



2021-2022 USA BADMINTON
YONEX SPBA Midwest
OPEN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
May 28 – 30, 2022
Entry Deadline: **May 10, 2022, 11:59 am**
(ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON PDT)



1. National Organization

USA Badminton
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs CO 80909
www.usabadminton.org

2. Presented by

- YONEX
- Shannon Pohl Badminton Academy
- Midwest Badminton Association

3. Date

May 28 – May 30, 2022

4. Venue

Shannon Pohl Badminton Academy / Adversity Volleyball Center

710-720 Corporate Woods Parkway
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Website: www.shannonpohl.com

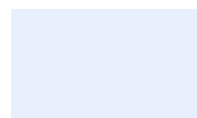
Tournament Website: <https://www.shannonpohl.com/spba-midwest-open-regional/>

Facebook Invite: <https://fb.me/e/3LT3Dwm0P>

Airport: O'Hare International Airport (ORD)

5. 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 12/31/2022.
 - UNDER-19 (born year 2004, 2005 and later)
 - UNDER-17 (born year 2006, 2007 and later)
 - UNDER-15 (born year 2008, 2009 and later)
 - UNDER-13 (born year 2010, 2011 and later)
 - UNDER-11 (born year 2012, 2013)
- **Consolation**
 - **Consolation for players who lose their first match will be run.**
 - **Consolation matches may be limited to one 21 or 31 point game. The consolation format will be determined by the Referee.**
 - **Umpires may not be provided.**



- Events that only have 1 or 2 players/pairs will be combined with the next age group up 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.
- Players may enter a maximum of 3 events consisting of 1 Singles event, 1 Doubles event, and 1 Mixed Doubles event. For all tournaments, the 3 events entered may only span 2 age groups *e.g.*, U13 GS – U15 GD – U15 MX is acceptable, but U13 GS – U15 GD – U17 MX is not acceptable. However, points accrued playing in an older age group cannot be applied in the younger age group where the player competes.

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 April 1, 2022 or an updated ranking as of May 1, 2022, if available, even if the rankings are incomplete or contain errors. Players on the reserve list will be informed by May 19, 2022.

7. Tournament Director

- Tournament Director: Shannon Pohl Mitchell - Email: badminton@shannonpohl.com

8. Referee

- Referee: Diane Peng - Email: dianepeng@yahoo.com
- Deputy Referee: Ian Counter - Email: icounter@gmail.com

9. Entry Fees and Refund

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

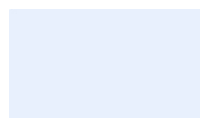
Additional fee: \$10 Technical Official/Admin fee per person. Must be paid with your entry fees on www.tournamentsoftware.com. This fee is refundable when a refund is issued for all events.

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 has been fully paid. No refund after the entry deadline of May 10, 2022 11:59 AM PDT (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON).

Refunds will be processed via PayPal.

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 can only register in 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 the tournaments that they have signed up for. Their entry fees will NOT be refunded.
- Neither USAB, nor the host will be responsible if players are disqualified because of signing up for multiple tournaments having overlapping days.



11. Key Dates

May 10, 2022	Current ID documents (Passport ID page, Permanent Resident Card, long term visa <i>etc.</i>) should be uploaded to https://www.dropbox.com/request/BhF2ObU2mx9KhNYgxrwT or emailed to Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org this date.
May 10, 2022	Entry must be made online at www.tournamentsoftware.com and paid via PayPal link as published on the event, by 11:59 AM (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) PDT. LATE ENTRIES, any other forms of entry and payment WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
May 10, 2022	Withdrawals by entry deadline May 10, 2022 11:59 AM (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) PDT will have entry fees refunded. However, processing fees by PayPal are non-refundable
May 10, 2022	Coaching credentials application must be applied by this deadline. Any coaching pass submissions past this date will be subject to a late fee. <u>See Section 20 for more details.</u> Click this link for more information: https://usabadminton.org/coaching/
May 19, 2022	Players on the reserve list will be informed
May 24, 2022	Draws posted by this date on www.tournamentsoftware.com

12. Eligibility

- Participation in the 2022 YONEX SPBA Midwest 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 USAB at ContactUs@usabadminton.org if guidance is needed on player eligibility, especially players with foreign passports.

