## Something to Think About—And Something You Can Do

Think seriously about those things in your life that are important to you. Ponder those things that have made your life better. Remember how you have always felt fortunate to be a part of activities and relationships that have given you great pleasure and warm memories. Hopefully, you will agree that it would be nice if you and others could continue to have those good experiences, and that those activities and groups will be available in the future for others to experience and enjoy. It is hoped that your list of good things in your life might include:

- A warm feeling about the NMRA and what the NMRA does.
- An enjoyment of sports and racquetball—both as a participant and a supporter.
- An opportunity to be a good member and to compete in age-level sports competition.
- An appreciation of the good times that can be derived from friends and fellow competitors.
- A realization that good things need to be supported or they will disappear. That without a strong membership base and support, the good things will no longer be there for us or others.

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## NMRA FUTURE FUND

This is a chance for you to support the future of Masters Racquetball

> Help keep NMRA Masters Racquetball thriving







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### What is the NMRA?

The National Masters Racquetball Association is an organization of men and women racquetball players and supporters. Active membership is for individuals who have reached the age of 45 years. The NMRA conducts three major masters racquetball tournaments each year—one is for doubles divisions only. Play is for men and women and two of the tournaments offer competition in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. All events are round-robin, and self-refereed. The operational words for all NMRA events are: competition, sportsmanship, friendship, camaraderie and integrity.

### When did the NMRA begin?

The NMRA had its beginning in 1971, when ten players gathered in New Castle, PA, for a racquetball tournament. This was the first tournament held solely for age group participants. Since that first event, the NMRA has operated with the same intent—to offer age group players a chance to continue participation in a sport they enjoy.

Presently, the NMRA is the largest organization in the world to offer membership, services and racquetball competition solely to individuals who are 45+ years of age. Recent tournament attendance has included many first-timers who are experiencing our special brand of competition.

Now you have an opportunity to show support. You can play an important part in the future of NMRA Masters Racquetball.

"This is your opportunity to show your support of the NMRA Future Fund."

- Mike Grisz, NMRA Future Fund Executive Director

### Why is a Future Fund Needed?

While NMRA membership and tournament attendance is steady, the workload for any national event is heavy. There are many long- and short-term projects and goals that must be realized in order to sustain the organization and to achieve greater success, organizational stability and productivity.

The NMRA Board of Directors has appointed an Advisory Task Force to provide leadership in the development and formation of a Future Fund, separate from operating funds. Our organization has been a 501c3 tax-exempt non-profit for many years. This status permits individuals, groups and corporations to make financial contributions and personal gifts that may be tax-deductible, providing the donor itemizes the contribution. Donations can be offered in a lump sum or divided over a period of years. They can be of a cash nature, or, should the donor so choose, they may be willed to the endowment fund.

The NMRA Board of Directors has responsibility for the Future Fund and related funds. All contributions will be invested in safe instruments, with the profits being used for worthy racquetball programs.

### What are the goals of the NMRA Future Fund?

- To assure and perpetuate the health and vitality of the NMRA as an organization.
- To provide quality tournaments and services to the members of the NMRA.
- To maintain an adequate personnel staff to achieve the operational goals, activities and services provided by the organization.

Whether you are still a competitor or just a person who appreciates and values the need to have sports events provided for age group individuals--this is your opportunity to show your support for the NMRA Future Fund.

# PLEDGE FORM—THE NMRA FUTURE FUND

A pledge to the Future Fund helps to promote the goals and activities of the NMRA

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