

# Selection Event for 2025 World University Games

## Dates

March 7-9, 2025

## Location

Midwest Badminton Club (Woodridge, IL)

## 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 the number of entries.

## Entry Eligibility

Participation in the 2025 Collegiate National Championships is open to athletes who meet the following criteria (per FISU's requirement):

1. Must be a U.S. Citizen and able to obtain a U.S. passport. The passport must be valid six months after 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 in the last year before the Games are eligible as well.

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 of those entering college will need to be uploaded by following instructions in the tournament prospectus.

## 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 the 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.