Who Can Compete

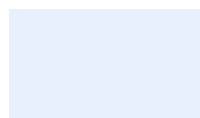
- U.S. citizens living in the U.S. and outside the U.S
- Non-U.S. Citizens
 - a) U.S. Permanent Residents (Green Card holders) living in the U.S.
 - b) Non-U.S. Permanent Residents with long term U.S. visas (living and/or studying in U.S.)
- All participants should have their Birth Certificate or Passport copy and a current passport sized photo uploaded to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/BhF2ObU2mx9KhNYgxrwT> or sent 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/BhF2ObU2mx9KhNYgxrwT> 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 turning 18 before the end of the tournament must complete the SafeSport training at [Safe Sports](https://www.safesports.org) and background check prior to coming to the event. See usabadminton.org/membership/join-or-renew for more details.**

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 or countries. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the player being disqualified from USAB Sanctioned Tournaments.

13. Entry & Deadline

- Entries must be made online at www.tournamentsoftware.com and full payment must be made through PayPal by Tuesday May 10, 2022 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 2022 YONEX SPBA Midwest ORC on tournamentsoftware.com 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
- The player has paid all the entry fees by May 10, 2022 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 May 10, 2022 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: Shannon Pohl Mitchell – Email: badminton@shannonpohl.com
 - Referee: Diane Peng – Email: dianepeng@yahoo.com

Late Withdrawals (Withdrawal after entry deadline)

- For withdrawals made after the entry deadline May 10, 2022 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: Shannon Pohl Mitchell – Email: badminton@shannonpohl.com
 - Referee: Diane Peng – Email: dianepeng@yahoo.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 April 1, 2022 or an updated ranking as of May 1, 2022, if available, even if the rankings are incomplete or contain errors. The draw will be conducted by the Referee or by his/her designee.

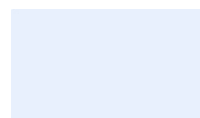
16. Schedule

Date	Time	Tournament Phase	Events
Saturday May 28, 2022	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All
Sunday May 29, 2022	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All
Monday May 30, 2022	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

- Tournament grade shuttles will be used throughout the tournament.
- Matches will be the best of 3 games to 21 points in rally-scoring format. (See Section 5 for more details).
- 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 May 10, 2022 11:59 AM PDT (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) and is not accompanied by a medical certificate.
- The Tournament Processing Fee is non-refundable.
- 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 of the 2022 YONEX SPBA Midwest ORC.

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 in their line judging duty. It is the player's responsibility to arrange for any such substitution.
- Any adult (over 18 years old by tournament ends) plans to substitute for line judge must register prior to the tournament start through registration form provided by tournament organizer (<https://form.jotform.com/211716316497055>).

20. Coaching Pass (Credentials)

- USAB only recognizes coaches certified through our USAB/BWF coaching pathway. At USAB sanctioned tournaments, it is mandatory that all coaches have current Coaching Passes, issued annually by USAB.
- **Coaching Pass applications for this tournament must be submitted by May 10, 2022 11:59 AM PDT (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) to be considered timely.** A timely Coaching Pass application consists of:
 - BWF-1 online component course certificate of completion (sent to CoachingPass@usabadminton.org)
 - Active, unexpired USAB membership
 - Current, unexpired SafeSport training (must do a refresher course 1 year after previous completion date)
 - Current, unexpired background check cleared by May 10, 2022 (good for two years after original clear date)
 - Signed Coaching Code of Conduct (link in Coaching Pass Application Jotform)
 - Submitted Coaching Pass Application at <https://form.jotform.com/210945905069158>
 - Passport-style photo uploaded to Club Locker for the Coaching Pass
- **Coaching Pass applications for this tournament submitted after the deadline (May 10, 2022) will be subject to a \$200 late fee.** Late applications will be processed up until 5 days prior to the tournament start. An application submitted 3 days before the tournament must have all the requirements of the application completed. If the background check is not already cleared by that date, the Coaching Pass will not be able to be processed late.
- Only certified BWF/USAB coaches with a valid Coaching Pass will be allowed to coach and sit on the coaches' chair. Someone without a valid Coaching Pass for the 2021-2022 season will not be allowed to coach at the event.
 - Only 2 coaches per side are allowed on court during a match
 - Persons not sitting in the coaches' chair are not allowed to coach during a match.
 - Coaches MUST visibly wear the approved USAB Coaching Pass at all times.
 - The Coaching Pass CANNOT be shared with others. Anyone caught sharing the Coaching Pass and/or using a fake Coaching Pass will have their Coaching Pass confiscated by the tournament referee or technical officials.

