



2021-2022 USA BADMINTON
Northeast Region IBC
OPEN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Nov 26, 2021 – Nov 28, 2021
Entry Deadline: Nov 12, 2021, 11:59 AM (ONE
MINUTE BEFORE NOON PDT)



1. National Organization

USA Badminton
9255 Telstar Ave Suite I
El Monte, CA 91731
www.usabadminton.org

2. Presented by International Badminton Center and Yonex USA

3. Date Nov 26, 2021 – Nov 28, 2021

4. Venues

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| 1. IBC Edison (U11 – U13) | 2. IBC Pine Brook (U15 – U19) |
| 3775 Park Ave Unit 8a | 10 New Maple Ave Unit 302 |
| Edison, NJ 08820 | Pine Brook, NJ 07058 |

Website: ibcusa.org

Phone: (732) 549-7190

Airport Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)

5. Events

- Categories: Boy's Singles, Girl's Singles, Boy's Doubles, Girl's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
- Age Divisions: UNDER-11, UNDER-13 Venue: IBC Edison
UNDER-15, UNDER-17, UNDER-19 Venue: IBC Pine Brook
A player is allowed to enter events in only one location.
- 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)
- Players may enter a maximum of 3 events consisting of 1 Singles event, 1 Doubles event, and 1 Mixed Doubles event. The 3 events entered may only span 2 age groups *e.g.*, U15 GS – U17 GD – U15 MX is acceptable, but U15 GS – U17GD – U19 MX is not acceptable. Points accrued playing in an older age group pertain only in that age group and cannot be applied in a younger age group in subsequent tournaments the player might enter.
- Events with only 1 or 2 players/pairs will be combined with the next older age group or canceled.
- 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. All players must be 9 years of age or older on Dec 31, 2021.

Consolation

- Players who lose their first match will be scheduled for Consolation competition as time permits.
- Consolation matches will be standard full matches (2 out of 3 games to 21) as time permits. The Referee may choose



to limit Consolation matches to one 21 or 31 point game, or eliminate them entirely, as needed. Preference will be given to lower age groups to retain consolation competition in the fullest form possible.

6. Caps and Seeding

In the circumstance that more entries are received than can be accommodated in the available court hours, events may be capped. The event Caps and seedings will be based on junior rankings as of Week 11 of 2020 even if the rankings are incomplete or contain errors. Players on the reserve list will be informed by November 16, 2021.

Caps if needed will be set as follows:

2021 Northeast Region IBC ORC CAPS	
U11 BS	32
U11 GS	32
U11 BD	16
U11 GD	16
U11 MX	16
U13 BS	48
U13 GS	48
U13 BD	24
U13 GD	24
U13 MX	32
U15 BS	32
U15 GS	32
U15 BD	16
U15 GD	16
U15 MX	24
U17 BS	24
U17 GS	24
U17 BD	12
U17 GD	12
U17 MX	16
U19 BS	16
U19 GS	16
U19 BD	8
U19 GD	8
U19 MX	12

7. Tournament Director

- Tournament Director: Ronnie Yin - Email: ibcusa@yahoo.com

8. Referee

- Referee: Beth Sopka Email: BSopkaReferee@gmail.com
- Deputy Referee: Diane Peng Email: dianepeng@yahoo.com

9. Entry Fees and Refund Policy

USAB Junior Ranking Tournament Fee and Refund					
Tournament	Max Event Per Player	Entry Fee	Refund 1 event	Refund 2 Events	Refund 3 events
Open Regional Championships (ORC)	1	\$100	\$95	N/A	N/A
	2	\$100	N/A	\$95	N/A
	3	\$120	\$15	\$15	\$115



Additional fee: \$10 Technical Official/Admin fee per person. Must be paid with your entry fees on www.tournamentsoftware.com. This fee is only refundable if a player is issued a refund for all events.

Full payment must be made online through Paypal at the time of signing up on 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 have been fully paid. No refunds will be made for entries or fee payments received after the entry deadline of November 12, 2021 11:59 AM PDT (one minute BEFORE NOON). Refunds will be processed via Paypal; all Paypal processing fees are non-refundable.

10. Multiple Tournament Sign Up

- Parents and coaches should note that there may be multiple tournaments held during the same timeframe (overlapping days).
- Players are prohibited from registering in multiple tournaments any part of which have overlapping days. This means players may register in only ONE tournament if two or more tournaments will occur on overlapping days.
- Players who sign up for multiple tournaments with overlapping days will be disqualified from ALL overlapping tournaments and entry fees will NOT be refunded for these.
- Neither USAB, nor the host will be responsible if players are disqualified because of signing up for multiple tournaments with overlapping days.

