	<b>68<sup>th</sup> YONEX DAVE FREEMAN OPEN</b>
	<b>PROSPECTUS</b>
	<b>FEBRUARY 20 – 22, 2026</b>

The 68th Yonex Dave Freeman Open 2026, A-Level Event only is a USA Badminton sanctioned Classic Series Tournament with \$14,000 prize purse.

Cash prize, Yonex and other sporting merchandise will be awarded to B-Level, C-Level, D-Level and Senior events.

**REGISTRATION:** [TournamentSoftware](#)

- Presented by:** San Diego Badminton Club (SDBC)
- Venue:** Balboa Park Activity Center  
Address: 2145 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101, U.S.A.  
(15 courts, sprung wood floor, high ceiling and dark walls.)

**3. Events and Eligibility**

USAB Ranking A-Level events are open only to the current members of USA Badminton or another country's BWF Affiliate. Proof of membership is required at registration.

A-Level, B-Level, C-Level, D-Level Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles. Players may only participate in two adjacent event levels. (i.e. you can play A and B but NOT A and C).

Senior Singles 40+ & 55+, Combined age Senior Doubles and Mixed Doubles (80+ and 110+). Senior Events Age Eligibility: As of 01/01/2026

To maintain fairness to other participants, Tournament Director/Referee reserves the right to adjust or deny entry (entry fee to be refunded) by a player to an event that is not suitable for his/her play level. Events with low entries may be combined or canceled. Each player is limited to three (3) events.

Consolation matches (1 game to 21) may be played for all events with elimination draws if time permits. Players losing their first match in a main draw will be placed into the consolation draw.

Yonex tournament grade shuttles will be used. Shuttles will be provided for A-Level event matches. Two shuttles will be provided for all non-A-Level matches. Additional tournament grade shuttles must be provided by the players.

Draws will be published on [tournamentsoftware.com](http://tournamentsoftware.com). Results and match time will be updated periodically.


- Tournament Contact:** **Tournament Director:** Raffy Flores, (SDBC) [raffybirdie@gmail.com](mailto:raffybirdie@gmail.com)  
**Tournament Referee:** Cora Tanuwidjaja, [cora.tanuwidjaja@gmail.com](mailto:cora.tanuwidjaja@gmail.com)
- REGISTRATION FEES:**

A-Level Events:

First event = \$75; (at the [Extra's] section, you need to click "Yes" to the "A Level Events" box and pay the additional \$25 A event fee).

Second event = \$35 each

Please also enter your USAB membership # in your Profile under "Sport Information"

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All Events except for A-Level:

First Event = \$50

Second event = \$35 each.

Payment is required before the entry deadline. Unpaid entries will NOT be placed into the draw.

For doubles events, each player must register and pay separately. You will NOT receive a refund if your partner does not register and pay by the entry deadline, but you may play with another registered player if available.

Checking-in at the tournament desk is required prior to the start of a participant's first match.

#### 6. **DEADLINES/REFUNDS:**

Friday, February 6, 2026, 11:59 PM pacific time is the deadline for entry, withdrawal and payment.

**NO LATE ENTRIES.**

For all withdrawals (Before or after the entry deadline), the following persons must be notified of the withdrawal by email:

- Tournament Director: – Email: Raffy Flores, (SDBC) raffyfloresjr25@gmail.com
- Tournament Referee: For A-Level Events only – Cora Tanuwidjaja, cora.tanuwidjaja@gmail.com

Players who withdraw before the entry deadline will have their entry fees refunded, minus the \$5 Admin fee.

Refunds after the withdrawal deadline but before the draw is posted: A player will receive a refund **ONLY** for

- an Event canceled by the Tournament Director and Referee;
- an Event he/she has been removed by the discretion of the Tournament Director OR Referee.

A player will receive a partial refund for the withdrawal from the Tournament due to medical reasons with a required physician's note. A processing fee of \$20 will be withheld.

Absolutely **NO REFUNDS** after the draw is published.

#### 7. **Schedule of Play (tentative):**


Friday: 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm *\*start of tournament may adjust pending number of entries*

Saturday: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am to 8:00 pm


A-Level events and events with 16+ player/teams in a draw start on Friday. Please do NOT register unless you can start playing on Friday at 1pm. Senior events start on Friday.

A-Level event finals will be held on Sunday starting 11 am.

