

# 2021 YONEX USA BADMINTON ADULT NATIONALS

SELECTION EVENT FOR 2022 PAN AM CUP

TOURNAMENT DATES: December 3 - 5, 2021

ENTRY DEADLINE: November 21, 2021



This year's Yonex USA Adult National Championships will be the selection event for the 2022 Pan Am Cup scheduled for Feb 17-20, 2022, in Acapulco, Mexico.

The Pan Am Cup is the continental event to determine the country that will represent Pan Am at the 2022 Thomas & Uber Cup finals. The Team Events format at the Pan Am Cup is based on the Thomas/Uber Cup format (BWF World Team Championships) where each tie consists of 3 singles and 2 doubles. USAB shall determine its own procedure to select the athletes who will be on the USAB teams for the 2022 Pan Am Cup.

Parents/guardians of minor athletes must sign a waiver acknowledging that there are adult athletes participating in the event who may not have been SafeSport trained or background checked. Adult athletes that are selected for the Pan Am Cup will need to be SafeSport trained and background checked.

<b>1. National Organization</b>	USA Badminton 9255 Telstar Avenue, Unit 1 El Monte, CA 91731, USA Phone: 714-602-1691 <a href="http://www.usabadminton.org">www.usabadminton.org</a>
<b>2. Presented by</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• USA Badminton</li><li>• Synergy Badminton Academy (Fremont)</li><li>• Yonex USA</li></ul>
<b>3. Date</b>	December 3-5, 2021
<b>4. Venue Information</b>	Name: Synergy Badminton Academy (Fremont)  Address: 44380 Old Warm Springs Blvd, Fremont, CA 94538 Phone: (510) 573-3431 Email: <a href="mailto:info@synergybadminton.com">info@synergybadminton.com</a>  Nearest Airport: San Jose International Airport (SJC) and San Francisco International Airport (SFO)
<b>5. Referee</b>	Name: Ian Counter Email: <a href="mailto:icounter@gmail.com">icounter@gmail.com</a>
<b>6. Tournament Director</b>	Name: Jason Liu Email: <a href="mailto:Jason@synergybadminton.com">Jason@synergybadminton.com</a>
<b>7. Events</b>	Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles
<b>8. Entry Fees</b>	Entries and payments are only accepted via <a href="http://www.tournamentsoftware.com">http://www.tournamentsoftware.com</a>  Event entry fee: \$80 per person for 1 or 2 events, and \$120 for 3 events. Additional fees: \$10 Technical Official/Admin fee per person and \$30 Pan Am Cup Coaching Funding fee per person. Must be paid with your entry fees on <a href="http://www.tournamentsoftware.com">www.tournamentsoftware.com</a> .  Full payment must be made online through Paypal at the time of signing up on <a href="http://www.tournamentsoftware.com">www.tournamentsoftware.com</a> . 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 have been fully paid.

No refunds will be made for entries or fee payments received after the entry deadline of November 21, 2021 11:59 AM PST (one minute BEFORE NOON).

#### 9. Key Dates

<b>November 21, 2021</b>	Current ID documents (Passport ID page or birth certificate) should be uploaded to <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/request/zGhL3c07nJRDUZEC882j">https://www.dropbox.com/request/zGhL3c07nJRDUZEC882j</a> or emailed to <a href="mailto:Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org">Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org</a> this date.
<b>November 21, 2021</b>	Entry <i>must</i> be made online at <a href="http://www.tournamentsoftware.com">www.tournamentsoftware.com</a> and paid via PayPal link as published on the event, by 11:59 AM (one minute <u>BEFORE NOON</u> ) PST. <i>Late entries will not be accepted. Other forms of entry and payment will not be accepted.</i>
<b>November 21, 2021</b>	Withdrawals submitted by entry deadline <b>November 21, 2021</b> 11:59 AM (one minute <u>BEFORE NOON</u> ) PST are eligible for refund (see section above). Note, processing fees by PayPal are non-refundable.
<b>November 21, 2021</b>	Coaching credentials application must be applied for by this deadline. Click this link for more information: <a href="https://usabadminton.org/coaching/">https://usabadminton.org/coaching/</a>
<b>TBA</b>	Open draw by TOAG, available by Zoom meeting.
<b>December 1, 2021</b>	Draws will be posted on or before this date on <a href="http://www.tournamentsoftware.com">www.tournamentsoftware.com</a>

#### 10. Eligibility

- **Only U.S. citizens** who are current USAB Members in good standing may participate.
- All participants must have their Birth Certificate or Passport copy with a current passport sized photo uploaded to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/zGhL3c07nJRDUZEC882j> or emailed to [Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org](mailto:Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org) for verification. Please upload your photo to your Club Locker account.

