

YONEX U.S. Junior Selection Event for 2025 Pan Am Junior and World Junior Championships

Dates: April 18-21, 2025

Location: Can-Am Elite Badminton & Sports, 691 Race St., San Jose, CA 95126.

XXXIII Pan Am Junior Championships 2025 in Guatemala City, Guatemala

2025 BWF World Junior Championships in Guwahati, Assam, India

Events for Selection

- Categories: Boys' Singles, Girls' Singles, Boys' Doubles, Girls' Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.
- Age Divisions: 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 12/31/2025.
 - UNDER-19 (born in 2007, 2008 and later)
 - UNDER-17 (born in 2009, 2010 and later)
 - UNDER-15 (born in 2011, 2012 and later)
 - UNDER-13 (born in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016)

Entry Eligibility

Participation in the U.S. Junior Selection Event is open to athletes who meet the following criteria:

- Athletes must be a U.S. Citizen and able to obtain a U.S. passport. The passport must be valid six months after the last day of the respective tournament.
- Eligible players must be born between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2016. USAB reserves the right not to decline registrations from players who do not meet the age criteria for their respective events.
- All players competing in USAB Sanctioned Junior Tournaments/Selection Events must notify the USAB National Office and the Tournament Director if they have represented a foreign country/countries. Failure to comply may result in the player being disqualified from USAB Sanctioned Tournaments.
- Players may be disqualified from participating in the Pan Am Junior Championship and/or World Junior Championship under the following circumstances:
 - a) U.S. Citizens
U.S. Citizens competing under the jurisdiction of another country may be removed from the USA team after qualification if:
 - There is insufficient time to change their jurisdiction back to USA, as this requires approval from BWF and their current country.
 - They are not in good standing with their current country's federation.
 - They are not in good standing with BWF (e.g., issues related to misconduct, anti-doping violations, etc.).
 - See **Exhibition A** for BWF Statutes regarding athlete eligibility for International Representation tournaments, including Pan Am Junior Championships and World Junior Championships.

Pan Am Junior Championships and World Junior Championships Team Event Overview

- Both Pan Am Junior Championship and World Junior Championship include an UNDER-19 Mixed Team Event.
- The Team Event format for the Pan Am Junior Championships follows the Sudirman Cup format (BWF World Team Championships). Each tie consists of:
 - One (1) women's singles (WS)
 - One (1) men's singles (MS)
 - One (1) women's doubles (WD)
 - One (1) men's doubles (MD)
 - One (1) mixed doubles (XD)

Please note that the PAJC Team Event MAY be played in the Relay Format. Badminton Pan Am has informed USAB that a final announcement will be made in May 2025.

- The World Junior Championships team event format, revised by the Badminton World Federation, now follows a team relay format. See **Exhibition C** for details on the format.
 - Each tie in the World Junior Championships relay format consists of then (10) matches:
 - Two (2) Men's Singles
 - Two (2) Women's Singles
 - Two (2) Men's Doubles
 - Two (2) Women's Doubles
 - Two (2) Mixed Doubles

2025 PAN AM JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (PAJC) SELECTION PROCESS

OVERVIEW

- Venue: Guatemala City, Guatemala (July 10-18, 2025)
- All fees for the 2025 Pan Am Junior Championships must be paid at the YONEX U.S. Junior Selection Event to USA Badminton by check. See **Exhibition B** for the breakdown of participation and confirmation fees (\$250 each).
- The BWF and BPAC determine the maximum number of players each member association can nominate to compete at the PAJC.
- **Team Event** (July 10-12, 2025): USAB will select four (4) boys and four (4) girls for the PAJC (regardless of the team event format).
 - The Pan Am Junior Championships (PAJC) Team Event format includes:
 - one (1) Boy's Singles
 - one (1) Girl's Singles
 - one (1) Boy's Doubles
 - one (1) Girl's Doubles
 - one (1) Mixed Doubles
 - USA Badminton will only send U.S. athletes who qualify through the U19 age division of the 2025 YONEX Junior Selection Event, following the procedure as detailed below.
 - The Selection Event aims to identify one team of four (4) female players and four (4) male players for the 2025 PAJC.
 - USAB reserves the right to add additional players to the PAJC team, per the "Athlete Addition Procedure" and "Athlete Replacement Procedure" described below.
- **Individual Event** (July 14-18, 2025): USAB will select the following from the 2025 U.S. Junior Selection Event for U13, U15, U17, and U19 age groups:
 - Top four (4) players in singles
 - Top two (2) pairs in Boy's Doubles (BD) and Girl's Doubles (GD)
 - Top four (4) pairs for Mixed Doubles (XD)
- At the Pan American Junior Championships, selected players may compete in a higher age category, provided they do not compete in the same event in his/her own age category.
- If selected for the PAJC, the athlete's parent must ensure the following:
 - The athlete will abide by the team regulations including attending team training.
 - The athlete stays at the official hotel during the PAJC (if required by USAB)
 - Deadlines for documents requested by the USAB National Office and Team Manager(s).
- USAB reserves the right to modify this section as needed.
- **HPC Approval Process:** The final selection of an athlete's participation at PAJC shall be approved by USAB High Performance Committee (formerly called High Performance Advisory Group, HPAG).

