



# USA BADMINTON TEAM TRIALS & SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE 2019 PAN AM TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS & SUDIRMAN CUP

## Trials Background

The 2019 Pan Am Championships Team Event (“PAC”) and the 2019 Badminton World Federation World Mixed Team Competition (“Sudirman Cup” or “SC”) are crucial events for our high performance athletes to acquire valuable BWF World Ranking points.

## Pan Am Team Event Championships

- The Badminton Pan Am Confederation (BPAC) will determine the number of athletes per team/country for the PAC Team Event.
- USAB shall determine its own procedure to select the athletes who will be on the USAB PAC Team.
- The PAC Team Event format is based on the Sudirman Cup format (*World Mixed Team Championships*) where each tie consists of 1 Men’s Singles, 1 Women’s Singles, 1 Men’s Doubles, 1 Women’s Doubles and 1 Mixed Doubles.
- The 2019 PAC will be held in Lima, Peru February 14-17, 2019. This is subject to confirmation by Badminton Pan America Confederation (“BPAC”).

## Sudirman Cup

- The 2019 Badminton World Federation (BWF) Sudirman Cup (“SC”) is World Mixed Team Competition.
- The SC format consists of one (1) Men’s Singles, one (1) Women’s Singles, one (1) Men’s Doubles, one (1) Women’s Doubles and one (1) Mixed Doubles.
- The 2019 Sudirman Cup will be held in Nanning, China from May 19-26, 2019.

## SECTION A

- 1. Event:** USA Badminton 2019 Team USA Trials
- 2. Trials Venue:** Orange County Badminton Club
- 3. Dates:** November 30 – December 2, 2018 (reduced to December 1 – 2 only if entry is small)
- 4. Tournament Director:** Karina Nguyen [eventsocbc@gmail.com](mailto:eventsocbc@gmail.com)
- 5. Referee:** Elaine Kong [ekong3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ekong3@sbcglobal.net)  
**Deputy Referee:** Sami Saour [ssaour@eosllp.com](mailto:ssaour@eosllp.com)
- 6. Trials Events:** Events are Men’s Singles (MS), Women’s Singles (WS), Men’s Doubles (MD), Women’s Doubles (WD) and Mixed Doubles (XD).



## 7. Participation Eligibility: Athletes must meet the following -

- be a USAB member in good standing at the time of the USAB Team Trial, November 30 – December 2, 2018
- U.S. citizen by the entry deadline - **Thursday November 8, 2018 11.59 PM PST**
- Upload a copy of their US passport on the USAB member account managed by Simply Compete
- Upload a “passport sized” (head and shoulder) photo on the USAB member account managed by Simply Compete

## 8. Entry:

- Athletes must sign up at <http://www.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=33559259-93A0-421C-83A5-87FA4782BE9C> by **Thursday November 8, 2018 11.59 PM PST**
- Athletes who intend to register for this tournament must ensure that they have a working email in order to receive an email confirming entry and payment.
- **No late entry will be accepted.**
- **Entry Fee:** The entry fee is \$60 per athlete **per event** plus a \$10 court officials fee. Full entry fee must be paid online at the time of registration. **No other form of payment will be accepted.**

## 9. Confirmation of Entry & Payment:

- Registered athletes will receive an email confirmation. Receipt of the email confirming entry and payment is the conclusive evidence that the entry has been submitted before the deadline.
- Athletes should take note that they must meet the eligibility criteria at the time of signing up for the trial.
- Following the close of sign up on **November 8, 2018 11:59 PM PST** (USAB National Office time), the entries shall be deemed to be closed.
- After entering online, the athlete should print out the confirmation receipt of their entry. It is up to the athlete to contact the Tournament Director to verify that their entry information was processed correctly. In the absence of an email confirming your entry, an on-line entry prior to the deadline will be assumed not to have been attempted.
- The Trial Referee and/or the Team Trials Tournament Director will NOT proactively reach out to athletes to verify the accuracy of entries received. It is the athlete’s responsibility to contact the individuals above if he/she has a concern about how his/her entry was processed.
- Entries for doubles events must be received from both players of the doubles team/pair before the deadline for the entries to be accepted.
- Doubles and Mixed Doubles:
  - Both players of a pair/team must register and pay the Team Trial Entry Fee separately.
  - The entry is valid only when both players have registered and paid the Team Trial Fees successfully.

## 10. Regulations, Seedings and Draw

- The Trials will be held under the rules and regulations of USAB.
- The Fixed Height Service Law (Law 9.1.6) will be used.
- Seeding will be based on USAB National Rankings as of Friday November 9, 2018.
- The draw will be conducted by the Tournament Referee for the Trials or her designate. The draw venue and times will be posted on the USAB website.

