



**2021 USA BADMINTON**  
**U.S. JUNIOR NATIONAL**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**SELECTION EVENT FOR**  
**2021 PAN AM JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**June 21 – June 28**  
**Entry Deadline: June 3, 2021**



This year's U.S. Junior National Championships will be the selection event for the 2021 Pan Am Junior Championship in Acapulco, Mexico from July 15-23, 2021. In the event we cannot hold a trial for the World Junior Championships, the Junior National Championships will also serve as the selection event for the World Junior Championships. In the event of unforeseeable situations, USA Badminton may modify changes to Junior National event and its prospectus at its discretion. Please check frequently at [www.tournamentsoftware.com](http://www.tournamentsoftware.com) and/or tournament desk for updates.

**1. National Organization**

USA Badminton  
9255 Telstar Ave Suite I  
El Monte, CA 91731  
[www.usabadminton.org](http://www.usabadminton.org)

**2. Presented by**

- USA Badminton
- Yonex (equipment sponsor)

**3. Date**

Main Rounds and feed-in consolation rounds: June 21 – June 28, 2021

**4. Venue**

Cabarrus Arena & Events Center  
4751 NC Highway 49  
Concord, North Carolina 28025  
[www.cabarrusarena.com](http://www.cabarrusarena.com)

Cabarrus Arena & Events Center is located about 20 miles from downtown Charlotte at the intersection of NC Highway 49 and Old Airport Road in Concord, NC.

**5. Airport**

- Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT)
- Concord Regional Airport (USA) Concord, NC.  
Flights from Florida and New Orleans only.



## 6. Events

- Categories: Boy's Singles, Girl's Singles, Boy's Doubles, Girl's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
- Age Divisions: UNDER-11, UNDER-13, UNDER-15, UNDER-17, AND UNDER-19.
- To qualify for an age division, the player's age must be under the age limit as of 12/31/2021.
  - UNDER-19 (born year 2003, 2004 and later)
  - UNDER-17 (born year 2005, 2006 and later)
  - UNDER-15 (born year 2007, 2008 and later)
  - UNDER-13 (born year 2009, 2010 and later)
  - UNDER-11 (born year 2011, 2012)
- A feed-in consolation draw through the quarterfinals will be used in accordance with USA Badminton Tournament Regulations.
- Registering players must be born between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2012. USAB reserves the right not to accept signed up players who do not meet the age criteria for the respective age group events.
- Matches are best of three games to 21 points.
- Parents are advised that all young players must be mature enough to handle competition without assistance. Laws of Badminton and USAB Tournament Regulations will be enforced throughout.
- Players may enter a maximum of 3 events with a maximum of 2 singles or 2 doubles events. The 3 events entered may only span 2 age groups e.g., U13 GS – U15 GD – U15 XD or U15 GS – U17 GS – U15 XD is acceptable, but U13 GS – U15 GD – U17 XD is not acceptable. However, points accrued playing in an older age group cannot be applied in the younger age group where the player competes.

## 7. Tournament Director

- Tournament Director: Thai Pham - Email: [thai.pham@usabadminton.org](mailto:thai.pham@usabadminton.org)

## 8. Referee

- Referee: Thomas Shek - [tshek.ilc@gmail](mailto:tshek.ilc@gmail)
- Deputy Referee: Ian Counter - [icounter@gmail.com](mailto:icounter@gmail.com)

## 9. Entry Fees and Refund

USAB Junior Ranking Tournament Fee and Refund			
Tournament	Max Event Per Player	Entry Fee	Refund (withdrawal by deadline)
JUNIOR NATIONALS	1	\$170	\$170
	2	\$170	\$170
	3	\$225	\$225

Additional fee: \$10 Technical Official/Admin fee per person. Must be paid with your entry fees on [www.tournamentsoftware.com](http://www.tournamentsoftware.com).

Full payment must be made online through Paypal at the time of signing up on [www.tournamentsoftware.com](http://www.tournamentsoftware.com). Once registration is completed and you have submitted your entries, you will be re-directed to Paypal to process your payment. This includes instances where a player enters different events at different times – all the events must be fully paid for by the entry deadline, otherwise events not paid for will be cancelled. A player will only be permitted to play in accepted entries that has been fully paid.

No refund after the entry deadline of June 3, 2021 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON). Refunds will be processed via Paypal.