**Note:** Players who cannot demonstrate eligibility prior to the start of the tournament may be disqualified by the Referee

#### 11. Pan Am Cup Team Selection Principles and Procedures

##### Principles:

##### Pan Am Cup

- BWF Regulations govern the team size for the Pan Am Cup, which will determine the teams that represent Pan Am in the Thomas & Uber cups.
- USA Badminton shall only send U.S. athletes to the Pan Am Cup that qualify through the 2021 Yonex USA Adult Nationals Selection Procedure as detailed below.
  - A. The aim of the selection event is to identify two teams, male and female, of eight (8) players each for the 2022 Pan Am Cup.
  - B. USAB reserves the right to add additional players to the Pan Am Cup teams according to the Selection Procedure as described below in the “Athlete Addition Procedure” and “Athlete Replacement Procedure”.

##### Procedures:

- The BWF and BPAC controls the maximum number of players that can be nominated by each member association to compete in the Pan Am Cup and Thomas & Uber Cups. USAB reserves the right to select a team for those events within these guidelines.
- The USAB Teams for the Pan Am Cup and Thomas & Uber Cups will consist of eight (8) players for each team.
- Doubles players are selected as a pair. If a doubles player rejects an invitation to the Pan Am Cup, the partner will also be removed from the respective team unless they would have qualified for the team based on their 2021 Yonex USA Adult Nationals singles result.

Eight (8) men and eight (8) women will be selected for the USAB team for the Pan Am Cup. The following are selected on the teams first:

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Singles finishers at the 2021 Yonex USA Adult Nationals
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Doubles finishers at the 2021 Yonex USA Adult Nationals

**Athlete Addition Procedure:**

- Only athletes who competed in the 2021 Yonex USA Adult Nationals and are injury free will be considered for additions.
- Additions will be necessary if athletes have qualified for the team in more than one event (e.g. any person with a top 4 singles result AND a top 2 doubles result at the 2021 Yonex USA Adult Nationals) in order to achieve a team size of eight (8) athletes for the Pan Am Cup.
- Additions will be recruited based on the following criteria:
  - A. If there is one duplicate, the 5<sup>th</sup> place singles player will be added.
  - B. If there are two duplicates, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place doubles pair will be added.
  - C. If there are three duplicates, the 5<sup>th</sup> place singles and 3<sup>rd</sup> place doubles will be added.

**Athlete Replacement Procedure:**

- Only athletes who competed in the 2021 Yonex USA Adult Nationals and are injury free will be considered as replacement athletes.
- If a(n) athlete(s) declines an invitation or withdraws for any reason (injury, other obligations, etc.) which causes the USAB team for the Pan Am Cup to have fewer than eight (8) players, then additional team members will be replaced until the eight (8) player team size is met.
- The process below will be used for replacements for both teams
  - A. If a singles player declines an invitation or withdraws from the team and there are fewer than 4 singles players remaining on the team:
    1. The next-ranked finisher in the 2021 Yonex USA Adult Nationals singles event will be named to the team.
    2. Step one will be repeated until the team has reached a team size of 8 and 4 qualified singles players
    3. If a slot(s) remains, the highest BWF Singles Ranking as of November 30, 2021 (Week 47) BWF World Ranking list among unranked singles finishers will be named to the team.
    4. If a slot(s) still remains, the highest USAB National Singles Ranking based on the latest published ranking list on or before November 30, 2021 (Week 47) will be named to the team.
  - B. If a doubles player declines an invitation or withdraws from the team and there are fewer than 2 doubles pairs remaining on the team:
    1. The next-ranked doubles finishers in the 2021 Yonex USA Adult Nationals doubles event will be named to the team.
    2. Step one will be repeated until the team has reached a team size of 8 and 2 qualified doubles pairs.
    3. If a slot(s) remains, the highest ranked BWF Doubles Ranking as of November 30, 2021 (Week 47) BWF World Ranking list among unranked doubles finishers will be named to the team.
    4. If a slot(s) still remains, the highest USAB National Doubles Ranking based on the latest published ranking list on or before November 30, 2021 (Week 47) among unranked doubles finishers will be named to the team.
  - C. If a singles player who also qualified for doubles withdraws from the team:
    1. If there are less than 4 singles players on the team, follow the replacement procedure in Section A to add another singles player.
    2. If there are no longer 2 doubles pairs on the team, follow the replacement procedure in Section B to add a doubles pair.

