**2023-2024 USA BADMINTON**

**U.S. JUNIOR SELECTION EVENT FOR 2024 SHONAI INVITATIONAL**

February 17-19, 2024

Entry Deadline: **February 1, 2024, 11:59 am (One minute before noon PST)**

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<td>Arena Badminton &amp; Sports Club</td>
<td>February 17-19, 2024</td>
<td>Arena Badminton &amp; Sports Club 2780 S Reservoir St, Pomona, CA 91766 <a href="http://www.arenabadminton.com">www.arenabadminton.com</a></td>
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<td>Referee – Hai Huang <a href="mailto:Hhuang2007@gmail.com">Hhuang2007@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Technical Officials</td>
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**6. Entry Checklist:**

- Read through the prospectus.
- Register through the [TournamentSoftware link](#).
  - If the athlete already has a USA Badminton membership:
    - Check that the athlete’s membership is valid through the duration of the tournament.
    - Check that the athlete’s member ID on TournamentSoftware matches their USAB ID.
  - If completing a first-time entry for a new athlete:
    - Create and pay for their USAB membership through [https://usabadminton.clublocker.com/](https://usabadminton.clublocker.com/).
    - Create their TournamentSoftware account. Use their USAB member ID for the TournamentSoftware member ID.
    - Submit age verification documents (see Section 9) for the athlete to the tournament Dropbox folder or email to Trenton Szeto at Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org.
  - Ensure all entered events are fully paid through PayPal.
- If the athlete is 18 years old at any time during the tournament, complete NCSI Background Check and SafeSport Training.
- Each athlete must have submitted the waiver on JotForm or TournamentSoftware ([https://form.jotform.com/222146698539165](https://form.jotform.com/222146698539165)) for the tournament.
- If the parent intends to substitute line judge, they must complete this form: [https://form.jotform.com/211716316497055](https://form.jotform.com/211716316497055)
- Coaching:
  - If the coach already has a valid USAB-issued Coaching Pass for the 2023-2024 season, remind them to check their expiration dates and renew anything expired.
  - Any coach without a USAB-issued Coaching Pass must [apply for one](#) by the deadlines listed (see Section 20).
7. Events
Categories: Boy’s Singles, Girl’s Singles
Age Division: UNDER-16
- Registering players must be born after January 1, 2009. USAB reserves the right to not accept entries for players that do not meet the age criteria for the respective age group event.
- Parents are advised that all young players must be mature enough to handle competition without assistance. Laws of Badminton and USA Badminton Tournament Regulations will be enforced throughout. Athletes must follow the USAB Athlete Code of Conduct and USAB Waiver & Release of Liability for the event.
- The Shonai Selection will be a separate, non-ranking tournament, either single elimination or pool play, based on number of entries. Only the top-finishing player in BS and GS accepting invitation will be selected to represent the U.S. in the Shonai event.
- Those playing in the Shonai Selection may not play in any other singles event at the 2024 SoCal ORC. USAB reserves the right to adjust this rule depending on the number of entries in the Shonai Selection event.
- No geographical separation and no shadow seeds will be used.

To qualify for an age division, the player’s age must be under the age limit as of 12/31/2024.
- UNDER-16 (born year 2009 and later)

Consolation
- No consolation will be run for this Selection Event.

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 December 2023 or an updated ranking as of January 2024, if available, even if the rankings are incomplete or contain errors. Players on the reserve list will be informed by February 12, 2024.

9. Eligibility
- Participation in the Shonai Selection Event is open to any current member of USA Badminton in good standing, who meets the age criteria and eligibility criteria below. Non-members must join USA Badminton (https://usabadminton.clublocker.com/) prior to entering online.
- 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
  o U.S. Permanent Residents (Green Card holders) living in the U.S.
  o 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 https://www.dropbox.com/request/qIGcpRpNQc1sOGxKPoR3 or sent to Trenton.Szeto@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 https://www.dropbox.com/request/qIGcpRpNQc1sOGxKPoR3 or emailing to Trenton.Szeto@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 that will be 18 years old at any time during the tournament must complete NCSI Background Check (https://usabadminton.quickapp.pro/positions) and SafeSport Training (https://safesporttrained.org/?KeyName=NGBUSAB-StttX9) as required by the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee.

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.