For more information on how to become a coach, please go to <https://usabadminton.org/coaching/>.

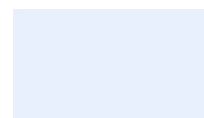
21. Awards

Medals and patches 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 you provide the correct size.

24. Official Hotel

SpringHill Suites Lincolnshire:

- Sleeping rooms for the room block are \$109 for a king room or \$119 double/double room.
- Breakfast is included in this room rate
- Both King and Double rooms have an additional cost
- Rooms are ready to be reserved by calling direct to 847-793-7500 or to reservations at 1(888)-287-9400 and referencing the Midwest Open Regional Room Block
- Reservations for the group rate must be made prior to May 3, 2022! Book now! Last year sold out!
- Guests can also book online:
[Book your group rate for Midwest Open Regional Badminton Championship at SpringHill Suites](#)

Courtyard Lincolnshire:

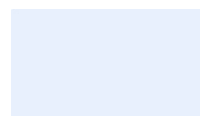
- Sleeping rooms for the room block are \$109 for a king room or \$109 a queen/queen room.
- Breakfast is included in this room rate
- King rooms have an additional cost
- Rooms are ready to be reserved by calling direct to 847-634-9555 or to reservations at 800.321.2211 and referencing the Midwest Open Regional Room Block
- Reservations for the group rate must be made prior to May 3, 2022! Book now! Last year sold out!
- Guests can also book online:
[Book your group rate for Midwest Open Regional Badminton Championship at Courtyard Lincolnshire](#)

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
	Tournamentsoftware registration & PayPal payment	Thai Pham	Thai.pham@usabadminton.org
Facilities, hotel etc.	Tournament Director	Shannon Pohl Mitchell	badminton@shannonpohl.com
Seeding, Draw, Schedule	Referee	Diane Peng	dianepeng@yahoo.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	CoachingPass@usabadminton.org

26. Covid-19 Basic Operational Safety Guidelines

1. All persons are recommended to wear face-coverings at all times unless actually engaged in warm-up or competition. This includes all officials, umpires, and volunteers.
2. NOTE: Although it is not currently the case, it is possible that Vernon Hills, IL 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.
3. All persons must undergo any required health-related testing, if there are mandatory requirements, prior to entering the facility, including temperature checks.
4. All persons experiencing physical symptoms possibly related to COVID-19, including coughing or fever, are prohibited from entering the competition venue.



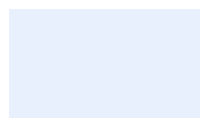
5. All persons are recommended to maintain appropriate social distancing at all times when inside the competition venue.
6. No more than eight persons [other than officials] are permitted at any court in preparation for competition or actual competition play at any time.
7. Participants are required to observe and follow all routing instructions within the competition venue.
8. Participants are not permitted to be closer than six feet to the Tournament Director's work area.
9. No shaking of hands after matches.
10. Participants are required to follow all rules related to usage of shuttlecocks and care and cleaning of courts.
11. No outside 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.
13. In the event that COVID rules are reimplemented prior to the event, all participants are required to follow COVID regulations which may include temperature checks, wearing face-coverings at all times, even when engaged in actual competition, limited spectators, and more.

27. 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 2022 YONEX SPBA Midwest 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 2022 YONEX SPBA Midwest ORC Tournament under the auspices of USA Badminton and Shannon Pohl Badminton Academy & Adversity Volleyball 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.
7. I accept and will follow all local directives and procedures established for the event including usage of documents for court



entry that may be required locally in response to Covid-19 and/or USOPC's SafeSport regulations, and I acknowledge that violating these may result in my exclusion from the venue as decided by the Tournament Referee.

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

