

2026 USA BADMINTON



YONEX U.S. JUNIOR SELECTION EVENT FOR 2026 PAN AM JUNIOR AND WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS



April 3 – April 6, 2026



Entry Deadline: **March 19, 2026 11:59 AM
PDT (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON)**



The U.S. Junior Selection Event is being held in Marlborough, Massachusetts April 3 – April 6, 2026. The selection event is primarily used to select junior athletes to represent USA Badminton at the 2026 Pan Am Junior Championships (PAJC) Team Event (U19) and Individual Events (U13, U15, U17, U19) and the 2026 World Junior Championships (U19). Pan Am Junior Championships is in Brazil from July 19-26, 2026 and World Junior Championships is to be announced (TBA) from October 5 - October 18, 2026. In the event of unforeseeable situations, USA Badminton may make changes to the Junior Selection event and its prospectus at its discretion.

Athletes must be U.S. citizens at the time of signing up for the US. Junior Selection Event. Fees for the 2026 Pan Am Junior Championships will need to be paid at the U.S. Junior Selection Event to USA Badminton through PayPal. On the last day of the Selection Event, all players who would like to be considered for the PAJC must submit a \$260 PAJC Participation Fee and a \$290 PAJC Confirmation Fee, all payable to "USA BADMINTON" through PayPal. A QR code to scan will be available. These payments are forfeited if the athlete is unwilling or unable to participate for any reason (anytime after submitting the payment at the conclusion of the Selection Event). (See the Selection Procedures for more details.)

1. National Organization

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

2. Presented by

- USA Badminton
- YONEX (equipment sponsor)
- Wayside Athletic Club

3. Date

Main Rounds and feed-in consolation rounds: April 3 – April 6, 2026

4. Venue



Wayside Athletic Club
80 Broadmeadow Street
Marlborough, MA 01752
<https://www.waysideathleticclub.com/>

5. Airports

- Boston Logan Airport (BOS)

6. Events

- Categories: Boy's Singles, Girl's Singles, Boy's Doubles, Girl's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
- Age Divisions: UNDER-13, UNDER-15, UNDER-17, AND UNDER-19.
- To qualify for an age division, the player's age must be under the age limit as of 12/31/2026.
 - UNDER-19 (born year 2008, 2009 and later)
 - UNDER-17 (born year 2010, 2011 and later)
 - UNDER-15 (born year 2012, 2013 and later)
 - UNDER-13 (born year 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017)
- A feed-in consolation draw through the quarterfinals will be used in accordance with USA Badminton Tournament Regulations.
- Registering players must be born between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2017. USAB reserves the right not to accept signed up players who do not meet the age criteria for the respective age group events.
- 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 USA Badminton (USAB) Tournament Regulations will be enforced throughout.
- Players may enter a maximum of 3 events consisting of 1 Singles event, 1 Doubles event, and 1 Mixed Doubles event. For all tournaments, the 3 events entered may only span 2 age groups e.g., U13 GS – U15 GD – U15 MX is acceptable, but U13 GS – U15 GD – U17 MX is not acceptable
- Note that there is **no** "Partner Request" option for this U.S. Junior Selection Event.

7. Caps & Seeding

In the circumstance that more entries are received than can be accommodated in the available court hours, events may be capped. The event caps and seedings will be based on junior rankings as of March 2026 even if rankings are incomplete or contain errors.

Players on the reserve list will be informed by March 23, 2026.

Caps if needed will be set as follows:

U.S. JUNIOR SELECTION EVENT CAPS	
U13 BS	40
U13 GS	40
U13 BD	20
U13 GD	20
U13 MX	40
U15 BS	40
U15 GS	40
U15 BD	20
U15 GD	20
U15 MX	40
U17 BS	40
U17 GS	40
U17 BD	20
U17 GD	20
U17 MX	40



U19 BS	40
U19 GS	40
U19 BD	20
U19 GD	20
U19 MX	40

8. Tournament Director

- Tournament Director: Wei Tang (tanggwei@gmail.com)
- Match Control: TBA

9. Referee

- Referee: Cora Tanuwidjaja (cora.tanuwidjaja@gmail.com)
- Deputy Referees: Catharine Lee (catharinelee@yahoo.com)