10. **Entry & Deadline**

- Entries must be made online at [www.tournamentsoftware.com](http://www.tournamentsoftware.com) and full payment must be made through PayPal by Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON).
  - LATE ENTRIES and other forms of entry WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
  - Do NOT wait until the last minute to sign up. Make your entry as soon as possible in case technical issues arise. Email the Tournament Director, Referee, and USA Badminton if you need assistance.
- Before you enter, ensure that your USA Badminton membership has not expired. USAB reserves the right to not accept entries for players that do not have a current unexpired USAB membership.
  - Ensure your member ID in TournamentSoftware matches your USAB membership ID.

**Valid Entry**

For the entry to be valid, make sure that the following are met:

- The player is signed up through TournamentSoftware, they have a current unexpired USA Badminton membership, and their TournamentSoftware member ID matches their USA Badminton membership ID.
- The player has paid all the entry fees by Thursday February 1, 2024 11:59 AM PST (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 events not paid for will be cancelled. A player will only be permitted to play in events that have been fully paid.

11. **Entry Fees & Refund**

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Additional fee: $10 Technical Official/Admin fee per person. Must be paid with your entry fees on [www.tournamentsoftware.com](http://www.tournamentsoftware.com). This fee is refundable when a refund is issued for all events.

12. **Multiple Tournament Sign Up**

- Note that there may be multiple tournaments held during the same timeframe (with overlapping days). Players are prohibited from registering in multiple tournaments with overlapping days, other than the 2024 Yonex SoCal ORC.
- Players that sign up for multiple tournaments with overlapping days other than the 2024 SoCal ORC will be disqualified from the tournaments entered and will not be eligible for refund of entry fees. USA Badminton and the host are not responsible for player disqualification due to signing up for overlapping tournaments.

13. **Key Dates**

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<td>February 1, 2024</td>
<td>Current ID documents (Passport ID page, Permanent Resident Card, long term visa etc.) should be uploaded to <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/request/qlGcpRpNQc1s0GxKPoR3">https://www.dropbox.com/request/qlGcpRpNQc1s0GxKPoR3</a> or emailed to <a href="mailto:Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org">Trenton.Szeto@usabadminton.org</a> this date.</td>
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<td>Entry must 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 BEFORE NOON) PST. LATE ENTRIES, any other forms of entry and payment WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.</td>
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14. Withdrawals / Cancellations

- No refund after the entry deadline of February 1, 2024 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON). Refunds will be processed via PayPal.

On Time Withdrawals (Withdrawal by entry deadline)

- Players who withdraw on www.tournamentsoftware.com by the entry deadline February 1, 2024 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) will have their entry fees refunded. The following persons must be notified of the withdrawal by email:
  - Tournament Director: Cora Tanuwidjaja – Email: cora.tanuwidjaja@gmail.com
  - Referee: Hai Huang – Email: hhuang2007@gmail.com

Late Withdrawals (Withdrawal after entry deadline)

- For withdrawals made after the entry deadline February 1, 2024 11:59 AM PST (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: Cora Tanuwidjaja – Email: cora.tanuwidjaja@gmail.com
  - Referee: Hai Huang – Email: hhuang2007@gmail.com

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 11.
- The refund will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director and/or USAB.

15. Draw & Seeding

Seeding will be done per the Junior Rankings as of December 2023 or an updated ranking as of January 2024, if available, even if the rankings are incomplete or contain errors. The draw will be conducted by the Referee or by his/her designee.

16. Schedule

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<td>Tournament Play</td>
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<td>Sunday February 18, 2023</td>
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<td>Tournament Play</td>
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<td>Monday February 19, 2023</td>
<td>8:30 am – 4:00 pm</td>
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All players in all events must be available for all the tournament hours. Plan your flights accordingly!

17. Conditions of Play

- 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.
• Entry fees will not be eligible for refund if the withdrawal occurs after February 8, 2024 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) and is not accompanied by a medical certificate.
• The Tournament Processing Fee is non-refundable.
• The tournament organizers in consultation with the JAG, TOAG, and USAB reserve the right to change any of the above conditions.

18. Shuttlecocks
• YONEX Aeroclear 30 is the official shuttlecock. If those shuttlecocks are not available, comparable shuttlecocks will be used.