11. Key Dates

November 12, 2021	Current ID documents (Passport ID page, Permanent Resident Card, long term visa <i>etc.</i>) should be uploaded to https://www.dropbox.com/request/utwRW8xFfNZU2dZvQx88 or emailed to Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org this date.
November 12, 2021	Entry <u>must</u> be made online at www.tournamentsoftware.com and paid via PayPal link as published on the event, by 11:59 AM (one minute <u>BEFORE NOON</u>) PDT. <i>Late entries will not be accepted. Other forms of entry and payment will not be accepted.</i>
November 12, 2021	Withdrawals submitted by entry deadline November 12, 2021 11:59 AM (one minute <u>BEFORE NOON</u>) PDT are eligible for refund (see section above). Note, processing fees by PayPal are non-refundable.
November 12, 2021	Coaching credentials application must be applied for by this deadline. Click this link for more information: https://usabadminton.org/coaching/
November 16, 2021	Players on the reserve list will be informed
November 22, 2021	Draws will be posted on or before this date on www.tournamentsoftware.com

12. Eligibility

- Participation in the 2021 Northeast Region IBC ORC is open to any current member of USA Badminton in good standing, who meets the age criteria and eligibility criteria below. Non-members must join USA Badminton prior to entering online.
- Contact Thai Pham at Thai.Pham@usabadminton.org if guidance is needed regarding player eligibility, especially players with foreign passports.

Who Can Compete

- U.S. citizens living in the U.S. and outside the U.S.
 - Non-U.S. Citizens
 - U.S. Permanent Residents (Green Card holders) living in the U.S.
 - Non-U.S. Permanent Residents with long term U.S. visas (living and/or studying in U.S.)
- All participants must have their Birth Certificate or Passport copy with a current passport sized photo uploaded to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/utwRW8xFfNZU2dZvQx88> or emailed to Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org for age verification. Please upload your photo to your Club Locker account.



- Non- U.S. Citizens who are living in the U.S. are responsible for uploading to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/utwRW8xFfNZU2dZvQx88> or emailing to Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org a copy of their current U.S. Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) and/or long-term U.S. visa (more than 1 year) to show that they are legally residing in the U.S
- **Players who are age 18 on November 28, 2021, the last day of the tournament, must have completed the SafeSport training at Safe Sport and passed the NCSI background check prior to coming to the event.** See usabadminton.org for details.

Other Criteria

- All players competing in USAB Sanctioned Junior Tournaments are responsible for notifying the USAB National Office and the Tournament Director of any tournament or other event in which they may have represented a foreign country or countries. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the player being disqualified from this and all USAB Sanctioned Tournaments.

13. Entry & Deadline

- Entries must be made online at www.tournamentsoftware.com and full payment must be received through PayPal by **Friday, November 12, 2021 11:59 AM PDT** (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 [Club Locker](#). 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 Northeast Region IBC ORC on tournamentsoftware.com as soon as possible so that if technical issues come up, there will be enough time to resolve 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
 - The player has paid all the entry fees by **November 12, 2021 11:59 AM PDT** (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".

14. Withdrawals / Cancellations

On Time Withdrawals (Withdrawal by entry deadline)

- Players who withdraw on www.tournamentsoftware.com by the entry deadline **November 12, 2021 11:59 AM PDT** (One minute BEFORE NOON) will have their entry fees refunded. The following persons must be notified of the withdrawal by email:
 - Tournament Director: Ronnie Yin – Email: ibcusa@yahoo.com
 - and*
 - Tournament Referee: Beth Sopka – Email: BSopkaReferee@gmail.com

Late Withdrawals (Withdrawal after entry deadline)

- For withdrawals made after the entry deadline **November 12, 2021 11:59 AM PDT** (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:
 - Tournament Director: Ronnie Yin – Email: ibcusa@yahoo.com
 - and*
 - Tournament Referee: Beth Sopka – Email: BSopkaReferee@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.

15. Draw & Seeding

Seeding will be done per the Junior Rankings as of Week 11 2020 even if the rankings are incomplete or contain errors. The draw will be conducted by the Referee or by his/her designee.

