

U.S. Junior Selection Event for 2026 Shonai Invitational

Dates: March 13-15, 2026 (2026 Bintang NorCal OLC)

Location: Bintang Badminton (Fremont, CA)

Results from the U.S. Junior Selection Event for the 2026 Shonai Invitational will be used to determine eligibility for the following event:

- **5th International Badminton U16 SHONAI 2026**

Events for Selection

- Categories: Boy's Singles, Girl's Singles
- Age Divisions: UNDER-16
- Age eligibility from the organizers: Players must be age of 14 years old or younger as of 31 December 2026.

Entry Eligibility

Participation in the U.S. Junior Selection Event for the 2026 Shonai Invitational is open to athletes who meet the following criteria:

- Registering players must be born after January 1, 2011. USAB reserves the right to decline entries for players who do not meet the age criteria for the respective age group event.
 - UNDER-16: Players must be age of 14 or younger as of 31 December 2025.
- Parents are advised that all young players must be mature enough to handle competition without assistance. Laws of Badminton and USA Badminton Tournament Regulations will be enforced throughout. Athletes must follow the [USAB Athlete Code of Conduct](#) and [USAB Waiver & Release of Liability](#) for the event.

2026 Shonai Invitational Selection Process

The Shonai Selection will be a separate, non-ranking tournament, either single elimination or pool play, based on the number of entries. **Only the top-finishing player in BS and GS accepting the invitation will be selected to represent the U.S. in the Shonai event.**

Those playing in the Shonai Selection may not play in another singles event at the 2026 Bintang OLC. USAB reserves the right to adjust this rule depending on the number of entries in the Shonai Selection event.

No geographical separation and no shadow seeds will be used, and no consolations will be run for this Selection Event.

Approved by USAB High Performance Committee on February 24, 2026.

The winners of the Shonai Selection Event will need to inform USAB by **Monday, April 6, 2026** — within one hour after the final match at the U.S. Junior Selection Event for PAJC & WJC — whether they'd like to accept the spot or not. Communications on this will be sent out to the winners once the Shonai Selection Event concludes on March 15, 2026.

Important Tournament Policy Notice (required by the Shonai organizers)

Please be advised that the tournament organizers require all athletes to participate as part of an official national team delegation and to be accompanied by a USA Badminton-appointed team representative (coach). Parent coaches are not permitted to serve in this role. In addition, parents/guardians will have restricted access during the event and are not permitted to accompany athletes or share accommodations with them for the duration of the tournament. Compliance with these event policies is mandatory for participation.

An agreement form for this requirement, implemented by the tournament organizers, will be sent out to the selected athletes and their parents after the selected athletes have been confirmed.