Ian Counter (icounter@gmail.com)

10. Entry Fees and Refund

USAB Junior Ranking Tournament Fee and Refund					
Tournament	Max Event Per Player	Entry Fee *	Refund 1 event	Refund 2 events	Refund 3 events
JUNIOR SELECTION EVENT	1	\$210	\$185	N/A	N/A
	2	\$210	N/A	\$185	N/A
	3	\$270	\$35	\$35	\$235

*Above Entry Fee includes a \$60 USAB Junior Coaching Fund

Additional fee: \$15 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 redirected 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 canceled. A player will only be permitted to play in accepted entries that have been fully paid. Doubles and mixed doubles events must be fully paid by both partners in any doubles event by the entry deadline.

No refund after the entry deadline of March 19, 2026 11:59 AM PDT (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON). Refunds for withdrawals prior to the entry deadline will be processed via PayPal.

11. Key Dates

March 19, 2026	Deadline for applying for 2025-2026 Coaching Pass – required to be able to coach at 2026 U.S. Junior Selection Event
March 19, 2026	Deadline for submission of Tournament Documents
March 19, 2026	2026 U.S. Junior Selection Event entry deadline. Entry must be made online at www.tournamentsoftware.com
March 2026	Junior Rankings date for Main Draw
By March 23, 2026	Accepted entries for each event published on www.tournamentsoftware.com Seeding for each event published on www.tournamentsoftware.com



March 28, 2026	Virtual Open Draw by Referee or TOAG.
By March 30, 2026	Draws posted on www.tournamentsoftware.com
By April 1, 2026	Match schedule published on www.tournamentsoftware.com

12. Eligibility – USAB Membership and Citizenship

- Athletes must be U.S. citizens at the time of signing up for the US. Junior Selection Event.
- Participation in the 2026 U.S. Junior Selection Event is open to any member of USA Badminton in good standing, who meets the age criteria and eligibility criteria.
- In order to ensure only experienced players participate, each entrant will be required to play in a minimum of two USAB or BWF tournaments in the 2025-2026 season prior to the Selection Event (starting from tournaments taking place after the 2025 Junior National Championships up to the 2026 Selection Event)
- 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/GBgHRa216CBesNZS2EaR> by **March 19, 2026 11:59 AM PDT (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 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 Pan Am Junior Championship and World Junior Championship 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 the 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.).

12. Entry & Deadline

- Entries must be made online at www.tournamentsoftware.com and full payment must be made online through Paypal by **March 19, 2026 11:59 AM PDT (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON)**
- **Tournament Documents (copy of passport and/or birth certificate) and passport photo (not less than 150kb) must be done online by March 19, 2026 11:59 AM PDT (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 <https://usabadminton.clublocker.com/login>
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 a photo.
- **Important:**
Do **NOT** wait till the last minute. Sign up for the 2026 U.S. Junior 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 March 19, 2026 11:59 AM PDT (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) through Paypal. 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 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 by the deadline. Be sure to enter your partner's name next to the event selected.
- Note that there is no "Partner Request" option for this U.S. Junior Selection Event.
- **Ensure your correct USAB ID number is entered. If you do not know your USAB ID number, please send email to contactus@usabadminton.org.**

13. Withdrawals / Cancellations

On Time Withdrawals (Withdrawal by entry deadline)

- Players who withdraw on www.tournamentsoftware.com by the entry deadline Thursday, March 19, 2026 11:59 AM PDT (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) will have their entry fees refunded but not the tournament processing fee. The following persons must be notified of the withdrawal by email:
 1. Tournament Director: Wei Tang (tanggwei@gmail.com)
 2. Referee: Cora Tanuwidjaja (cora.tanuwidjaja@gmail.com)
 3. Deputy Referee: Catharine Lee (catharinelee@yahoo.com)
 4. Deputy Referee: Ian Counter (icounter@gmail.com)

Late Withdrawals (Withdrawal after entry deadline)

- For withdrawals made after the entry deadline Thursday, March 19, 2026 11:59 AM PDT (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: Wei Tang (tanggwei@gmail.com)
 2. Referee: Cora Tanuwidjaja (cora.tanuwidjaja@gmail.com)
 3. Deputy Referee: Catharine Lee (catharinelee@yahoo.com)
 4. Deputy Referee: Ian Counter (icounter@gmail.com)

Event or Tournament Cancellation

- If an individual event(s) *e.g.*, U15 BS within a tournament is canceled due to lack of entries *etc.*, or if several event(s) are canceled or if the whole tournament is canceled 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 9.
- The refund will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director and/or USAB.

