



**2025 USA BADMINTON
COLLEGIATE NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS
SELECTION EVENT FOR WORLD
UNIVERSITY GAMES**



**March 7, 2025 – March 9, 2025
Entry Deadline: February 20, 2025,
11:59 AM (ONE MINUTE BEFORE
NOON PST)**

The Collegiate National Championships will consist of Individual events only and will be the Selection Event for the World University Games (WUG) to be held July 16- July 27, 2025 in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany. The anticipated team size is expected to be six (6) men and six (6) women (may be reduced by the organizer). If the team size is reduced, USAB will give priority to the winners. There are additional positions for four staff who will accompany the U.S. Team to Germany. Participants in the 2025 Collegiate National Championships must be U.S. Citizens as only U.S. Citizens may participate on the U.S. World University Games Team.

In the event of unforeseeable situations, USA Badminton may make changes to the Collegiate Selection Event and its prospectus at its discretion.

1. National Organization

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

2. Presented by

- USA Badminton
- Midwest Badminton Club
- Yonex

3. Date

March 7 – March 9, 2025
Main Rounds and feed-in consolation rounds or pool play as based on number of entries

4. Venue

Midwest Badminton Club
8202 Lemont Rd, Woodridge, IL 60517
<https://mbadminton.com/>

5. Airports

- O'Hare International Airport
- Midway International Airport

No shuttle service will be provided for participants from the airport.



6. Events

- Categories: Men’s Singles, Women’s Singles, Men’s Doubles, Women’s Doubles and Mixed Doubles
- A feed-in consolation draw through the quarterfinals will be used in accordance with USA Badminton Tournament Regulations. Alternatively, Pool play may be used based on number of entries.

7. Entry Eligibility

Participation in the 2025 Collegiate National Championships is open to athletes who meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a U.S. Citizen and able to obtain a U.S. passport. The passport must be valid six months beyond the Closing Ceremonies of the Games.
2. Birthdate between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2007.
3. Have taken at least 3-credit course towards a degree or diploma at an accredited college or university within the last year of the Games. Incoming freshman and transfers are usually eligible. The standard is that the athlete must be “progressing towards a degree”; Those entering college just need to show that they are enrolled and have paid a deposit to attend. Athletes who have obtained a degree I the last year before the Games are eligible as well.

8. Tournament Director

Tournament Director: Heather Phelps – events@mbadminton.com

9. Referee

- Referee: Andrew Williams Email: 007jawilliams@gmail.com
- Deputy Referee: Kevin Yu Email: kevinyu2013@gmail.com

10. Entry Fees and Refund

USAB Ranking Tournament Fee and Refund			
Tournament	Max Event Per Player	Entry Fee	Refund (withdrawal by deadline)
SELECTION EVENT	1	\$210	\$205
	2	\$210	\$205
	3	\$270	\$265

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

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 February 20, 2025 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON). Refunds will be processed via PayPal.

11. Key Dates

February 20, 2025	U.S. Passport and proof of U.S. citizenship along with proof of at least one 3-credit course towards a degree or diploma at an accredited college or university within the last year before the Games, or enrollment and deposit proof for those entering college, should be uploaded to https://www.dropbox.com/request/MVJNBvqpvPI2fCk7lbbx or emailed to Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org this date.
February 20, 2025	Entry <i>must</i> 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. <i>Late entries will not be accepted. Other</i>

	<i>forms of entry and payment will not be accepted.</i>
February 20, 2025	Withdrawals submitted by entry deadline are eligible for refund (see section above). Note, processing fees by PayPal are non-refundable.
February 20, 2025	Coaching credentials application must be applied for by this deadline. Any Coaching Pass submissions past this date will be subject to a late fee. See Section 17 for more details. Click this link for more information – https://usabadminton.org/coaching
February 27, 2025	Draws will be posted on or before this date on www.tournamentsoftware.com

12. Eligibility – USAB Membership and Citizenship

Participation in the 2025 Collegiate National Championships is open to athletes who meet the following criteria:

- Athletes must be U.S. citizens and able to obtain a U.S. passport. The passport must be valid six months beyond the Closing Ceremonies of the Games.
- Birthdate between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2007.
- Participation in the 2025 U.S. Collegiate Selection Event is open to any member of USA Badminton in good standing.
- Have taken at least 3-credit course towards a degree or diploma at an accredited college or university within the last year of the Games. Incoming freshman and transfers are usually eligible. The standard is that the athlete must be “progressing towards a degree”; Those entering college just need to show that they are enrolled and have paid a deposit to attend. Athletes who have obtained a degree in the last year before the Games are eligible as well.
- Playing Experience: This U.S. Collegiate Selection Event should not be a player’s first tournament.
- **U.S. Passport and proof of U.S. citizenship along with proof of at least one 3-credit course towards a degree or diploma at an accredited college or university within the last year before the Games, or enrollment and deposit proof for those entering college, should be uploaded at <https://www.dropbox.com/request/MVJNBvqpvPI2fCk7lbbx> by February 20, 2025 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) or sent to Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org.**

Other Criteria

- Playing Experience: This U.S. Collegiate Selection Event should not be a player’s first tournament.
- All players competing in USAB Sanctioned Junior Tournaments/Selection Events 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 World University Games 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

6.3. A Player shall be qualified to represent a Member providing the Player is in good standing with that Member and satisfies Regulation 6.3.1:



6.3.1. Is eligible as follows: Has not represented any other Member for three years immediately preceding the date of the Tournament, and either:

- Holds a passport of a country whose territory the Member has jurisdiction over; or
- Holds a passport of a country, where such passport is the generally accepted passport of the territory the Member has jurisdiction over (e.g. Players from New Caledonia holding a French passport); or
- A Player who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as the Player may elect. However, after having represented one country the Player may not represent another country unless the Player meets the conditions set forth in Regulation 6.3.1 that apply to Players who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality; or
- Has been registered under that Member as a “Registered Player for Entry” (Member name shown for the Player on the World Ranking and/or World Junior Ranking) for a period of minimum 3 years immediately preceding the date of the Tournament.

World University Games

- Venue: Rhine-Ruhr, Germany (July 16 – July 27, 2025)
- We anticipate, based on the projected team size, that the winners of each event will be selected for the WUG Team. Pairs will be selected as a team. The runner-up in singles and mixed doubles will also be selected. If the winners of an event cannot go to WUG, the next top finisher in the event will be selected. If there are duplicate athletes (if one player earns a spot in more than one event) additional athletes will be selected as follows:
If one player (male or female) is selected in two events, the next singles player (male or female) will be selected. If one player (male or female) is selected in all three events, the doubles runner-up pair (male or female) will be selected. If two players are duplicates, the runner-up men’s or women’s doubles pair will be selected. After this, if another player is needed for the team, the next singles player will be selected. Alternatively, if two players are still needed for the team, the next men’s or women’s doubles pair will be selected. Finally, if three players are still needed for the team, the next singles player and next men’s or women’s doubles pair will be selected.
- We have been informed by FISU that the U.S. Team has been invited to compete in the Team event. The U.S. team for WUG will be composed of the individual players selected by the above criteria.

World University Games Mixed Team event:

A maximum of 1 team with a minimum of 2 men and 2 women and a maximum of 6 men and 6 women. A minimum of 3 men and 3 women is recommended in prevention for injuries.

Each tie is composed of:

- One Men’s Singles
- One Women’s Singles
- One Men’s Doubles
- One Women’s Doubles
- One Mixed Doubles

No player shall play in more than two matches of each tie. In group play, all five matches of each tie shall be played. In non-group play, each tie shall be stopped when the tie is decided.

- The World University Games in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany is a BWF sanctioned World Ranking event and participants will earn World Ranking points as a team tournament, please see BWF Statutes Section 5.3.3.1 World Ranking System Clause 7: [Team Tournament \(Championships\) point calculation / Continental Multi-Sports Games Team Tournaments \(Championships\).](#)
- All players and staff must self-fund all costs for the trip to Rhine-Ruhr, Germany. The fee per person to attend the event is \$3,345.00 plus airfare. The fee will need to be paid to USA Badminton by the given



deadline (deadline to be announced soon, will be before April 27, 2025).

- USAB reserves the right to modify this section.