## 10. Key Dates

May 31, 2021	Deadline for applying for 2021-2022 Coaching Pass – required to be able to coach at 2021 Junior National
June 3, 2021	Deadline for submission of Tournament Documents
June 3, 2021	2021 Junior National entry deadline. Entry must be made online at <a href="http://www.tournamentsoftware.com">www.tournamentsoftware.com</a>
Week 11 of 2020	Junior Rankings date for Main Draw
June 10, 2021	Accepted entries for each event published on <a href="http://www.tournamentsoftware.com">www.tournamentsoftware.com</a> Seeding for each event published on <a href="http://www.tournamentsoftware.com">www.tournamentsoftware.com</a>
TBA	Open Draw by TOAG.
June 16, 2021	Draws posted on <a href="http://www.tournamentsoftware.com">www.tournamentsoftware.com</a>
June 20, 2021	Match schedule published on <a href="http://www.tournamentsoftware.com">www.tournamentsoftware.com</a>

## 11. Eligibility – USAB Membership and Citizenship

- Athletes must be U.S. citizens at the time of signing up for the Junior Nationals.
- Participation in the 2021 U.S. Junior National Badminton Championships is open to any member of USA Badminton in good standing.
- Playing Experience: Junior Nationals should not be a player's first tournament.
- Parents are responsible to provide proof of U.S. citizenship for the child/children by uploading **Tournament Documents (copy of passport and/or birth certificate and or any other document accepted by USAB) and passport photo (not less than 150kb) at <https://usab.simplycompete.com> by June 3, 2021 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON).**
- **Players who are 18 years old must complete the SafeSport training and background check prior to coming to the event.**

### Other Criteria

- All players competing in USAB Sanctioned Junior Tournaments are responsible to notify the USAB National Office – and the Tournament Director, of the event if they have represented a foreign country/countries. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the player being disqualified from USAB Sanctioned Tournaments.
- Players may also be disqualified from Pan Am Junior Championship consideration under the following circumstances:
  - a) U.S. Citizens  
U.S. Citizens who are currently competing under the jurisdiction of another country but who have qualified to represent USAB may be removed from the USA team after they have qualified if:
    - there is insufficient time to change their jurisdiction back to USA as it involves the BWF and their current country's approval.
    - they are not in good standing with the country they are competing under
    - they are not in good standing with BWF (which may include issues related to misconduct, anti-doping, etc.).

### BWF Regulation:

A player shall be qualified to represent a Member Association providing the player is in good standing with that Member Association and satisfies BWF Regulations 8.2.1 and either 8.2.2 or 8.2.3:



- 8.2.1 holds a passport of a country whose territory the Member Association has jurisdiction over;
- 8.2.2 has not represented any other Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the tournament;
- 8.2.3 last represented that Member Association;
- 8.3 A player shall be deemed to have represented a Member Association if he or she shall have been officially nominated to represent that Member Association and shall have accepted such nomination.

### Pan Am Junior Championships

- Venue: Acapulco, Mexico (July 15 – 23, 2021) Team Event: The Pan AM Junior Championships (PAJC) Team Event format consists of one (1) Boy's Singles, one (1) Girl's Singles, one (1) Boy's Doubles, one (1) Girl's Doubles, and one (1) Mixed Doubles matches.
- Team Event: USAB will select four (4) boys and four (4) girls for the PAJC.
- Individual events: USAB will select the top 4 for singles, top 2 pairs for BD and GD, and top 4 pairs for XD in the U13, U15, U17, and U19 age groups in the 2021 Junior Nationals.
- In the Junior Pan American Championships, each selected player is allowed to play in a higher age category, as long as he/she does not play in that/those (events) in his/her own age category.
- If the athlete is selected for the PAJC, the parent will ensure that the athlete will abide by the team regulations including attending team training, staying at the official hotel during the PAJC and meeting deadlines for documents sent by the USAB National Office and Team Managers.
- Fees for the 2021 Pan Am Championships will need to be paid at the Junior Nationals to USA Badminton by check.
- USAB reserves the right to modify this section as we are waiting for information from Badminton Pan Am Confederation.

### 12. Entry & Deadline

- Entries must be made online at [www.tournamentsoftware.com](http://www.tournamentsoftware.com) and full payment must be made online through Paypal by **Thursday June 3, 2021 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON)**
- Tournament Documents (copy of passport and/or birth certificate) and passport photo (not less than 150kb) must be done online at <https://usab.simplycompete.com/> **by June 3, 2021 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON).**
- **LATE ENTRIES and other forms of entry WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- If you are not a USAB member, you must create an account on <https://usab.simplycompete.com> You will need a working email to sign up and for your account to be activated, you will be required to verify from your email. Upon doing that, login and complete your profile, upload photo and required Tournament Documents.
- **Important:**  
Do **NOT** wait till the last minute. Sign up for 2021 Junior National Championships as soon as possible so that if technical issues come up, there will be enough time to address them.

