

2023 USA BADMINTON PARA NATIONALS

TOURNAMENT DATES: December 30, 2023

ENTRY DEADLINE: December 20, 2023



TRIANGLE
BADMINTON & TABLE TENNIS

1. National Organization	USA Badminton 1 Olympic Plaza Colorado Springs, CO 80909, USA Phone: 714-602-1691 www.usabadminton.org				
2. Presented by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USA Badminton Triangle Badminton & Table Tennis 				
3. Date	December 30, 2023				
4. Venue Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name: Triangle Badminton & Table Tennis <p>Address: 2900 Perimeter Park Dr, #200 Morrisville, NC 27560 Phone: (919.388.0272) Website: https://trianglebtt.com</p> <p>Nearest Airport: Raleigh-Durham International Airport</p>				
5. Referee & Deputy Referee	<p>Referee Name: Thomas Shek Email: tshek.ilc@gmail.com</p> <p>Deputy Referee Name: Ian Counter Email: icounter@gmail.com</p>				
6. Tournament Director	Name: Mohammed Khan Email: mkhan56859@gmail.com				
7. Events	Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles				
8. Entry Fees	<p>Entries and payments are only accepted via http://www.tournamentsoftware.com</p> <p>Event entry fee: \$10 for 3 events. Additional fees: \$10 Technical Official/Admin fee per person. Must be paid with your entry fees on www.tournamentsoftware.com.</p> <p>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 December 20, 2023 11:59 AM PST (one minute BEFORE NOON).</p>				
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December 20, 2023	Withdrawals submitted by entry deadline December 20, 2023 11:59 AM (one minute BEFORE NOON) PST are eligible for refund (see section above). Note, processing fees by PayPal & \$5 administration fee are non-refundable.
December 20, 2023	Coaching credentials application must be applied for by this deadline. Click this link for more information: https://usabadminton.org/coaching/
TBA	Open draw by TOAG, available by Zoom meeting.
December 26, 2023	Draws will be posted on or before this date on www.tournamentsoftware.com

10. Eligibility

- Only U.S. citizens may participate.
- Only current USAB Members in good standing may participate.
- All participants must have their Birth Certificate or Passport copy and class documentation uploaded to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/zxcwYkWFcnXzANqOwZp0> or emailed to Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org for verification. Please upload your photo to your Club Locker account.

Note: Players who cannot demonstrate eligibility prior to the draw publish date of the tournament may be disqualified by the Referee. No refunds will be given if a player is deemed to be ineligible.

11. Classes of Events

Athletes are qualified into “Sport Classes” to ensure fairness in competition. In Para badminton there are six Sport Classes.

Wheelchair 1 (WH 1):

Players in this class require a wheelchair to play badminton. Players in this Sport Class usually have impairment in both lower limbs and trunk function.

Wheelchair 2 (WH 2):

A player in this class could have impairment in one or both lower limbs and minimal or no impairment of the trunk. Players are required to play on a wheelchair in this class.

Standing Lower (SL 3):

IN this class a player must play standing. The player could have impairment in one or both lower limbs and poor walking/running balance.

Standing Lower (SL 4):

A second standing class where the player has a lesser impairment compared to Sport Class SL 3. The player could have impairment in one or both lower limbs and minimal impairment in walking/running balance.

Standing Upper (SU 5):

The players in this class have impairment of the upper limbs. The impairment could be on the playing or non-playing hand.

Short Stature (SH 6):

These are players who have a short stature due to a genetic condition often referred to as “dwarfism”.

You must be able to show documentation with entry that you fit into one of these classes.

12. Entry & Deadline

- Entries must be made online at www.tournamentsoftware.com and full payment must be received through PayPal by Saturday, December 20, 2023 11:59 AM PST (One minute BEFORE **NOON**).
- **LATE ENTRIES and other forms of entry WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- Tournament Documents (copy of passport and/or birth certificate, and class documentation) and passport photo must be uploaded to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/zxcwYkWFcnXzANqOwZp0> or emailed to Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org by December 20, 2023 11:59 AM PST (One minute BEFORE **NOON**).

