



USA BADMINTON
SELECTION EVENT
FOR JUNIOR PAN AMERICAN GAMES
ASUNCION 2025
February 28 – March 2, 2025
Entry Deadline: February 18, 2025, 11:59 AM
PST



This tournament will be the selection event for the Under-23 Junior Pan American Games in Asuncion, Paraguay from August 9 – 23, 2025. In the event of unforeseeable situations, USA Badminton may modify changes to the Selection event for Junior Pan American Games and its prospectus at its discretion.

Please check frequently at www.tournamentsoftware.com and/or tournament desk for updates.

1. National Organization

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

2. Presented by

- USA Badminton
- Midwest Badminton Club
- YONEX (equipment sponsor)

3. Date

Friday February 28 – Sunday March 2, 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. Airport

- O'Hare International Airport
- Midway International Airport

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

6. Events

- Categories: Boy's Singles, Girl's Singles, and Mixed Doubles.
- All the participating athletes should be Under 23 (athletes born in 2003), athletes may be up to 22 years old by December 31st, 2025.
- A feed-in consolation draw through the quarter finals will be used in accordance with USA Badminton Tournament Regulations. Pool play may be used based on number of entries.
- USAB reserves the right not to accept signed up players who do not meet the age criteria.
- Matches are best of three games to 21 points.
- 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.

7. Tournament Director

- Tournament Director: Heather Phelps - Email: events@mbadminton.com

8. Referee

- Referee: Diane Peng - Email: dianepeng@yahoo.com
- Deputy Referee: Jim Greenlees - Email: jimg1940@aol.com

9. Entry Fees and Refund

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

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 and Technical Official/Admin fee 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 18, 2025, 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON).

Refunds will be processed via Paypal.

10. Key Dates

February 18, 2025	Deadline for submission of documentation showing proof of player's US citizenship (passport copy and/or birth certificate, & passport photo to https://www.dropbox.com/request/JWqVUtnSD3pEnIjBkHyG)
February 18, 2025	Entry deadline. Entry must be made online at www.tournamentsoftware.com by February 18, 2025, 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON).
February 1, 2025	Junior Rankings date for Main Draw

February 20, 2025	Accepted entries for each event published on www.tournamentsoftware.com Seeding for each event published on www.tournamentsoftware.com
TBA	Draw by Referee, TOAG or designee.
By February 25, 2025	Draws posted on www.tournamentsoftware.com
By February 27, 2025	Match schedule published on www.tournamentsoftware.com

11. Eligibility – USAB Membership and Citizenship

- Athletes must be U.S. citizens at the time of signing up for the JPAG Selection Event.
- Participation in the JPAG Selection Event is open to any member of USA Badminton in good standing.
- Playing Experience: JPAG Selection Event should not be a player’s first tournament.
- Parents are responsible to provide proof of U.S. citizenship for the child/children by uploading **Tournament Documents (copy of passport and/or birth certificate and or any other document accepted by USAB) and passport photo (not less than 150kb) at <https://www.dropbox.com/request/JWqVUtnSD3pEnIjBKHyG> by February 18, 2025 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON).**
- **Players who are 18 years old must complete the SafeSport training and background check prior to coming to the event.**

Other Criteria

- 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 Junior Pan Am 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.

Junior Pan Am Games Asuncion 2025

- Venue: National Sports Secretariat (SND)
- Dates: August 9 – 23, 2025
- Quota spots: 1 Boy's Singles, 1 Girl's Singles, 1 Mixed Doubles pair (2 male, 2 female)
- Allotted spots for USA are subject to change per Badminton Pan Am and Pan Am Sports.
- The winners of each event will be selected. If the same player wins both Singles and Mixed Doubles, the Singles runner-up will be selected. Then the 3rd place and the 4th place.
- If the athlete is selected for the JPAG, the parent will ensure that the athlete will abide by the team regulations including attending team training, staying at the office hotel during the JPAG and meeting deadlines for documents sent by the USAB National Office and Team Managers.
- USAB reserves the right to modify this section as we are waiting for information from Badminton Pan Am Confederation, Pan Am Sports, USOPC, and BWF.
- More information can be found here:
 - [2025 Junior Pan Am Games \(JPAG\) - Badminton](#)

12. Entry & Deadline

- Entries must be made online at www.tournamentsoftware.com and full payment must be made online through Paypal by Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON)
- Tournament Documents (copy of passport and/or birth certificate) and passport photo (not less than 150kb) must be sent to USA Badminton **by February 18, 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 usabadminton.clublocker.com
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 the JPAG Selection Event 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 18, 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 events not paid for will be cancelled. A player will only be permitted to play in accepted entries that has been fully paid.
- If the player has signed up for 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".

13. Withdrawals / Cancellations

On Time Withdrawals (Withdrawal by entry deadline)

- Players who withdraw on www.tournamentsoftware.com by the entry deadline Tuesday February 18, 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:
 1. Tournament Director: Heather Phelps – events@mbadminton.com
 2. Referee: Diane Peng - Email: dianepeng@yahoo.com
 3. Deputy Referee: Jim Greenlees - Email: jimg1940@aol.com

Late Withdrawals (Withdrawal after entry deadline)

- For withdrawals made after the entry deadline February 18, 2025 11:59 AM PST (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:
 1. Tournament Director: Heather Phelps – events@mbadminton.com
 2. Referee: Diane Peng - Email: dianepeng@yahoo.com
 3. Deputy Referee: Jim Greenlees - Email: jimg1940@aol.com

Event or Tournament Cancellation

- If an individual event(s) 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, COVID, then the entry fee will be refunded as per section 9.
- The refund will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director and/or USAB.

14. 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 21 - 24, 2025.
- The seeding will be based on Junior Rankings as of February 1, 2025 even if the rankings are incomplete or contain errors.
- No geographical separation.

15. Schedule

Day/Date	Time	Tournament Phase	Events
Friday, February 28, 2025	5:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Tournament Play	All Events
Saturday, March 1, 2025	9:00 AM – 9:00 PM	Tournament Play	All Events
Sunday, March 2, 2025	8:30 AM – 4:30 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!

16. 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 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.
- Entry fees will not be eligible for refund if the withdrawal occurs after February 18, 2025 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON).
- The tournament organizers in consultation with the JAG, TOAG, and USAB reserve the right to change any of the above conditions.

17. Shuttlecocks

- YONEX is the official shuttlecock for the JPAG Selection Event.

18. 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 Mixed Doubles match shall line judge for the next match
 - Both players of a Singles match shall line judge for the next match
- Technical officials will bring line judges back to line judge staging area after match is concluded to be assigned to line judge duty for the next available match.
- Players may arrange for an adult who is USAB compliant (Current membership, SafeSport, and background checked) or another player who is not playing a match or required for player staging to substitute for them in their line judging duty. It is the player's responsibility to arrange for any such substitution.

19. 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 18, 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 February 28, 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 18, 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/>.

20. 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.

21. Official Hotel TBD

22. Contacts

Membership/Player Eligibility/Junior Ranking	USAB National Office	USAB Staff	ContactUs@usabadminton.org
Technical Issues	Club Locker	Trenton Szeto	Trenton.szeto@usabadminton.org
	Tournament software registration & Paypal payment		
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

23. 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.

24. Indemnity: USA Badminton Waiver & Release of Liability

Note: This section must be read and acknowledged at the time of registering for the 2025 JPAG SELECTION EVENT. By submitting the online entry for the 2025 JPAG SELECTION EVENT, 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 2025 JPAG SELECTION EVENT under the auspices of USA Badminton, 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 JPAG SELECTION EVENT, 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.