Funding Support

- As the purpose of the competition is to vie for excellence as a team, all athletes are equally important to the contribution of the team's performances in the competition, hence, all athletes will receive equal distribution of available funds.
- There is no USAB funding available for the teams selected for the Pan Am Cup.

#### Pan Am Cup and Thomas & Uber Cup Funding

- If funding is available, USAB shall pay a stipend as set by the USAB Board of Directors to reimburse the 2022 Pan Am Cup teams for travel expenses directly related to the 2022 Pan Am Cup and/or the Thomas & Uber Cup.
- Should any funding be available from BWF and/or BPAC, the funds will be shared between the team.

## 12. Entry & Deadline

- Entries must be made online at [www.tournamentsoftware.com](http://www.tournamentsoftware.com) and full payment must be received through PayPal by Friday, November 21, 2021 11:59 AM PST (One minute BEFORE NOON).
- **LATE ENTRIES and other forms of entry WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- Tournament Documents (copy of passport and/or birth certificate) and passport photo must be uploaded to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/zGhL3c07nJRDUZEC882j> or emailed to [Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org](mailto:Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org) by November 21, 2021 11:59 AM PST (One minute BEFORE NOON).
- 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.
- **Important:** Do **NOT** wait till the last minute. Sign up on tournamentsoftware.com as soon as possible so that if technical issues come up, there will be enough time to resolve them.

#### Valid Entry

- The player is signed up through [www.tournamentsoftware.com](http://www.tournamentsoftware.com).
- The player has paid all the entry fees by November 21, 2021 11:59 AM PST (One minute BEFORE NOON) through Paypal. This includes instances where 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. Be sure to enter your partner's name next to the event selected. If you are requesting for a partner, select "Partner wanted".
- Required documents (copy of passport and/or birth certificate) and passport photo submitted by November 21, 2021 11:59 AM PST (One minute BEFORE NOON).
- A completed and signed USAB Waiver & Release of Liability Form (LINK provided under waiver section of prospectus) has been submitted.
  - An additional waiver for parents/guardians of minor athletes will be sent out after the entry deadline.

## 13. Withdrawals & Refunds

- For all withdrawals (Before or after the entry deadline), the following persons must be notified of the withdrawal by email:
  1. Tournament Director: Jason Liu – Email: [Jason@synergybadminton.com](mailto:Jason@synergybadminton.com)
  2. Tournament Referee: Ian Counter – Email: [icounter@gmail.com](mailto:icounter@gmail.com)
- Players who withdraw before the entry deadline of November 21, 2021 11:59 AM PST (one minute BEFORE NOON) will have their entry fees refunded.
- Withdrawals after the entry deadline due to illness or injury must be communicated as described above, and supported by a medical certificate in order for the entry fee to be refunded. The email must include (1) the reason for withdrawing, and (2) a medical certificate. Withdrawals after the entry deadline for any reason other than a documented medical condition precluding play must be communicated as described above but shall result in forfeiture of the entry fees.
- Refunds will be processed via Paypal; all Paypal processing fees are non-refundable.

#### Event or Tournament Cancellation

- If an individual event(s) 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.

- The refund will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director and/or USAB.

#### 14. Draw & Seeding

- The Adult Nationals will follow USA Badminton Tournament Regulations.
- Seeding will be done per BWF rankings and, as needed, the USAB Adult Rankings as of 3-30-2020, even if the rankings are incomplete or contain errors.
- Main rounds and feed-in consolation rounds or pool play as based on number of entries.
  - A feed-in consolation draw through quarterfinals will be used in accordance with USA Badminton Tournament Regulations. Alternatively, pool play may be used based on number of entries.
- The draw will be conducted by the Referee or TOAG designee.

#### 15. Schedule

It is the intent that all events will start on the first day. Players must be available for all playing hours on each day. Draws and match times will be posted on [www.tournamentsoftware.com](http://www.tournamentsoftware.com). It is the responsibility of each player to find out the time of his/her first match.