## 11. Shuttles: Yonex

## 12. Trial Start Time

- Athletes should be prepared to play on each of the three days of the Trials including from 12 noon on Friday November 30, 2018 and up to 4 pm on Sunday December 2, 2018. Plan your flights accordingly.
- Trial times will be posted at the Trial venue by November 30, 2018 and may be posted on the USAB website at [www.usabadminton.org](http://www.usabadminton.org), and [www.tournamentsoftware.com](http://www.tournamentsoftware.com).



- All events will be run on a strict timetable system.
- Competitors must be ready to play fifteen (15) minutes before their scheduled time.

**13. Insurance:** All competing athletes are covered by USAB's general liability & participant insurance for the event.

**14. Hotel:** to be determined

**15. Shuttle Service:** Shuttle service is not available

**16. Photo/Video:**

- For all individuals including athletes, personal coaches, personal managers, spectators, professional photographers who intend to be in the competition arena to shoot photos and video, please contact the Tournament Director and/or Referee for approval.
- To be approved, applicants must sign a Photo/Video Release Form.

## SECTION B

### Team Selection

There will be only one selection procedure to select the USAB Teams for the "PAC and "SC."

- BPAC controls the maximum number of players that can be nominated by each member association to compete in the PAC Team Event.
- USAB intends to select five (5) men and five (5) women from the Trials to form the USAB Team for the PAC Team Event.
- Only athletes who competed in the 2019 USAB Team Trials and are injury free at the time of invitation will be selected for USAB Team for the PAC Team Event and the SC, except as described in the "Replacement Procedures" below.
- The winner in each trials event (MS, WS, MD, WD, and MXD) shall be selected to USAB Team for the PAC Team Event and the SC.
- If there are still open slots available to reach the five men and five women size, athletes will be named to the PAC and SC Teams in the following order until all slots are filled:
  1. The second-place finisher in the Singles division of the same gender from the SC/PAC Trials will be named to the team.
  2. If a slot remains open, one athlete from the second-place finishing pair in the Doubles division of the same gender from the USAB SC/PAC Trials will be named to the team. The individual with the highest Singles finish at the USAB SC/PAC Trials will be given priority.
    - a. If both doubles players do not have a singles finish at the USAB SC/PAC Trials, the doubles players will be ranked based on their Mixed Doubles results at USAB SC/PAC Trials.
    - b. If the doubles players did not play in other USAB SC/PAC Trial events, the following criteria will break the tie in priority order:
      - i. The athlete with the highest BWF Singles Ranking as of the **November 1, 2018** BWF World Ranking list.
      - ii. The athlete with the highest USAB National Singles Ranking based on the latest published ranking list on or before **November 9, 2018**.
      - iii. The athlete with the highest BWF Doubles Ranking with any partner as of the **November 1, 2018** BWF World Ranking list.
      - iv. The athlete with the highest USAB National Doubles Ranking with any partner based on or before **November 9, 2018**.



- v. The athlete with the highest BWF Mixed Doubles Ranking with any partner as of the **November 1, 2018** BWF World Ranking list.
- vi. The athlete with the highest USAB National Mixed Doubles Ranking with any partner based on or before **November 1, 2018**.
- viii. If the athletes' rank order remains tied, a coin toss will be used to determine which athlete gets priority.
- ix. The second athlete from the second-place finishing pair in the Doubles division of the same gender from the USAB SC/PAC Trials will be named to the team.
- x. The second-place finisher of the same gender in the Mixed Doubles division will be named to the team.
- xi. If open slots remain after steps one through four above are applied the same steps will be repeated in order using those athletes who placed third in each event at the USAB SC/PAC Trials. This continues until all slots have been filled.

#### **Athlete Addition & Replacement**

- Five (5) men and five (5) women will be selected for the USAB Team for the PAC & SC.
- Only athletes who compete in the 2019 USAB Team Trials and are injury free will be considered as replacements and/or addition.
- If injury or withdrawal of athlete(s) causes the USAB Team for the PAC and/or SC to have fewer than five (5) males or fewer than five (5) females, additional team members will be added to the team in question based on the 2019 USAB Team Trials Procedure until a five men and five women team is achieved or the trial participant pool is exhausted
- If the procedure above still does not result in USAB Team of five (5) men and five (5) women, athletes will have to sign a waiver releasing USAB of any negligence should they encounter physical discomfort, stress or injury as a result of the competition. In addition, USAB shall only register the USAB Team for the PAC and SC only if the athletes agree to sign the above waiver and compete as a minimum team.