- 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.
- **Important:** Do **NOT** wait till the last minute. Sign up on [tournamentsoftware.com](#) as soon as possible so that if technical issues come up, there will be enough time to resolve them.

Valid Entry

- The player is signed up through [www.tournamentsoftware.com](#).
- The player has paid all the entry fees by December 20, 2023 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”.
- Required documents (copy of passport and/or birth certificate) and passport photo submitted by December 20, 2023 11:59 AM PST (One minute BEFORE **NOON**).
- A completed and signed USAB Waiver & Release of Liability Form (on JotForm or TournamentSoftware) has been submitted.
 - An additional waiver for parents/guardians of minor athletes will be sent out after the entry deadline.

13. Withdrawals & Refunds

- For all withdrawals (Before or after the entry deadline), the following persons must be notified of the withdrawal by email:
 1. Tournament Director: Mohammed Khan – Email: mkhan56859@gmail.com
 2. Tournament Referee: Thomas Shek – Email: tshek.ilc@gmail.com
 3. Tournament Deputy Referee: Ian Counter – Email: icounter@gmail.com
- Players who withdraw before the entry deadline of December 20, 2023 11:59 AM PST (one minute BEFORE **NOON**) will have their entry fees refunded, minus the \$5 Admin fee.
- Refunds will be processed via PayPal; all PayPal processing fees are non-refundable.
- After the entry deadline there will be no refunds for withdrawals.

Event or Tournament Cancellation

- If an individual event(s) 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.
- Events with fewer than 3 entries will be cancelled. Depending on number of entries, events may be combined.
- The refund will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director and/or USAB.

14. Draw & Seeding

- The Para Nationals will follow USA Badminton Tournament Regulations.
- Seeding will be done per the BWF Para Badminton Rankings as of 12/19/2023 or the latest rankings, even if the rankings are incomplete or contain errors and as needed, BWF rankings.
- Main rounds and feed-in consolation rounds or pool play as based on number of entries.
 - A feed-in consolation draw through quarterfinals will be used in accordance with USA Badminton Tournament Regulations. Alternatively, pool play may be used based on number of entries.
- The draw will be conducted by the Referee or TOAG designee.

15. Schedule

Players must be available for all playing hours on each day. Draws and match times will be posted on [www.tournamentsoftware.com](#). It is the responsibility of each player to find out the time of his/her first match.

DAY/DATE	TIME	PHASE
Saturday, December 30	9.00 AM – 8:00 PM	Tournament Play (All Events)

16. Conditions of Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
17. Coaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • <u>Coaching Pass applications for this tournament must be submitted by December 20, 2023 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) to be considered timely.</u> A timely Coaching Pass application consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 December 20, 2023 (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/231104952367151 ○ Passport-style photo uploaded to Club Locker for the Coaching Pass • <u>Coaching Pass applications for this tournament submitted after the deadline (December 20, 2023) will be subject to a \$200 late fee.</u> 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 2023-2024 season will not be allowed to coach at the event. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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/.
18. Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medals shall be awarded to first, second, and third-place finishers of the event.
19. Medical Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
20. Covid-19 Basic Operational Safety Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All persons experiencing physical symptoms possibly related to COVID-19, including coughing or fever, are prohibited from entering the competition venue. • Participants are required to observe and follow all routing instructions within the venue. • No food is allowed inside the competition venue. • If new COVID restrictions are imposed in the location of the venue, the restrictions will be followed • In the event of event cancellation due to COVID-19 restrictions being extended or introduced, then a refund of entry fees will be made to the players.

21. Official Hotel	<p>Four Points by Sheraton</p> <p>1200 Claren Circle Morrisville, NC 27560</p> <p>https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1641498628487&key=CORP&app=resvlink</p>																																	
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