

USA Badminton Doubles and Mixed Doubles Partnership Guideline For International Tournaments

Partnership: U.S. Player-U.S. Player

- When requesting to compete in a doubles or mixed doubles event in a tournament, it is the responsibility of both players with the partnership to discuss and finalize the event(s) they are requesting to be entered.
- It is not the responsibility of USA Badminton (USAB), the tournament director, or the organizers to seek a partner for a U.S. player.
- USAB will not be responsible for any miscommunication between the doubles partners regarding a tournament entry.
- USAB will send email confirmation to each player. Players must make sure that the emails they provide are current and working.
- A player wishing to enter a tournament in doubles or mixed doubles may enter with a partner who is:
 - a U.S. citizen, or
 - a non-citizen who is legally residing in the U.S.
- If a partner is a U.S. citizen, he/she:
 - must be USAB member of good standing
 - must have a Badminton World Federation (BWF) # ID
- If a partner is a non-U.S. citizen, he/she must meet the following at the time the entry request is made:
 - must be USAB member of good standing
 - has a Badminton World Federation (BWF) # ID
 - has resided legally in the U.S. for more than 3 months
 - has proof of U.S. residence and/or work
 - has jurisdiction change approval by the BWF and the Badminton Association of their country of origin through USAB to compete under USAB.
- If the partner needs a BWF ID or Change of Jurisdiction, click this link for further information:

[U.S. Citizens & Non-U.S. Citizens: How to compete in international tournaments](#)

Partnership: U.S. Player - Foreign Player:

International Tournaments In the U.S.

- If the U.S. player intends to partner a foreign player in an international tournament in the U.S., the player concerned must request by providing the following information and/or as required by the online entry system by the USAB Entry Deadline:
 - Event
 - Partner's Full name as registered with the BWF (First and Last Names)
 - Gender
 - Country of representation
 - BWF ID#
- The U.S. player must register and pay the entry fee online by the USAB Entry Deadline.
- The foreign player will NOT be charged for a USAB Membership and/or the tournament entry fee. However, the U.S. player MUST make full payment online for himself/herself at the time of registering for the entry to be considered valid.

- It is advised that the foreign player and U.S. player discuss their partnership in order for the U.S. player to enter and pay for the event before the deadline.
- Requesting a foreign partner does NOT guarantee that the entry is confirmed.
- Once the foreign player's Member Association approves the request, USAB National Office will confirm the entry and update the U.S. player by email. USAB shall NOT be responsible if his/her email is not current and cannot be reached.

International Tournaments Outside the U.S.

- If the U.S. intends to partner a foreign player in an international tournament in the U.S., the player concerned must request by providing the following information and/or if required by the online entry system by the USAB Entry Deadline:
 - Event
 - Partner's Full name as registered with the BWF (First and Last Names)
 - Gender
 - Country of representation
 - BWF ID#
- It is advised that the foreign player and U.S. player discuss their partnership in order for the U.S. player to make an entry request and/or sign up with USAB on entry system for the event before the deadline.
- Requesting a foreign partner does NOT guarantee that the entry is confirmed.
- Once the foreign player's Member Association approves the request, USAB National Office will confirm the entry and update the U.S. player by email. USAB shall NOT be held responsible if his/her email is not current and cannot be reached.

Partnership: Foreign player requests to partner a U.S. player:

International Tournaments In the U.S.

A foreign player may request to partner with a U.S. player through his/her Member Association:

- Such a request from a Member Association will have a "pending status" until USAB approves or denies the request.
- USAB's decision will be based on the following factors:
 - Current status of the U.S. player's USAB membership & fees owed
 - Current Status of the U.S. player with regards to BWF
 - Whether the U.S. player has entered (registered and paid) for the particular international tournament where the foreign player is requesting to partner. The U.S. player must meet the USAB entry deadline.
- It is advised that the foreign player and U.S. player discuss their partnership in advance in order for the U.S. player to make an entry request and/or sign up with USAB on entry system for the event before the deadline.
- Requesting a U.S. partner does NOT guarantee that the entry is confirmed.
- If the U.S. player does not register his/her entry with the foreign player through the USAB online entry system by the deadline, the request will be changed from "Pending" to "Denied". However, this does not affect the U.S. player's other events as they will still be valid.
- Once the partnership has been approved by USAB, the U.S. player will be informed of the confirmation by email. USAB shall NOT be responsible if his/her email is not current and cannot be reached.

International Tournaments Outside the U.S.

- In order for a foreign player to partner a U.S. player, he/she must contact their national federation.
- Such a request will have a “pending status” until USAB approves or denies the request.
- USAB’s decision will be based on the following factors
 - Current status of the U.S. player’s USAB membership & fees owed
 - Current Status of the U.S. player with regards to BWF
 - Whether the U.S. player has entered (registered and paid) for the particular international tournament where the foreign player is requesting to partner. The U.S. player must meet the USAB entry deadline.
- It is advised that the foreign player and U.S. player discuss their partnership well in advance so that the U.S. player can make an entry request and/or sign up with USAB on entry system for the event before the USAB entry deadline.
- Requesting a U.S. partner does NOT guarantee that the entry is confirmed.
- If the U.S. player does not register his/her entry with the foreign player through the USAB online entry system by the deadline, the request will be changed from “Pending” to “Denied”. However, this does not affect the U.S. player’s other events as they will still be valid.
- Once the partnership has been approved by USAB, the U.S. player will be informed of the confirmation by email. USAB shall NOT be responsible if his/her email is not current and cannot be reached.