16. Schedule

Date	Time	Tournament Phase	Events
Friday November 26, 2021	3:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All
Saturday November 27, 2021	9:00 am – 8:30 pm	Tournament Play	All
Sunday November 28, 2021	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Tournament Play	All

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

17. 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-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 a withdrawal occurs after **November 12, 2021 11:59 AM PDT** (One minute BEFORE NOON) and is not accompanied by a signed medical certificate.
- The Tournament Processing Fee is non-refundable nor are any payment processing fees.
- The tournament organizers in consultation with the JAG, TOAG, and USAB reserve the right to change any of the above conditions.

18. Shuttlecocks

- YONEX Aeroclear 30 is the official shuttlecock.

19. 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
- Players may arrange for an adult to substitute for them to line judge, but it is the *player's responsibility* to arrange substitution.
- Any adult (18 years or older by tournament end date, November 28, 2021) who might substitute or volunteer to serve as line judge must register prior to the tournament start with the Tournament Director and provide documentation of current SafeSport training, background check and USAB membership.

20. 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](#) Online course and sent their certificate to USAB at ContactUs@usabadminton.org.
- Someone is not allowed to coach if they do 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](#)

21. Awards

- Medals shall be awarded to finalists and semi-finalists in each main-draw, and to all Consolation winners if consolation is played.

22. 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.

23. T-Shirts

- Each player who signs up will get a T-Shirt. Please ensure the correct size is entered at time of tournament entry.

24. Official Hotel

TBD

25. Contacts

Membership/Player Eligibility/Junior Ranking	USAB National Office	USAB Staff	ContactUs@usabadminton.org
Technical Issues	Club Locker	Rachel Bui	Rachel.bui@usabadminton.org
	Tournament Software registration & Paypal payment	Thai Pham	Thai.pham@usabadminton.org
Facilities, hotel etc.	International Badminton Center	Ronnie Yin	ibcusa@yahoo.com
Seeding, Draw, Schedule	Referee	Beth Sopka	BSopkaReferee@gmail.com
Technical Officials	Technical Officials Advisory Group (TOAG)	Phil Ayoung Chee	toag@usabadminton.org
Junior Tournaments	USAB National Office	USAB Staff	ContactUs@usabadminton.org
Coaching Pass	USAB National Office	USAB Staff	ContactUs@usabadminton.org

26. Covid-19 Basic Operational Safety Guidelines

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 Edison and Pine Brook, NJ 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.

25. Indemnity: USA Badminton Waiver & Release of Liability

Note: This form must be read and signed before the participant is permitted to take part in event sessions. By signing this agreement, the participant affirms having read it. By submitting the online entry for the 2021 Northeast Region IBC ORC, 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 Northeast Region IBC ORC Tournament under the auspices of USA Badminton and International Badminton Center, 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.
2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risk; both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releasees or others.
3. I willingly agree to comply with the 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, the committee, their respective sponsors, or the respective officers, directors, volunteers, staff, sponsors and/or agents of any of them (collectively, the "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. I give permission for emergency medical treatment to be administered as deemed appropriate. Included within the release above, I release and forever discharge the releasees from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first-aid treatment or other medical services rendered in connection with my participation.
4. I agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation 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.
5. I hereby grant to USA Badminton, its licensees and contractors, including photographers, all right, title and interest in and to any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings of whatever kind or type in any medium, made by or for USA Badminton during the event, including the right to film or videotape me during matches, narratives or personal interviews, or the right to comment thereon for any and all commercial, news or other purposes, together with the right to transfer or grant such rights to others, and to all royalties, proceeds and/or other benefits derived from such photographs and recordings, all without remuneration or compensation to me whatsoever.
6. I acknowledge that my participation may be conditioned upon my submission to drug testing and that the use of methods or substances prohibited by applicable anti-doping rules may subject me to penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification and suspension.

I have read this Release of Liability and Waiver Agreement, fully and understand the terms, understand that I have given up



substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement. And I further acknowledge by their presence that I am aware that DRUG TESTING may occur at this event.

Participant's Signature

Date of Signature

Participants Name (Printed)

USAB Membership #

USAB Membership Exp. Date

For Participants of Minority Age

This is to certify that I/We as parent(s)/ guardian(s) with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree not only to his/her release, but also for myself, ourselves and my/our child involvement as stated above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Parent(s)'s/ Guardian(s)'s Signature(s)

Date of Signature

