



2026 USA BADMINTON YONEX U.S. JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



July 8, 2026 – July 14, 2026

Entry Deadline: **June 18, 2026, 11:59 AM PDT**
(ONEMINUTE BEFORE NOON)

In the event of unforeseeable situations, USA Badminton may make changes to Junior National event and its prospectus at its discretion. Please check frequently at www.tournamentsoftware.com and/or tournament desk for updates.

1. National Organization

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

2. Presented by

- USA Badminton
- Yonex USA

3. Hosted by

- Wichita's Edge Sports Complex

4. Date

Main Rounds and full feed-in consolation rounds: July 8 – July 14, 2026

5. Venue

Wichita's Edge Sports Complex
5260 Toler Dr
Bel Aire, KS 67226
Website: <https://www.wichitasedgesportscomplex.com/>

6. Airport

- ICT – Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport

7. Events

- Categories: Boy's Singles, Girl's Singles, Boy's Doubles, Girl's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
- Age Divisions: UNDER-11, 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 and later)
 - UNDER-11 (born year 2016, 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.
- Events that only have 1 or 2 players/pairs will be combined with the next age group up or canceled.
- 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.
- 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. However, points accrued playing in an older age group cannot be applied in the younger age group where the player competes.

8. Caps and 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 June 1st of 2026 even if the rankings are incomplete or contain errors. Players on the reserve list will be informed by June 23, 2026. No geographical separation and no shadow seeds will be used.

9. Tournament Director

- Tournament Director: Mary Nila – Email: Merrick.Nila@usabadminton.org

10. Referee

- Referee: Rudy Gunawan – Email: rudygwei@gmail.com
- Deputy Referee: Yi Wang – Email: yiw2000@gmail.com
- Deputy Referee: TBD

11. Entry Fees and Refund

USAB Junior Ranking Tournament Fee and Refund					
Tournament	Max Event PerPlayer	Entry Fee	Refund 1 event	Refund 2 Events	Refund 3 events
Junior Nationals (JN)	1	\$225	\$220	N/A	N/A
	2	\$225	N/A	\$220	N/A
	3	\$275	\$45	\$45	\$270

Additional fee: \$15 Technical Official/Admin fee per person. Must be paid with your entry fees on www.tournamentsoftware.com. This fee is refundable when refunding all events. No refund after the entry deadline.

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 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 June 18, 2026 11:59 AM PDT (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON).

Refunds will be processed via Paypal.

12. Key Dates

June 18, 2026	Entry must be made online at www.tournamentsoftware.com and paid via PayPal link as published on the event, by 11:59 AM PDT (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON). LATE ENTRIES, any other forms of entry and payment WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
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June 18, 2026	Withdrawals by this date will have entry fees refunded. However, processing fees by PayPal are non-refundable
June 18, 2026	2026-2027 Coaching credentials application must be applied by this deadline. Any coaching pass submissions past this date will be subject to a late fee. <u>See Section 21 for more details.</u> Click this link for more information: https://usabadminton.org/coaching/
June 23, 2026	Accepted entries for each event published on www.tournamentsoftware.com Seeding for each event published on www.tournamentsoftware.com
June 24-27, 2026 (TBD)	Open Draw by TOAG
June 29, 2026	Draws posted by this date on www.tournamentsoftware.com
July 1, 2026	Match schedule published on www.tournamentsoftware.com

13. Eligibility

- Participation in the 2026 YONEX U.S. Junior National Championships is open to any current member of USA Badminton in good standing, who meets the age criteria and eligibility criteria below.
- Playing Experience: Junior Nationals should not be a player's first tournament.
- Contact USAB at ContactUs@usabadminton.org if guidance is needed on player eligibility especially players with foreign passports.

Who Can Compete

- U.S. citizens living in the U.S. and outside the U.S
- Non-U.S. Citizens
 - a) U.S. Permanent Residents (Green Card holders) living in the U.S.
 - b) Non-U.S. Permanent Residents with long term U.S. visas (living and/or studying in U.S.)
- All participants should have their Birth Certificate or Passport copy and a current passport sized photo uploaded to or sent to Merrick.Nila@usabadminton.org for age verification. Please upload your photo to your Club Locker account.
- Non- U.S. Citizens who are living in the U.S. are responsible for uploading to or emailing to Merrick.Nila@usabadminton.org a copy of their current U.S. Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) and/or long-term U.S. visa (more than 1 year) to show that they are legally residing in the U.S.
- **Players who are turning 18 before the end of the tournament must complete the SafeSport training at [Safe Sports](https://www.usabadminton.org/safesport) and background check prior to coming to the event. See usabadminton.org/membership/join-or-renew for more details.**

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 or countries. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the player being disqualified from USAB Sanctioned Tournaments.

14. Entry & Deadline

- Entries must be made online at www.tournamentsoftware.com and full payment must be made through PayPal by June 18, 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 [Club Locker](https://www.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. Ensure that your Member ID# in TournamentSoftware matches your USA Badminton Member ID#.
- **Important:**
Do **NOT** wait till the last minute. Sign up for 2026 YONEX U.S. Junior National Championships on www.tournamentsoftware.com 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 June 18, 2026 11:59 AM PDT (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) through Paypal. This includes instances where player enters different events at different times – only events that are fully paid for by the entry deadline will be accepted.
- 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 for the correct event and age group, 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”. If the partner is not signed up by the entry deadline the player entry will be accepted in that event with “Partner wanted” designation.