### Valid Entry

For the entry to be valid, make sure that the following are met:

- The player is signed up through [www.tournamentsoftware.com](http://www.tournamentsoftware.com)
- The player has paid all the entry fees by June 3, 2021 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) through Paypal. This includes instances where player enters different events at different times – all the events must be fully paid for by the entry deadline, otherwise all of them will be canceled and the player will not be permitted to play in the tournament.
- If the player has signed up for a Doubles and/or a Mixed Doubles event, make sure that the partner(s) are informed, and they sign up and pay the entry fees. Be sure to enter your partner's name next to the event selected. If you are requesting for a partner, select "Partner wanted".



### 13. Withdrawals / Cancellations

#### On Time Withdrawals (Withdrawal by entry deadline)

- Players who withdraw on [www.tournamentsoftware.com](http://www.tournamentsoftware.com) by the entry deadline Thursday June 3, 2021 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) will have their entry fees refunded. The following persons must be notified of the withdrawal by email:
  1. Tournament Director: Thai Pham – [Thai.Pham@usabadminton.org](mailto:Thai.Pham@usabadminton.org)
  2. Referee: Thomas Shek - [tshek.ilc@gmail.com](mailto:tshek.ilc@gmail.com)

#### Late Withdrawals (Withdrawal after entry deadline)

- For withdrawals made after the entry deadline June 3, 2021 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) due to whatever reason, the entry fees and tournament processing fee will not be refunded.
- The withdrawing player's parents must email:
  1. Tournament Director: Thai Pham – [Thai.Pham@usabadminton.org](mailto:Thai.Pham@usabadminton.org)
  2. Referee: Thomas Shek - [tshek.ilc@gmail.com](mailto:tshek.ilc@gmail.com)

### Event or Tournament Cancellation

- If an individual event(s) *e.g.*, U15 BS within a tournament is cancelled due to lack of entries *etc.*, or if several event(s) are cancelled or if the whole tournament is cancelled due to factors beyond the control of USAB *e.g.*, bad weather, lack of overall entries, then the entry fee will be refunded as per section 9.
- The refund will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director and/or USAB.

### 14. Draw & Seeding

- The Open Draw for the tournament will be made according to USAB Tournament Regulations by the Referee or TOAG designee during the period of June 2021 (Time and place to be announced on [www.usabadminton.org](http://www.usabadminton.org) ).
- The seeding will be based on Junior Rankings as of week 11 of 2020 even if the rankings are incomplete or contain errors.
- No geographical separation.

### 15. Schedule

Day/Date	Time	Tournament Phase	Events
Monday, June 21, 2021	12:00 pm	Registration	
	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Open Practice	
	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Technical Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is mandatory for the following persons/clubs to attend the Technical Meeting:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Clubs with players competing in the Junior National – a minimum of one (1) representative per club with players competing in the Junior National, Certified coach and/or parents of players who do not train in a club</li></ul></li><li>• All certified coaches who intend to coach at the Junior Nationals are strongly recommended to attend.</li></ul>	
Tuesday, June 22, 2021	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All Events
Wednesday, June 23, 2021	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All Events
Thursday, June 24, 2021	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All Events
Friday, June 25, 2021	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All Events
Saturday, June 26, 2021	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All Events
Sunday, June 27, 2021	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> playoffs, Cons Semi-finals, and Finals	All Events
Monday, June 28, 2021	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> playoffs, Cons Semi-finals and Finals if necessary	All Events



Schedule are tentative and subject to change based on number of entries. Check [www.tournamentsoftware.com](http://www.tournamentsoftware.com) frequently for updates.

All players in all events must be available for all of the tournament hours. Plan your flights accordingly!

#### 16. Conditions of Play

- YONEX tournament grade shuttles will be used throughout the tournament.
- Matches will be the best of 3 games to 21 points in Rally point scoring format.
- A player not ready to play 10 minutes after his/her match is called may be defaulted.
- Acceptable badminton clothing must be worn by players and coaches during a match. Doubles partners are encouraged to wear matching colors.
- Entry fees will not be eligible for refund if the withdrawal occurs after June 3, 2021 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON).
- The tournament organizers in consultation with the JAG, TOAG, and USAB reserve the right to change any of the above conditions.

#### 17. Shuttlecocks

- YONEX is the official shuttlecock for the 2021 Junior National Championships.