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\*Please note that depending on number of entries received, the scheduled may be changed to accommodate all matches. This may include Finals starting at a later time on Sunday. Players will be notified by February 12 if the schedule needs to be adjusted. Seeding and Draws for Open events will be handled by the tournament referee. Seeding will be done per BWF/USAB Adult Rankings. Draws will be posted by February 16. First round match times will be published by February 18.

8. **Scoring:** Current BWF scoring system (3x21 rally points).
9. **Regulations:** BWF Rules will be used for the tournament with the exception that for all events including Open A-Level events, Fixed Service Height Device may be used. In the event fixed service height device is not available, alternative service laws will apply.
10. **Default:** Players not present when their match is called may be defaulted after ten (10) minutes.
11. **Awards/Cash Prizes:**
  - Medals will be awarded to winners, runners up and either third place or consolation winners in all events.
  - A player/pair needs to win at least one match to win any cash/merchandise prize. \$14,000.00 prize purse for A-Level events.
  - Cash prizes for other events including badminton merchandise valued up to \$7000 will be awarded to B, C, D and Senior events.
  - Each participant entering a minimum of 2 events will receive a commemorative T-shirt.
12. **Coaching**
  - 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 2025-2026 season will not be allowed to coach at the event.
  - Only 1 coach per side is allowed on court during a match
  - Persons not sitting in the coaches' chair are not allowed to coach during a match.
  - Coaching Pass
    - 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, and have completed and presented to USAB a certificate of completion of the BWF-1 online component course.
    - To obtain a Coaching Pass
      - Complete the BWF-1 online component course and send the certificate of completion of the online component to USAB at [CoachingPass@usabadminton.org](mailto:CoachingPass@usabadminton.org).
      - Have an active, unexpired USAB membership
      - Have current, unexpired SafeSport training
      - Have a current, unexpired background check
      - Sign the Coaching Code of Conduct
      - Submit a Coaching Pass Application at USA Badminton's website.

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- 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/>

### 13. Official Hotel and Airport

Holiday Inn Express San Diego Downtown  
1430 Seventh Avenue, San Diego, California, 92101  
1-619-696-0911


Booking link: \$159 per night

<https://www.ihg.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=SANRX&checkInDate=20&checkInMonthYear=012026&checkOutDate=22&checkOutMonthYear=012026&PMID=99801505&GPC=DFJ&cn=no&adjustMonth=false&showApp=true&monthIndex=00>

Airport: San Diego International Airport (SAN)

### 14. Contacts

Membership/Ranking	USAB National Office Staff <a href="mailto:contactus@usabadminton.org">contactus@usabadminton.org</a>
Technical Issues/Club Locker	Trenton Szeto <a href="mailto:Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org">Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org</a>
Organizer: San Diego Badminton Club (Facilities/Hotel/etc.)	Tournament Director: Raffy Flores Jr <a href="mailto:raffybirdie@gmail.com">raffybirdie@gmail.com</a>
Seeding/Draw/Schedule	Referee for Open Events: Cora Tanuwidjaja <a href="mailto:Cora.tanuwidjaja@gmail.com">Cora.tanuwidjaja@gmail.com</a>
Technical Officials (TOAG)	Phillip Ayoung-Chee <a href="mailto:toag@usabadminton.org">toag@usabadminton.org</a>
Adult Tournaments	USAB National Office Staff <a href="mailto:contactus@usabadminton.org">contactus@usabadminton.org</a>

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#### 15. RELEASE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE:

By submitting an entry to the Dave Freeman Open (hereinafter "the Event"), participants and parents/guardians if participant is of minority age (hereinafter "Entrant") affirm having read this agreement and understanding its purpose and agree to be bound by its terms.

Entrant agrees to waive any and all claims which may arise from participation in the Event. In consideration of Entrant being permitted to participate in the Event, entrant releases and discharges the Event sponsors, USA Badminton, San Diego Badminton Club ("SDBC"), USA Badminton Region 5, Southern California Badminton Association, Balboa Park & Morley Field Recreation Council, San Diego Park and Recreation Department, the City of San Diego, their employees, contractors, agents, officers, members, heirs, assigns, executors, administrators and any and all participants in the Event from any and all liability from property damage, personal injuries, death or other claims arising from or in connection with Entrant's participation in the Event including claims that are known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, future or contingent.

Further, Entrant grants SDBC, its licensees and contractors including photographers, television and motion picture companies, full photography, television and motion picture rights including authority to photograph, film or videotape Entrant during matches, narratives, personal interviews or comment thereon and use for any and all commercial, news or other purposes together with the right to transfer or grant their rights to others, all without remuneration or compensation to Entrant whatsoever.

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