

	<p>2024 EGRET CHICAGO CHAMPIONSHIP</p> <p>4-STAR USAB National Ranking Tournament (for Open Events)</p> <p>Tournament Dates: September 20-22, 2024 Entry Deadline: September 13th, 2024 11:59PM PDT</p>	
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Please Note: Only Open Events are Sanctioned by USA Badminton

1. National Organization

USA Badminton
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Phone: 714-602-1691
www.usabadminton.org

2. Presented by

EGRET Badminton Club
Zuwa Tax Consulting
Puccini Natural Stone

3. Date

September 20th - September 22nd, 2024

4. Venue

Egret Badminton Club
1251 Basswood Rd, Schaumburg, IL, 60173
Website: badmintontrainingcenter.com
Airport: Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD)

5. Events

USAB Sanctioned Event:

Open Men’s Singles, Open Women’s Singles, Open Men’s Doubles, Open Women’s Doubles, Open Mixed Doubles

- Entry Link: www.tournamentsoftware.com

Non-Sanctioned Events:

ABCD Men’s Singles, ABCD Women’s Singles, ABCD Men’s Doubles, ABCD Women’s Doubles, ABCD Mixed Doubles

- ABCD events may be capped at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Entries would be accepted by timestamp. Doubles entries are considered complete when both players sign up.



6. Tournament Director

Tournament Director: Kyle Chua - Email: Chuakhekwei@gmail.com

7. Referee

Referee: Diane Peng – Email: dianepeng@gmail.com

8. Entry Fees

- Sanctioned Open Events entry fee: \$70 for 1st event, \$50 for additional events.
 - A \$10 of Technical Official Fee need to be paid when sign-up for sanctioned OPEN events
- Non-Sanctioned ABCD Event entry fee: \$45/\$90/\$120 (1 event/2 events/3 events)

9. Eligibility

Participation in the 2024 Egret Chicago Championship is open to any player.

Players participating in the **sanctioned Open events** must be members of U.S.A. Badminton or of their national badminton association and in good standing, and may be required to show proof of their current membership. Non-members will be required to join U.S.A. Badminton at the Registration desk (\$40).

10. Key Dates

September 13, 2024	Entry must be made online at www.tournamentsoftware.com and paid via PayPal link as published on the event, by 11:59 PM PDT. Late entries will not be accepted. Other forms of entry and payment will not be accepted.
September 13, 2024	Withdrawals submitted by entry deadline <i>Sep 13, 2024 11:59 PM PDT</i> are eligible for refund (see section above). Note, processing fees by PayPal & \$5 administration fee are non-refundable
September 13, 2024	Coaching credentials application must be applied for by this deadline. Click this link for more information: https://usabadminton.org/coaching/
September 17, 2024	Draws will be posted on or before this date on www.tournamentsoftware.com
September 18, 2024	First round matches schedule will be posted on this date on www.tournamentsoftware.com

11. Withdrawals & Refunds

- For sanctioned OPEN events withdrawals (Before or after the entry deadline), the following persons must be notified of the withdrawal by email:
 - Tournament Director: Kyle Chua - Email: Chuakhekwei@gmail.com
 - Tournament Referee: Diane Peng – Email: dianepeng@gmail.com
- Players who withdraw before the entry deadline of *September 13, 2024 11:59 PM PDT* will have their entry fees refunded, minus the \$5 Admin fee. After the entry deadline there will be no refunds for withdrawals.
- Refunds will be processed via PayPal; all PayPal processing fees are non-refundable.
- 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.
- The refund will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director.

12. Schedule of Play (Tentative)

It is the intent that all events will start on the first day. 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.

Friday, September 20th	4PM-11PM	OPEN matches up to Quarter Finals. ABCD Singles up to Round 16 or Quarter Finals
Saturday, September 21st	9AM-11PM	OPEN QFs (11AM) and Semis (5PM). ABCD Men's & Women's Doubles Events up to Semis.
Sunday, September 22nd	9AM-6PM	OPEN Finals starting at 11AM. ABCD Mixed Doubles Events. Semis/Finals for all other events.

13. Regulations

- The 2024 Egret Chicago Championship will follow USA Badminton and BWF Tournament Regulations.
- An event should have at least 4 entries to be conducted.
- We have the right to alter your events if we feel like you do not fit in the appropriate flights.
- Seedings and draws for Sanctioned Open events will be handled by the Referee or USAB TOAG designee.
 - Seeding will be done per BWF rankings and as needed, the last published USAB Adult Rankings on September 15, 2024, even if the rankings are incomplete or contain errors.
- For sanctioned Open events, Fixed Service Height Device will not be used. Alternative Service Laws will apply
- The Tournament Committee and Referee reserves the right to change and/or add to the above regulations.

14. Conditions of Play

- YONEX tournament grade Aerosensa 50 shuttles will be used throughout the tournament.
- Matches will be the best of 3 games to 21 points in rally-scoring format for Sanctioned Open events.
- A player not ready to play 10 minutes after his/her match is called is subject to be defaulted.
- Acceptable badminton clothing must be worn by players and coaches during a match. Doubles partners are encouraged to wear matching colors.
- There will be **NO CONSOLATION** for OPEN events.

15. Awards/Prize Purse

Total \$16,000 prize purse will be allocated to all OPEN event Winners, Runner-Ups and Semi Finalists. Distribution of prize purse will be dependent on draw size.



16. Official Hotel

N/A

17. T-Shirts

Each player who signs up will get a T-Shirt. Please ensure you provide the correct size.

18. Coaching

- 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 Sep 13, 2024 11:59 PM PDT 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 Sep 13, 2024 (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/221360192360143>
 - Passport-style photo uploaded to Club Locker for the Coaching Pass
- Coaching Pass applications for this tournament submitted after the deadline (Sep 13, 2024) 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 2024-2025 season will not be allowed to coach at the event.
 - 2 coaches per side is 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/>.

19. Contacts

Membership/Ranking	USAB National Office	USAB Staff	ContactUs@usabadminton.org
Technical Issues	Club Locker	Rachel Bui	Rachel.bui@usabadminton.org
Facilities/Hotel, etc.	Egret Badminton Club	Kyle Chua	Chuakhekwei@gmail.com
Seeding/Draw/Schedule	USAB/Referee	Diane Peng	dianepeng@gmail.com
Technical Officials	TOAG	Phillip Ayoung-Chee	toag@usabadminton.org
Adult Tournaments	USAB National Office	USAB Staff	ContactUs@usabadminton.org

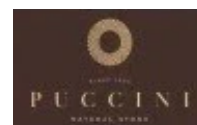


20. Indemnity: USA Badminton Waiver & Release of Liability

Note: This section must be read and acknowledged at the time of registering for the 2024 Egret Chicago Championship. By submitting the online entry for the 2024 Egret Chicago Championship, 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 2024 Egret Chicago Championship under the auspices of USA Badminton and Egret Badminton Club, 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.
8. I consent to my child receiving treatment from the AT/PT. Any treatment will be rendered in an observable, interruptible manner or a minimum of two adults will be present.
9. I give my express written permission for myself or my child to participate in the tournament and agree to follow the rules of the event. If I am signing and submitting this consent electronically, I acknowledge that my electronic signature shall have the same validity, force and effect as if I signed this consent by hand.

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE

By allowing participation in the 2024 Egret Chicago 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. Parents/guardians of minor athletes must sign a waiver acknowledging that there are adult athletes participating in the event who may not have been SafeSport trained or background checked.

An additional waiver for parents/guardians of minor athletes will be sent out after the entry deadline.

