63125 314.388.7777 9 Miles East of the Club; Shuttle to club provided every hour Single/Double Rate with breakfast \$127 per night + tax Friday/Saturday Rate with breakfast \$167 per night + tax Mention National Masters Racquetball when registering by phone Reserve early—Only 25 rooms reserved for NMRA but more may be added when those are booked Rates available through Sunday, April 3, 2021 Free self- and valet parking / free hot breakfast / free wi-fi Amazing restaurants and (of course) casino <a href="https://www.rivercity.com/hotels/rooms">https://www.rivercity.com/hotels/rooms</a> Code NMRC20A</p>
Enter Online Maximum of Two Divisions	Enter online by April 23, 2021 <a href="http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=31392">http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=31392</a> First event--\$85 Second event--\$25 Credit Card Handling Fee Two-Division Limit – Singles + doubles or two doubles. Guest Fee \$70 for the week includes lunches and banquet. <b>We can help find doubles partners and/or roommates.</b>
Enter via US Mail Maximum of Two Divisions	Fill out the entry form at <a href="http://www.nmra.info">www.nmra.info</a> (Tournament Info page). Mail completed entry form and fees by April 19, 2021, to: NMRA Cindy Tilbury, 23308 W Bocana Street, Malibu, CA 90265 Two-Division Limit
Doubles Partners / Roommates	Contact Cindy Tilbury for a doubles partner ( <a href="mailto:cindy.tilbury@att.net">cindy.tilbury@att.net</a> ) or roommate request. You may also use the list feature of R2Sports when you enter online.
Nearest Airport	Lambert St. Louis International Airport, St. Louis (STL) 23 Miles to Host Hotel (30 Minutes) Book flights at <a href="http://www.flystl.com">www.flystl.com</a>
Airlines Flying Into STL	All major airlines fly into STL.
Airport Taxi / Shuttle Ground Transportation at STL	Shuttles are not provided by the host hotel. However, we will have a transportation concierge for you to arrange your pickup. Contact Joe Williams directly to arrange your pickup. 402.309.4260. Rideshare apps are also an option or check <a href="http://www.flystl.com">www.flystl.com</a> .

Shuttle From Hotel to Vetta Sports Club	The NMRA will be providing a mini-van shuttle on an hourly schedule between the hotel and the club. Between runs, if you see other players going to the club, don't be shy and ask for a ride. A schedule will be provided to all players at check-in.
Driving Directions From STL to Host Hotel	23 Miles or 30 Minutes <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/dir/St.+Louis+Lambert+International+Airport+(STL),+10701+Lambert+International+Blvd,+St.+Louis,+MO+63145/777+River+City+Casino+Blvd,+St.+Louis,+MO+63125/@38.6260639,-90.4591438,11z/data=!3m1!4m1!3!4m1!2!1m5!1m1!1s0x87df36b4c56388f1:0x9dabcb663077a612m2!1d-90.374819!2d38.749940!3!1m5!1m1!1s0x87d8b654344cb4c5:0xb885c4cf97cef2e12m2!1d-90.2644983!2d38.5308368">https://www.google.com/maps/dir/St.+Louis+Lambert+International+Airport+(STL),+10701+Lambert+International+Blvd,+St.+Louis,+MO+63145/777+River+City+Casino+Blvd,+St.+Louis,+MO+63125/@38.6260639,-90.4591438,11z/data=!3m1!4m1!3!4m1!2!1m5!1m1!1s0x87df36b4c56388f1:0x9dabcb663077a612m2!1d-90.374819!2d38.749940!3!1m5!1m1!1s0x87d8b654344cb4c5:0xb885c4cf97cef2e12m2!1d-90.2644983!2d38.5308368</a>
Directions From Host Hotel to Vetta Sports Club	9 Miles or 20 Minutes <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/dir/777+River+City+Casino+Blvd,+St.+Louis,+MO+63125/Vetta+Sports+Concord,+Oli+Tesson+Road,+St.+Louis,+MO/@38.5239764,-90.3333769,13z/data=!3m1!4m1!3!4m1!2!1m5!1m1!1s0x87d8b654344cb4c5:0xb885c4cf97cef2e12m2!1d-90.2644983!2d38.5308368!1m5!1m1!1s0x87d8b654344cb4c5:0x17895d30a90dc9d0!2m2!1d-90.3701699!2d38.5114089">https://www.google.com/maps/dir/777+River+City+Casino+Blvd,+St.+Louis,+MO+63125/Vetta+Sports+Concord,+Oli+Tesson+Road,+St.+Louis,+MO/@38.5239764,-90.3333769,13z/data=!3m1!4m1!3!4m1!2!1m5!1m1!1s0x87d8b654344cb4c5:0xb885c4cf97cef2e12m2!1d-90.2644983!2d38.5308368!1m5!1m1!1s0x87d8b654344cb4c5:0x17895d30a90dc9d0!2m2!1d-90.3701699!2d38.5114089</a>
Parking at Host Club	Free. RVs may park in the parking lot with no hookups/utilities.