15. Withdrawals / Cancellations

On Time Withdrawals (Withdrawal by entry deadline)

- Players who withdraw on www.tournamentsoftware.com by the entry deadline June 18, 2026 11:59 AM PDT (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) will have their entry fees refunded. The following persons must be notified of the withdrawal by email:
 - Tournament Director: Mary Nila – Email: Merrick.Nila@usabadminton.org
 - Referee: Rudy Gunawan – Email: rudygwei@gmail.com
 - Deputy Referee: Yi Wang – Email: yiw2000@gmail.com
 - Deputy Referee: TBD

Late Withdrawals (Withdrawal after entry deadline)

- For withdrawals made after the entry deadline June 18, 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:
 - Tournament Director: Mary Nila – Email: Merrick.Nila@usabadminton.org
 - Referee: Rudy Gunawan – Email: rudygwei@gmail.com
 - Deputy Referee: Yi Wang – Email: yiw2000@gmail.com
 - Deputy Referee: TBD

Event or Tournament Cancellation

- If an individual event(s) *e.g.*, U15 BS within a tournament 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, 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.

16. Draw & Seeding

- The Open Draw for the tournament will be made according to USAB Tournament Regulations by the Referee or TOAG designee between June 24, 2026 and June 27, 2026 (TBD). The Open Draw will be held through Zoom.
- TournamentSoftware will be used to make the draws.
- Seeding will be done per the Junior Rankings as of June 1st of 2026 even if the rankings are incomplete or contain errors.
- **No geographical separation.**
- **No shadow seeds will be used.**

17. Schedule

Date	Time	Tournament Phase	Events
Tuesday, July 7, 2026	12:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Registration	



	2:00 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 Junior National – a minimum of one (1) representative per club with players competing in the Junior 	
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		National, Certified coach and/or parents of players who do not train in a club All certified coaches who intend to coach at the Junior Nationals are strongly recommended to attend.	
	4:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Scheduled Practice (sign-up pending)	U11 – U19
Wednesday, July 8, 2026	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All
Thursday, July 9, 2026	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All
Friday, July 10, 2026	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All
Saturday, July 11, 2026	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All
Sunday, July 12, 2026	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All
Monday, July 13, 2026	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Tournament Play	All
Tuesday, July 14, 2026	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Finals and Consolation Finals	U11 – U19

All players in all events must be available for all the tournament hours. Plan your flights accordingly!

18. Conditions of Play

- YONEX AEROSENSA 30 (Speed 3) shuttles will be used throughout the tournament.
- Matches will be the best of 3 games to 21 points in rally-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 June 18, 2026 11:59 AM PDT (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON).
- The Paypal Refund Processing Fee is non-refundable. See section 10 for details.
- The tournament organizers in consultation with the JAG, TOAG, and USAB reserve the right to change any of the above conditions.

19. Shuttlecocks

- YONEX is the official shuttlecock for the 2026 YONEX U.S. Junior National Championships. YONEX AEROSENSA 30 (Speed 3) will be used.

20. 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 may arrange for an adult to substitute for them in their line judging duty. It is the player's responsibility to arrange for any such substitution.
- Any adult (over 18 years old by tournament ends) plans to substitute for line judge must register prior to the tournament start through registration form here: <https://form.jotform.com/211716316497055>

21. 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.



- **2026-2027 Coaching Pass applications for this tournament must be submitted by June 18, 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 June 18, 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://usabadminton.org/coaching/coaching-pass/>
 - Passport-style photo uploaded to Club Locker for the Coaching Pass
- **Coaching Pass applications for this tournament submitted after the deadline (June 18, 2026) will be subject to a \$200 late fee.**
Late applications will be processed up until 10 days prior to the tournament start. An application submitted 5 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 2026-2027 season will not be allowed to coach at the event.
 - Only 2 coaches per side are allowed on court during a match
 - Persons not sitting in the coaches' chairs 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/>.

22. Awards

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

23. 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.

24. T-Shirts

Each player who signs up will get a T-Shirt. Please ensure you provide the correct size when you register (Youth sizes S, M, L, XL and Adult sizes XS, S, M, L, XL).

25. Official Hotel



26. Contacts

Membership/Player Eligibility/Junior Ranking	USAB National Office	USAB Staff	ContactUs@usabadminton.org
Technical Issues	Club Locker	USAB Staff	ContactUs@usabadminton.org
	Tournaments software registration & Paypal payment	Thai Pham	thai.pham@usabadminton.org
Facilities, hotel etc.	USAB	Mary Nila	Merrick.Nila@usabadminton.org
Seeding, Draw, Schedule	Referee	Rudy Gunawan	rudygwei@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	CoachingPass@usabadminton.org

27. Indemnity: USA Badminton Waiver & Release of Liability

Note: This form must be read and signed before the participant is permitted to take part in event sessions. By signing this agreement, the participant affirms having read it. By submitting the online entry for the 2026 YONEX U.S. Junior National Championships, 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 YONEX U.S. Junior National Championships 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.