DAY/DATE	TIME	PHASE
Friday, December 3	8:00 AM	Open court practice
	9:00 AM	Registration
	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM	Tournament Play (All Events)
Saturday, December 4	9:00 AM – 8:00 PM	Tournament Play (All Events)
Sunday, December 5	8:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Semi Finals & Finals (including Consolation)

#### 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-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.

#### 17. Coaching

- 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 2021-2022 season will not be allowed to coach at the event.
- Only 1 coach per side is allowed on court during a match
- Persons not sitting in the coaches' chair are not allowed to coach during a match.
- Coaching Pass
  - 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, and have completed and presented to USAB a certificate of completion of the BWF-1 online component course.
  - To obtain a Coaching Pass
    - Complete the BWF-1 online component course and send the certificate of completion of the online component to USAB at [CoachingPass@usabadminton.org](mailto:CoachingPass@usabadminton.org).
    - Have an active, unexpired USAB membership
    - Have current, unexpired SafeSport training
    - Have a current, unexpired background check
    - Sign the Coaching Code of Conduct
    - Submit a Coaching Pass Application at <https://form.jotform.com/210945905069158>
  - Coaches MUST visibly wear the approved USAB Coaching Pass at all times.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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.</li> <li>● For more information on how to become a coach, please go to <a href="https://usabadminton.org/coaching/">https://usabadminton.org/coaching/</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>18. Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Medals shall be awarded to first, second, and third-place finishers of the event.</li> </ul>
<b>19. Medical Insurance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All players (whose USAB memberships are current) are covered by USAB insurance.</li> <li>● Neither the host, nor USAB is responsible for medical expenses incurred during the competition.</li> </ul>
<b>20. Covid-19 Basic Operational Safety Guidelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All persons must wear face coverings at all times unless actually engaged in warm-up or competition. This includes all officials, umpires, and volunteers. Failure to wear face coverings will result in immediate removal from the playing venue and automatic disqualification. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Note: Although it is not currently the case, it is possible that Fremont, California may deem it a mandatory requirement that all persons wear face coverings at all times, including when engaged in actual competition. In such jurisdictions, all persons must wear face coverings at all times.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● All persons must undergo any required health-related testing prior to entering the facility, including temperature checks.</li> <li>● All persons experiencing physical symptoms possibly related to COVID-19, including coughing or fever, are prohibited from entering the competition venue.</li> <li>● All persons must maintain appropriate social distancing at all times when inside the competition venue. Failure to maintain appropriate social distancing will result in automatic disqualification.</li> <li>● No more than six persons (other than officials) are permitted at any court in preparation for competition or actual competition play at any time.</li> <li>● Participants are required to observe and follow all routing instructions within the venue.</li> <li>● Participants are not permitted to be closer than six feet to the Tournament Director's work area.</li> <li>● No shaking of hands after matches.</li> <li>● Participants are required to follow all rules related to usage of shuttlecocks and care and cleaning of courts.</li> <li>● No food is allowed inside the competition venue.</li> <li>● In the event of event cancellation due to COVID-19 restrictions being extended or introduced, then a refund of entry fees will be made to the players.</li> </ul>
<b>21. Official Hotel</b>	<p>Holiday Inn Express &amp; Suites Fremont 42200 Albrae St Fremont, CA 94538 (510) 651-7373</p> <p>Link: <a href="#">Hotels In Fremont, CA   Holiday Inn Express &amp; Suites Fremont - Milpitas Central (ihg.com)</a></p> <p>Fremont Marriott Silicon Valley 46100 Landing Pkwy Fremont, CA 94538 (510) 413-3700</p> <p>Link: <a href="#">Fremont CA Hotels   Fremont Marriott Silicon Valley</a></p> <p>Extended Stay America – Fremont – Newark 5375 Farwell Pl Fremont, CA 94536 (510) 794-9693</p>

Link: [Fremont, CA - Fremont - Newark Hotel | Extended Stay America](#)

**22. USA Badminton Waiver & Release of Liability**

Please read complete here: <https://form.jotform.com/91256509135154>

An additional waiver for parents/guardians of minor athletes will be sent out after the entry deadline.

**23. Contacts**

Membership/Player Eligibility/ Ranking	USAB National Office	USAB Staff	<a href="mailto:ContactUs@usabadminton.org">ContactUs@usabadminton.org</a>
Technical Issues	Club Locker	Rachel Bui	<a href="mailto:Rachel.bui@usabadminton.org">Rachel.bui@usabadminton.org</a>
	Tournament Software Registration & Payments	Thai Pham	<a href="mailto:Thai.pham@usabadminton.org">Thai.pham@usabadminton.org</a>
Facilities, hotel etc.	Synergy	Jason Liu	<a href="mailto:Jason@synergybadminton.com">Jason@synergybadminton.com</a>
Seeding, Draw, Schedule	Referee	Ian Counter	<a href="mailto:icounter@gmail.com">icounter@gmail.com</a>
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Coaching Pass	USAB National Office	USAB Staff	<a href="mailto:CoachingPass@usabadminton.org">CoachingPass@usabadminton.org</a>