Tournament Check-In Player Meet and Greet	Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 5 pm to 8 pm, at Vetta Sports Concord Complimentary reception with beverages and hors d'oeuvres Pick up tournament souvenir, play schedules, etc. and socialize. <b>Early and later Player Meetings</b> will be held about 5:45 pm and 7:00 pm to review procedures and answer questions STRONGLY recommended for NMRA first-timers; everyone is invited
Play Begins / Ends	Starting at 8 am every day. Ends by 10 pm Wednesday and Thursday Ends around 5 pm Friday (banquet night) and Saturday Every division plays every day (Wednesday through Saturday) Please show consideration for all players and remember that we play every bracket every day of the event. Schedule your travel arrangements accordingly. Sign-in may be required at club.
Practice Courts	Courts at the Vetta club will be available free of charge May 3 and 4, 2021, except that they will NOT be available during tournament check-in (5:00 to 8:00 pm Tuesday)
Tournament Ball	Penn Green is the official ball of the NMRA.
Approved Eyewear	Eyeguards are mandatory. The USAR has established strict criteria for approved eyeguards. This document represents those products which meet or exceed the USAR's criteria. <a href="#">Approved Eye Guard List</a>
Tournament Scoring	All round robins, self-refereed matches. Every division will play two games to 15. Larger "pool play" divisions will have Saturday playoff matches. Playoff format will be two games to 15, tiebreaker to 11 if needed. In round-robin matches, bonus points are awarded for winning games (2 per game) and the match (4). Ties will split the extra four match points. Points are automatically calculated by the R2sports tournament software. When any team or player must forfeit, average scores will be used to determine final results of the division or pool. If a forfeit occurs during a match, the opposing team or player will be awarded points required to finish the match. USAR amateur rules will be used.
Appeals	The NMRA has a rules committee that can be used by the players to submit an appeal on a rule or issue that arises during the event. The decision of the rules committee is final and binding.
Eligibility	USAR-sanctioned; Current USAR membership is required to participate. Your membership must be valid through the last day of the tournament. Entries will not be accepted without payment for USAR membership. USAR membership is available at <a href="http://www.usra.org">www.usra.org</a> . NMRA membership is required for all EXCEPT players who are playing in their FIRST NMRA event.

Tournament Awards	NMRA medals will be awarded to First through Fourth place winners for each age division. Combined divisions will be awarded medals based on separate age divisions. You must complete all matches in a division to be awarded the medal.
Morning Hospitality	Breakfast is available at the hotel for hotel guests. Fruit and drinks available at the Vetta Sports Club.
Lunch	Fabulous lunches will be served at the Vetta Sports Club; you may need to present your tournament pass or bag tag.
Evening Hospitality on Wednesday and Thursday	<u>Not a substitute for dinner.</u> Evening hospitality will be served at the club. You may need to present your tournament pass or bag tag.
Banquet on FRIDAY Night	River City Casino & Hotel Ballroom Included in your entry fee. Guests are invited for \$50, or \$70 for food all week in addition to the banquet. Cash bar at 6:00 pm; Dinner and program from about 7 to 10 pm. Don't miss this!
Local Activities	<a href="http://www.explorestlouis.com">www.explorestlouis.com</a> Included is a list of 25 things to do in St. Louis
Sights to See	In addition to the Gateway Arch, please see the separate sheet for a long list of St. Louis places to visit and things to do.
Average Temperature	Year – 60° F    May – High 77° F – Low 58° F Average 67° F Average May Precipitation 4 Inches (Mostly Snow)
Altitude	465 Feet Above Sea Level
RV Parks	RV parks near the club are: <a href="http://mapg.st/1DROUUM">http://mapg.st/1DROUUM</a>
Laundromats	Laundromats near the club are: <a href="http://mapg.st/1DROUUM">http://mapg.st/1DROUUM</a>
Special For Ladies!	This is becoming more popular—two B/C Singles age divisions for ladies 59 or younger. If you feel you are not an Open/A-level singles player, you may enter B/C. Choose 40+ B/C or 50+ B/C. The two divisions may be combined to provide enough matches.
Special Doubles Division for 40+ Ex-Pro-Tour Players and Amateurs	We will offer a special round-robin doubles division, schedule to be determined, where regular age-group players can pay the entry fee of and play with a 40+ ex-professional player. This will be a mini-tournament within the event—possibly 40+ and a 60+ round robins and both genders, if players are willing to try this. Contact Cindy Tilbury for more details and lists of interested ex-professional players.