Entry & Deadline

- Entries must be made online at www.tournamentsoftware.com and full payment must be made online through PayPal by Thursday, February 20, 2025 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 [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 for 2025 Collegiate 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
- The player has paid all the entry fees by February 20, 2025 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".

12. Withdrawals / Cancellations

On Time Withdrawals (Withdrawal by entry deadline)

- Players who withdraw on www.tournamentsoftware.com by the entry deadline February 20, 2025 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:

Tournament Director: Heather Phelps – events@mbadminton.com

Referee: Andrew Williams Email: 007jawilliams@gmail.com

Deputy Referee: Kevin Yu Email: kevinyu2013@gmail.com

Late Withdrawals (Withdrawal after entry deadline)

- Withdrawals after the entry deadline February 20, 2025 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) for any reason will not have the entry fees or tournament processing fees refunded.

The following persons must be notified of the withdrawal by email:

Tournament Director: Heather Phelps – events@mbadminton.com

Referee: Andrew Williams Email: 007jawilliams@gmail.com

Deputy Referee: Kevin Yu Email: kevinyu2013@gmail.com

Event or Tournament Cancellation

- If an individual event(s) *e.g.*, MS 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 10.
- The refund will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director and/or USAB.

13. Draw & Seeding



- The Draw for the tournament will be made according to USAB Tournament Regulations by the Referee or TOAG designee during the period of February 20-26, 2025.
- Seeding will be done per the USAB Adult Rankings as of December 31, 2024 or an updated ranking as of February 1, 2025 even if the rankings are incomplete or contain errors.
- A feed-in consolation draw through the quarterfinals will be used in accordance with USA Badminton Tournament Regulations. Alternatively, Pool play may be used based on number of entries.

14. Schedule

Day/Date	Time	Tournament Phase	Events
Friday, March 7, 2025	5:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Tournament Play	All Events
Saturday, March 8, 2025	9:00 AM – 9:00 PM	Tournament Play	All Events
Sunday, March 9, 2025	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Tournament Play	All Events

Schedule are tentative and subject to change based on number of entries. Check www.tournamentsoftware.com frequently for updates.

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

15. 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 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.
- The tournament organizers in consultation with TOAG, and USAB reserve the right to change any of the above conditions.

16. Shuttlecocks

- Tournament grade shuttles will be used.

17. Coaching & 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 February 20, 2025 11:59 AM PST (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 March 7, 2025 (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 (February 20, 2025) 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 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

Medals shall be awarded to first, second, and third-place finishers of the event

19. 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.

20. Official Hotel

21. Contacts

Membership/Player Eligibility/Ranking	USAB National Office	USAB Staff	ContactUs@usabadminton.org
Technical Issues	Club Locker	Rachel Bui	Rachel.bui@usabadminton.org
	Tournamentssoftware registration & payments	Trenton Szeto	Trenton.szeto@usabadminton.org
Tournament (General questions, Facilities, hotel etc.)	Tournament Director	Heather Phelps	events@mbadminton.com
Seeding, Draw, Schedule	Referee	Andrew Williams	007jawilliams@gmail.com
Technical Officials	Technical Officials Advisory Group (TOAG)	Phil Ayoung-Chee	toag@usabadminton.org
Collegiate Tournaments	USAB National Office	USAB Staff	ContactUs@usabadminton.org
Coaching Pass	USAB National Office	USAB Staff	ContactUs@usabadminton.org

22. Covid-19 Basic Operational Safety Guidelines

1. It is recommended to wear face-coverings at all times unless actually engaged in warm-up or competition. This includes all officials, umpires, and volunteers.

NOTE: Although it is not currently the case, it is possible that Woodridge, 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. Failure to wear face-coverings will result in immediate removal from the playing venue and automatic disqualification.

2. All persons experiencing physical symptoms possibly related to COVID-19, including coughing or fever, are prohibited from entering the competition venue.
3. Participants are required to observe and follow all routing instructions within the competition venue.
4. Participants are not permitted to be closer than six feet to the Tournament Director's work area.
5. No food is allowed inside the competition venue.
6. 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.

23. Indemnity: USA Badminton Waiver & Release of Liability

Please read and complete here: <https://form.jotform.com/91256509135154>