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## PRESS RELEASE

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U.S. Squash Racquets Association  
To Relocate Offices to New York City

### *Move Supports Mission to Promote and Develop Sport*

### *Closer ties to media, business and the international community cited as key benefits*

**BALA CYNWYD, PENNSYLVANIA, NOVEMBER 3, 2006** – Jeanne Blasberg, Chair of the Board of Directors of the United States Squash Racquets Association (“US Squash”), announced today that the organization will relocate its headquarters from Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania to New York City, New York by late spring 2007. The Association has begun a search for appropriate office space. The organization also announced that all affected employees will be provided the same employment opportunity with the relocation to New York City.

Blasberg highlighted the benefits of the move to New York City by observing, “New York is the crossroads for businesses and visitors from around the country. New York is also the most international US city and its image aligns well with squash, a sport which is played in 150 countries and is known for its diverse cultural, ethnic, racial and geographic player base.”

Blasberg continued, “New York is also headquarters to more media and Fortune 500 companies than any other city, and working with these companies will be critical to our ability to fulfill our mission to promote and develop the sport moving forward. Philadelphia is second to none as an important squash city, and supporter of the Association, and we will work to ensure our support for the local association and community does not miss a step. The city’s historical significance in the sport speaks for itself as being the birthplace for squash doubles, the hometown of innumerable national champions, and the host of dozens of national championships over the last century.”

The move comes at a time when the Association continues to show strong signs of growth including membership increases of 7% in 2005 and an estimated 20% in 2006. The Association earned a modest surplus in 2005 and expects a surplus in 2006 after net losses in six of the previous eight years. Further evidence of the health of the organization and sport in the US include the continued expansion of court capacity in the United States to meet the 40% increase in junior player participation in the last two years, and the addition of high profile companies such as Sotheby’s International Realty® to the roster of sponsors of the Association and its US Championships Series events.

The success of the professional tours also underscores the sport’s growth, with the US Open, to be held in Boston later this month, having been elevated to a Professional Squash Association (PSA) Super Series event for the first time in the event’s history, offering over \$75,000 in prize money.

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Internationally, for 2006, twenty-five percent of the prize money for both the PSA and Women's International Squash Player's Association Tour is earned by professionals playing in tournaments hosted in the United States, demonstrating the increased significance of the US market worldwide.

## **About US Squash**

US Squash is the national governing body and membership organization for the sport of squash in the United States. It is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization with the mission to promote, develop and increase participation in squash throughout the United States. It owns and licenses tournaments including the U.S. Open, as well as all other U.S. National Championships. The organization also selects and supports the U.S. National Teams that compete internationally, maintains the official ratings and rankings system for the U.S. and invests in programs to grow the game at every level. For more information please visit [www.us-squash.org](http://www.us-squash.org).

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