## SECTION C

#### **Key Dates**

November 8, 2018	Sign up for the 2019 USAB Team Trials closes at 11:59 PM PST
November 30, 2018	2019 USAB Team Trials
December 3, 2018	If slots remain open, next ranked athletes will be contacted by email as stated in the Selection Procedure.
December 5, 2018	Athletes to confirm participation for by 5:00 PM PST  If the selection procedure still does not result in a team of five (5) men and four (5) women for the PAC & SC, athletes will be added as per the 2019 USAB Team Trial Selection Procedures  If the selection results in a team of five(5) men and five (5) women for the PAC & SC, the selection process will be deemed completed.
December 5, 2018	If the selection still does not result in a team of five (5) men and five (5) women for the PAC & SC, athletes will be added as described in the "Athlete



	Replacement & Addition.”
December 7, 2018	Invited athletes to confirm participation for the PAC & SC by 8:00 AM PST  If the procedure above still does not result in a minimum USAB team for the SC of five (5) men and five (5) women, the Minimum Sized Team Policy shall apply.  Athletes already on the team will be contacted and requested to sign the waiver as per required in the Minimum Sized Team Policy.
December 10, 2018	Athletes to confirm participating as a Minimum Sized Team for the PAC & SC by 8.00 AM PST
December 10, 2018	If the USAB Team for the PAC & SC is finalized, selection for the USAB Team for the PAC and SC shall be deemed close.

## SECTION D

### Expectation At Trials

- Athletes who signed up for the qualified for the USAB Team Trials are responsible to visit the USAB website and/or Tournament Software to view the Trials schedule and attend the Trials draw and/or nominate a representative to attend the Trials draw.
- Athletes are advised to communicate with the Referee for the Trials for all grievances during the event.
- Athletes competing at the Trials are bound by the **USAB Code of Conduct for Athletes:**  
[http://www2.teamusa.org/~media/USA\\_Badminton/Documents/High%20Performance/Athletes/USAB-Athlete-Code-of-Conduct-v6.doc](http://www2.teamusa.org/~media/USA_Badminton/Documents/High%20Performance/Athletes/USAB-Athlete-Code-of-Conduct-v6.doc).
- Athletes must sign the code of conduct before the commencement of the Trial.
- Athletes may have personal coaches coaching them throughout the Trials. Coaches who intend to coach at the trial must be active USAB Certified Coaches who meet the criteria below:
  - a. Must be a USAB certified coach
  - b. Must be a current USAB member at the time of requesting the Coaching Pass and throughout the Trial.
  - c. Must have an approved background check on file.
  - d. Must have completed Safe Sport Training
- Coaches who meet the above requirements must request for a Coaching Pass from USAB Operations Manager, Zuliema Martinez at [zmartinez@usabadminton.org](mailto:zmartinez@usabadminton.org) by Friday November 16, 2018 11.59 AM PST.

### Expectation at the PAC and/or SC

- Athletes who qualify to be on Team USAB are responsible to confirm as per the deadlines stated in the Key Dates.
- Athletes who have qualified must submit a “Confirmation of Participation Form” which will be emailed to them.
- Being selected to the 2019 USAB Team for the PAC/SC means representing the “United States Team.” Therefore, athletes on the Team are expected to work together.
- In the PAC and/or SC, “Team Performance and Strategy” will be given priority over an “individual athlete” or a “doubles pair.” An athlete on the USAB Team must expect that he/she may not be fielded in every tie based on their ranking (Trials Results, World Ranking or National Ranking) which may be higher than other athletes on the USAB Team, or because the athlete believes that he/she should play in a tie or every tie.
- The USAB Team Coaching Staff shall be appointed by USAB. No personal coaches will be allowed to coach the team and/or specific individuals on the team.