14. Draw & Seeding

- The Virtual Open Draw for the tournament will be made according to USAB Tournament Regulations by the Referee or TOAG designee on March 28, 2026 (link to be announced on www.usabadminton.org).
- The seeding will be based on Junior Rankings as of March 2026, even if the rankings are incomplete or contain errors.
- No geographical separation.

15. Schedule

Day/Date	Time	Tournament Phase	Events
	7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Open Practice	



Thursday, April 2, 2026	8:00 pm – 8:45 pm	Technical Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mandatory for the following persons/clubs to attend the Technical Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs with players competing in the U.S. Junior Selection Event – a minimum of one (1) representative per club with players competing in the U.S. Junior Selection Event, Certified coach and/or parents of players who do not train in a club 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All certified coaches who intend to coach at the U.S. Junior Selection Event are strongly recommended to attend. 	
Friday, April 3, 2026	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All Events
Saturday, April 4, 2026	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All Events
Sunday, April 5, 2026	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All Events
Monday, April 6, 2026	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Tournament Play – plan your flights accordingly	All Events

Schedules 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.
- 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 2026 U.S. Junior 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 Doubles match (mixed or same gender) shall line judge for the next match
 - Both players of a Singles match shall line judge for the next match
- Players will stay on court to line judge for the next 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. <https://form.jotform.com/211716316497055>

19. Coaching & Coaching Pass (Credentials)

- USAB only recognizes those 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 March 19, 2026 11:59 AM PDT (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 April 2, 2026 (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/231104952367151>
 - Passport style photo uploaded to Club Locker for the Coaching Pass



- **Coaching Pass applications for this tournament submitted after the deadline March 19, 2026 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 5 days before the tournament start 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 2025-2026 season will not be allowed to coach at the event.
 1. Only 2 coaches per side are allowed on court during a match
 2. Persons not sitting in the coach chairs are not allowed to coach during a match
 3. Coaches MUST visibly wear the approved USAB Coaching Pass at all times
 4. 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 tournament referee or technical officials and be subject to disciplinary action.

For information on how to become a coach, please go to <https://usabadminton.org/coaching/>

20. Awards

Medals shall be awarded to finalists and semi-finalists in each main-draw, and to all Feed-in Consolation winners.

21. 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.

22. Official Hotel

Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites

[Book here](#)

23. Contacts

Membership/Player Eligibility/Junior Ranking	USAB National Office	USAB Staff	ContactUs@usabadminton.org
Technical Issues	Club Locker	USAB Staff	ContactUs@usabadminton.org
	Tournamentsoftware registration & Paypal payment	Thai Pham	Thai.Pham@usabadminton.org
Tournament (General questions, Facilities, hotel etc.)	Tournament Director	Wei Tang	tanggwei@gmail.com
Seeding, Draw, Schedule	Referee	Cora Tanuwidjaja	cora.tanuwidjaja@gmail.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	ContactUs@usabadminton.org

24. Indemnity: USA Badminton Waiver & Release of Liability

Note: This section must be read and acknowledged at the time of registering for the 2026 U.S. JUNIOR SELECTION EVENT. By submitting the online entry for the 2026 U.S. JUNIOR 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 2026 U.S. JUNIOR 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. I knowingly and freely assume all such risk; both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releases of others;
2. I willingly agree to comply with the state and 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, their organizing committee, their sponsors, their officers, volunteers, staff, sponsors and/or agents, ("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.
3. I agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the BWF 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.
4. I hereby grant to USA Badminton, its licensees and contractees including photographers, television and motion picture rights including to film or videotape me during matches, narratives, personal interviews, or comment thereon 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 me whatsoever.

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE

By allowing participation in the 2026 U.S. JUNIOR 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.