#### 18. Line Judging

- It is mandatory for all players to line judge following the end of each of their matches as follows:
  - The winning pair of every Doubles match (mixed or same gender) shall line judge for the next match
  - Both players of a Singles match shall line judge for the next match
- Technical officials will bring line judges back to line judge staging area after match is concluded to be assigned to line judge duty for the next available match.
- Players may arrange for an adult who is USAB compliant (Current membership, SafeSport, and background checked) or another player who is not playing a match or required for player staging to substitute for them in their line judging duty. It is the player's responsibility to arrange for any such substitution.

#### 19. Coaching & Coaching Pass (Credentials)

- **Only certified BWF/USAB coaches with the valid Coach Pass will be allowed to coach (sit on the coaches' chair) at this event.**
  - **Only 1 coach per side is allowed on court (sit on the coaches' chair) during a match.**
  - USAB only recognizes those coaches certified through our USAB/BWF coaching pathway. Specifically, at USAB sanctioned junior tournaments, it is mandatory that all coaches have current coaching passes, issued annually by USAB, and have completed and presented to USAB a certificate for the BWF- Level 1 Online course.
  - Person not sitting in the coaches' chair are not allowed to coach during a match.
  - All coaches must have completed the [BWF-1](https://www.bwf-tournament.com/online-course) Online course and sent their certificate to USAB at [coachingpass.usab@gmail.com](mailto:coachingpass.usab@gmail.com).
  - No one is allowed to coach if he/she does NOT have a valid Coaching Pass (2021/2022).
  - USAB Certified coaches must meet all requirements (active membership, background check, SafeSport, code of conduct signed, etc.) to maintain an active and valid Certification and Coach Pass.
  - Coaches MUST visibly wear the approved USAB Coaching Pass at all times.
  - Coach Pass CANNOT be shared with someone else. If someone is caught sharing the Pass and/or using a fake Coach Pass, his/her Pass will be confiscated by tournament Referee or Technical Officials.
- For information on how to obtain a Coach Pass, please refer to USAB website at this link:

[Coaching – USA Badminton](https://www.usabadminton.org/coaching)





## 20. Awards

Medals shall be awarded to finalists and semi-finalists in each main-draw, and to all Feed-in Consolation winners.

## 21. Medical Insurance

- All players (whose USAB memberships are current) are covered by USAB insurance.
- Neither the host, nor USAB is responsible for medical expenses incurred during the competition.

## 22. T-Shirts

Each player who signs up will get a T-Shirt. Please ensure you provide the correct size when signing up on [www.tournamentsoftware.com](http://www.tournamentsoftware.com).

## 23. Official Hotel

### Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte/Concord Golf

Resort & Spa, Concord, NC  
5400 John Q. Hammons Drive NW  
Concord, NC 28027

Rooms are \$119, subject to tax, which is currently 13% but will be the tax rate in effect at the time of the stay. These rooms will be held on a first-come first served basis until 5pm CST Friday, June 11, 2021.

Booking link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?&ctyhocn=CLTCCES&groupCode=CESBMN&arrival=20210621&departure=20210628&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,en,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Should anyone like to call in to the following number: 704-455-8200 to make a reservation please reference your group code-BMN

### Homewood Suites by Hilton Concord Charlotte

7300 Scott Padgett Parkway, Concord, NC 28027  
Direct: 980-313-3100 ext. 7153

Rooms are \$119, subject to tax, which is currently 13% but will be the tax rate in effect at the time of the stay.

Booking link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?&ctyhocn=CLTCN&groupCode=BJN&arrival=20210620&departure=20210628&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,en,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

No Shuttle services will be provided between the venue and the hotels.  
Both hotels are approximately 12-15 minutes away by car.



## 24. Contacts

Membership/Player Eligibility/Junior Ranking	USAB National Office	USAB Staff	<a href="mailto:ContactUs@usabadminton.org">ContactUs@usabadminton.org</a>
Technical Issues	Simply Compete	Thai Pham	<a href="mailto:Thai.pham@usabadminton.org">Thai.pham@usabadminton.org</a>
	Tournamentsoftware registration & Paypal payment		
Facilities, hotel etc.		Steve Kearney	<a href="mailto:steve@usabadminton.org">steve@usabadminton.org</a>
Seeding, Draw, Schedule	Referee	Thomas Shek	<a href="mailto:tshek.ilc@gmail.com">tshek.ilc@gmail.com</a>
Technical Officials	Technical Officials Advisory Group (TOAG)	Linda French	<a href="mailto:Linda.french@usabadminton.org">Linda.french@usabadminton.org</a>
Junior Tournaments	USAB National Office	USAB Staff	<a href="mailto:ContactUs@usabadminton.org">ContactUs@usabadminton.org</a>
Coaching Pass	USAB National Office	USAB Staff	<a href="mailto:coachingpass.usab@gmail.com">coachingpass.usab@gmail.com</a>