- The Team Coaching Staff shall make the strategic decision(s) in determining the Team Line-Up in a tie.
- All initial grievances involving the tournament or event shall be made through the USAB PAC & SC Team Leader and/or Team Coach(es) designated to lead the USAB Team. If further action needs to be taken, it is recommended that they should contact the USAB CEO/Secretary General, and/or USAB Athlete Advisory Council representative, before contacting the USOC Athlete Ombudsman.
- The athletes on the Team competing at the PAC & SC are bound by the following:
  - **USAB Code of Conduct for Athletes :**  
[https://www.teamusa.org/-/media/USA\\_Badminton/Documents/2018/Policies-and-Procedures/USAB-ATH-Code-of-Conduct.pdf?la=en&hash=B99CCA9439B83D4338A7AC0459A58439344DB86A](https://www.teamusa.org/-/media/USA_Badminton/Documents/2018/Policies-and-Procedures/USAB-ATH-Code-of-Conduct.pdf?la=en&hash=B99CCA9439B83D4338A7AC0459A58439344DB86A)
  - **USAB Safe Sport Policy:**  
[http://www.teamusa.org/-/media/USA\\_Badminton/Documents/Safe-Sports/USAB-SafeSportPolicy020918Final.pdf](http://www.teamusa.org/-/media/USA_Badminton/Documents/Safe-Sports/USAB-SafeSportPolicy020918Final.pdf)
  - **BWF Regulations Related To Competition, Code of Conduct, Betting, etc:**  
<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/statutes/>
- Athletes selected to the USAB Team are deemed as the official representatives of the “United States” and will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to the athlete himself/herself, his/her teammates, USA Badminton, the United States and the respective sponsor(s); and at all times act as the ambassador for badminton, the USA and the Olympic Movement.
- Athletes on the Team will attend all formal occasions at the PAC and /or SC as requested by the Team Leader and/or Team Coach(es) unless excused for specific reasons.
- Athletes on the Team shall be dressed in the agreed attire for all formal functions.
- Athletes on the Team shall display professionalism and be dressed in the official Team gear (attire, footwear, etc) at all award ceremonies and shall be expected to display the sportsmanship and respect to the Team and also the opponents.
- As the PAC & SC are Team Events, it is mandatory that athletes selected to the USAB Team arrive 48 hours prior to competition and stay with the USAB Team at the Official Hotel/Hotels with their teammates and the USAB Team Staff.
- USAB shall organize the accommodation for the Team. Should an athlete on the USAB Teams for the PAC and/or SC not turn up, other than a valid medical reason, that athlete shall bear the accommodation charges.

### Removal of Athletes

An athlete who has been nominated to the PAC & SC by USAB may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by the USAB:

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USAB Director of Coaching & High Performance.
- Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- Violation of the USAB’s Code of Conduct for Athletes and Policies.
- Athletes declared as ineligible through competition regulations by the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, PASO, BWF, WADA, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.
- An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USAB’s Constitution and Bylaws, Article 12, or USOC Bylaws, Section 9.

### Anti-Doping Requirements

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, BWF, PASO, WADA, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC,



**Funding**

- The purpose of the competition is to vie for excellence as a team, as such all athletes are equally important to the contribution of the team’s performances in the competition. Therefore, should funding be available, athletes receive equal distribution of available funds.
- There is no USAB funding available for the 2019 USAB Team USA Trials.
- PAC/SC Funding: If funding is available, USAB shall pay a stipend as set by the USAB Board of Directors to reimburse the 2019 USAB Team for travel expenses directly related to the 2019 PAC/SC.

## SECTION E

**Development Of Selection Procedures**

The USAB High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

- Mohan Subramaniam – Director of Coaching & High Performance
- Carl Khor – Coaching Director, USAB Board of Directors
- Ray Ng – Technical Officials Director, USAB Board of Directors
- Abi Bautista – USAB High Performance Coach
- Steve Kearney – Director, USAB Para- Badminton
- Rena Wang – USAB AAC rep for the USOC
- Amy Burnett – USAB Para-Badminton Athlete rep

**USAB Grievance Procedures**

The USAB Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: [https://www.teamusa.org/-/media/USA\\_Badminton/Documents/2017/Sport-Performance/USAB-Bylaws---Updated-Dec-2017.pdf?la=en&hash=E66FC0B73725BE2B50AA17FF48A2B9526D8D1A19](https://www.teamusa.org/-/media/USA_Badminton/Documents/2017/Sport-Performance/USAB-Bylaws---Updated-Dec-2017.pdf?la=en&hash=E66FC0B73725BE2B50AA17FF48A2B9526D8D1A19)

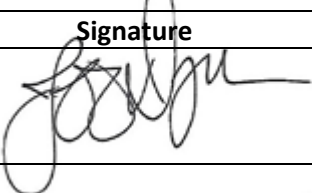

**Athlete Ombudsman**

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USAB may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at [kacie@usathlete.org](mailto:kacie@usathlete.org).
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

**Verification Of Selection Procedures**

I certify that I have read and understand the selection procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding the Trial and Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Badminton.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USAB Chief Executive Officer	JEFF DYREK		10/16/2018
USOC Athletes’ Advisory Council Representative*	RENA WANG		10/16/2018