19. Line Judging
• It is mandatory for all players to line judge following the end of each of their matches as follows:
  o The winning pair of every Doubles match (mixed or same gender) shall line judge for the next match
  o Both players of a Singles match shall line judge for the next match
  o Players must not leave their line judge duty even if their next match has been called. Player(s) will not be defaulted if they are doing their line judge duty.
• Players may arrange for an adult (accredited by USAB) to substitute for them in their line judging duty. It is the player’s responsibility to arrange for any such substitution. This arrangement must be made prior to the start of the player’s match such that there is no delay in the start of the following match.
• Any adult (over 18 years old at any time during the tournament) that plans to substitute for line judging must register prior to the tournament start through the JotForm (https://form.jotform.com/211716316497055).

20. 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.
• Coaching Pass applications for this tournament must be submitted by February 1, 2024 11:59 AM PST (ONE MINUTE BEFORE NOON) to be considered timely. A timely Coaching Pass application consists of:
  o BWF-1 online component course certificate of completion (sent to CoachingPass@usabadminton.org)
  o Active, unexpired USAB membership
  o Current, unexpired SafeSport training (must do a refresher course 1 year after previous completion date)
  o Current, unexpired background check cleared by February 1, 2024 (good for two years after original clear date)
  o Signed Coaching Code of Conduct (link in Coaching Pass Application Jotform)
  o Submitted Coaching Pass Application at https://form.jotform.com/221360192360143
  o Passport-style photo uploaded to Club Locker for the Coaching Pass
• Coaching Pass applications for this tournament submitted after the deadline (February 1, 2024) 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 3 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 2023-2024 season will not be allowed to coach at the event.
  o 2 coaches per side are allowed on court during a match
  o Persons not sitting in the coaches’ chair are not allowed to coach during a match.
  o Coaches MUST visibly wear the approved USAB Coaching Pass at all times.
  o 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/.

21. Awards
Medals shall be awarded to finalists and semi-finalists in each main-draw.

22. Medical Insurance
• All players (whose USAB memberships are current) are covered by USAB insurance.
23. T-Shirts
Each player who signs up will get a T-Shirt. Players will only receive 1 shirt even if they are entering both the Shonai Selection Event and the ORC. Please ensure you provide the correct size. Use the following sizes: (Youth Small, Youth Medium, Youth Large, Youth X-Large, Adult XS, Adult S, Adult M, Adult L, Adult XL).

24. Official Hotel & Airport
Hilton Garden Inn Pomona
2027 Rancho Valley Drive
Pomona, CA 91766
909-686-8000

Hampton Inn West Covina
3145 East Garvey Ave North
West Covina, CA 91791
626-967-5800

Airport: Ontario International Airport (ONT) or John Wayne Airport, Orange County (SNA)


1. It is recommended to wear face-coverings at all times unless actually engaged in warm-up or competition. This includes all officials, umpires, and volunteers.
   NOTE: Although it is not currently the case, it is possible that Pomona, CA 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. Failure to wear face-coverings will result in immediate removal from the playing venue and automatic disqualification.
2. All persons experiencing physical symptoms possibly related to COVID-19, including coughing or fever, are prohibited from entering the competition venue.
3. Participants are required to observe and follow all routing instructions within the competition venue.
4. Participants are not permitted to be closer than six feet to the Tournament Director’s work area.
5. No food is allowed inside the competition venue.
6. In the event of event cancellation due to COVID-19 restrictions being extended or introduced then refund of entry fees will be made to players.

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 2024 Shonai 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 2024 Shonai Selection Event Tournament under the auspices of USA Badminton and Arena Badminton & Sports Club, I acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. I risk bodily injury, including paralysis, dismemberment, disability, and death, and while particular rules of the sport,
Participants

This is to certify that I/We as parent(s)/guardian(s) with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree not only to his/her release, but also for myself, ourselves and my/our child involvement as stated above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I have read this Release of Liability and Waiver Agreement, fully and understand the terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement. And I further acknowledge by their presence that I am aware that DRUG TESTING may occur at this event.

Name

Signature

Participants Name (Printed) USAB Membership # USAB Membership Exp. Date

For Participants of Minority Age

This is to certify that I/We as parent(s)/guardian(s) with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree not only to his/her release, but also for myself, ourselves and my/our child involvement as stated above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.