## 25. Covid-19 Basic Operational Safety Guidelines

**SPECTATORS MAY BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE PLAYING VENUE AT THE US JUNIOR NATIONALS BASED ON THE LOCAL REGULATIONS AT THE TIME OF THE TOURNAMENT.**

**MINOR-AGED PLAYERS ARE PERMITTED ONE PARENT OR ADULT GUARDIAN TO ENTER THE VENUE DURING THEIR MATCH  
COACHES MUST BE ON THE USAB COACHING REGISTRY, A PARENT, OR ADULT GUARDIAN TO ENTER THE VENUE FOR THEIR  
PLAYER(S) MATCH(ES)**

1. All persons must wear face-coverings at all times unless actually engaged in warm-up or competition. This includes all officials, umpires, and volunteers. Failure to wear face-coverings will result in immediate removal from the playing venue and automatic disqualification.
- NOTE: Although it is not currently the case, it is possible that Concord, NC may deem it a mandatory requirement that all persons wear face-coverings at all times, including when engaged in actual competition. In such jurisdictions, ALL PERSONS must wear face-coverings at ALL TIMES.
2. All persons must undergo any required health-related testing prior to entering the facility, including temperature checks.
3. All persons experiencing physical symptoms possibly related to COVID-19, including coughing or fever, are prohibited from entering the competition venue.
4. All persons must maintain appropriate social distancing at all times when inside the competition venue. Failure to maintain appropriate social distancing will result in automatic disqualification.
5. No more than six persons [other than officials] are permitted at any court in preparation for competition or actual competition play at any time.
6. Participants are required to observe and follow all routing instructions within the competition venue.
7. Participants are not permitted to be closer than six feet to the Tournament Director's work area.
8. No shaking of hands after matches.
9. Participants are required to follow all rules related to usage of shuttlecocks and care and cleaning of courts.
11. No food is allowed inside the competition venue.
12. In the event of event cancellation due to COVID-19 restrictions being extended or introduced then refund of entry fees will be made to players.





## 26. Indemnity: USA Badminton Waiver & Release of Liability

**Note: This section must be read and acknowledged at the time of registering for the 2021 JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.** By submitting the online entry for the 2021 JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, the participant (and parent(s)/guardian(s) if participant is of minority age) affirms having read this document and agrees to be bound by its terms.

In consideration of my involvement at the 2021 JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS under the auspices of USA Badminton, I acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that

1. I risk bodily injury, including paralysis, dismemberment, disability, and death, and while particular rules of the sport, equipment, and discipline may reduce this risk, this risk of injury does exist, as well as the risk of damage to or loss of property. I knowingly and freely assume all such risk; both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releases of others;
2. I willingly agree to comply with the state and customary terms and conditions for participation. If; however, I observe any unusual or unnecessary hazard during my presence or participation or if I observe any concern in my readiness for participation, I will immediately bring such to the attention of the nearest official and refrain from participation; and  
3a. I, for myself, and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release, hold harmless and promise not to sue USA Badminton, their organizing committee, their sponsors, their officers, volunteers, staff, sponsors and/or agents, ("releasees") with respect to any and all injury and loss arising from my participation, whether caused by the negligence of the releasees, the condition of the premises or otherwise, except that which is the result of gross negligence or wanton misconduct, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
3. I agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the BWF and those of USA Badminton and I hereby stipulate that I am eligible to play in the events for which I am applying and that I understand that the above mentioned make no representation or warranty with respect to the condition of the premises or the operation of the event.
4. I hereby grant to USA Badminton, its licensees and contractees including photographers, television and motion picture rights including to film or videotape me during matches, narratives, personal interviews, or comment thereon for any and all commercial, news or other purposes together with the right to transfer or grant their rights to others, all without remuneration or compensation to me whatsoever.

### FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE

By allowing participation in the 2021 JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, I/We as parent(s)/guardian(s) with legal responsibility of the participant agreeing to abide by this Agreement, do consent and agree not only to his/her release, but also for myself/ourselves, and my/ours heirs, assigns and next of kin to release and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liability incident to my/our child's involvement as stated above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