2025 PAJC Team Event (U19 Only) Selection Process

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- 1) Team Size: Four (4) boys and four (4) girls
- 2) Top placed doubles pairs accepting entry will be selected as a pair/team. If one player of the top-placed doubles pair is unable to compete, the other player will not be not selected (but may be considered through the “PAJC Rank Order” process outlined below.
- 3) The top placed finisher in each U.S. Junior Selection event (MS, WS, MD, WD, and MXD) who accepts entry will be selected.
- 4) Any player who forfeits (gives a walk-over) will lose his/her spot in the Rank Order for that event.
 - a) For example, if Player A meets Player B for the 3rd/4th place and Player A shows up while Player B gives a walk-over, Player A will be awarded 3rd place but, 4th place spot will not be awarded. If both players fail to show up, neither 3rd nor 4th place will be awarded.
- 5) USA Badminton reserves the right to revoke the selection of an athlete at USA Badminton’s sole discretion.
- 6) **PAJC Rank Order** – After the top-placed players who accept entry are selected, the following “PAJC Rank Order” procedure will determine additional team members:
- 7) The Selection Process for the remaining “Male Players” (the same process will be applicable to Female Players) from the top eight (8) finishers will follow these steps:
 - a) The next best finishers accepting entry in all U.S. Junior Selection events will be considered and placed into a pool.
 - b) From the pool, the next best finishers accepting entry will be ranked in the following order: Singles (first), Doubles (second), and Mixed (third).
 - c) Rank Order Tied Situations:
 - i) If athletes’ rank orders are tied, the eligible athletes will be ranked based on their respective highest U.S. Junior Selection Event singles result.
 - ii) If there are no U.S. Junior Selection Event singles result and athletes’ rank order remains tied, they will be ranked based on the U.S. Junior Selection Event doubles result.
 - iii) If there are no doubles result and athletes’ rank order remains tied, they will be ranked by the U.S. Junior Selection Event mixed doubles result.
 - d) If athletes are still tied, then the eligible athletes will be ranked based on the highest USAB Junior Ranking (on the date as specified in the 2025 U.S. Junior Selection Event prospectus for qualification and entry into the U.S. Junior Selection Event) in the following order: Singles (first), Doubles (second) with any partner, and Mixed Doubles (third) with any partner.
 - e) In the unlikely scenario, that a tie still remains, the rank order will be determined by HPC, based on but not limited to, past results, playing skills, attitude etc.
 - f) This process will be continued for next place finishers accepting entry until 8th place U.S. Junior Selection Event finishers have been exhausted.
- 8) If slot(s) remain open, the slot(s) will be filled by the HPC at its sole discretion, from any top U19 or U17 players in the USAB Junior Ranking.
- 9) For example, two boys, D1 and D2 partner each other in Boy’s Doubles and win 2nd place; D1 is 5th in Boy’s Singles and D2 is 7th in Boys Singles. Both D1 and D2 will be placed in the 2nd place finishers pool. Since D1 has a higher U.S. Junior Selection Event singles result than D2, D1’s rank order will be higher than D2 in the 2nd place finishers pool. The final 2nd place finisher’s rank order will be:
 - 1 – Boy’s Singles 2nd place finisher
 - 2 – D1 (as he is ranked 5th in Boy’s Singles)
 - 3 – D2 (as he is ranked 7th in Boy’s Singles)

- 4 – Mixed Doubles 2nd place finisher

2025 PAJC Individual Event (U13, U15, U17 & U19) Selection Process

1. Team members will not be given priority/preference with regards to their entries into the individual competition.
2. Doubles pairs are selected as a pair/team. If one player of a Doubles pair/team rejects selection or is unable to compete, then their partner will be de-selected in that event.
3. For Boy's Singles and Girl's Singles individual events, the top four (4) finishers of the 2025 U.S. Junior Selection Event results will be selected (subject to slot availability). If slots remain, players will be selected according to their Singles rank order from the top eight (8) finishers of the U.S. Junior Selection Event results. If all top eight (8) ranked players from the U.S. Junior Selection Event results have been exhausted, then the Singles selection process will be considered as complete.
4. For Doubles and Mixed Doubles individual events, the top two (2) Boy's Doubles and Girl's Doubles pairs (subject to availability of slots), as well as the top four (4) Mixed Doubles pairs (subject to availability of the slots) from the U.S. Junior Selection Event results will be selected. If there are still any slots available, then players will be selected according to their rank (as a pair) order based on the top 8 (eight finishers) of the U.S. Junior Selection Event results for the specific event. If after all the top eight (8) ranked players from the U.S. Junior Selection Event results have been selected, then the selection for the event shall be considered as completed.
5. USA Badminton reserves the right to revoke selection of an athlete at USA Badminton's sole discretion.
6. Any player who forfeits (gives a walk-over) will lose his/her spot in the Rank Order for that event in the tournament.
 - a. For example, player A meets player B for the 3rd/4th place. Player A shows up but player B gives a walk-over. Player A will be awarded 3rd place but the 4th place spot will not be awarded. If both players are no show, both spots (3rd and 4th) will not be awarded.

2025 World Junior Championships (WJC) Selection Process

OVERVIEW

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- The 2025 BWF WJC U19 Team Event will be played in the Relay Format. See **Exhibition C** for details on the format.
- USA Badminton will only send U.S. athletes to the World Junior Championships who qualify through the U19 age division of the 2025 YONEX Junior Selection Event, following the procedure as detailed below.
 - The purpose of the Selection Event is to identify one team of five (5) female players and five (5) male players for the 2025 WJC.
 - USAB reserves the right to add players to the WJC team under the “Athlete Addition Procedure” and “Athlete Replacement Procedure” detailed below.
 - The USAB team for the WJC Team Event will consist of ten (10) players selected from the U19 age group at the Selection Event: five (5) women and five (5) men.
 - Doubles players are selected as a pair. If one doubles player rejects an invitation to the WJC Team Event, the partner will also be removed from the team unless she/he has qualified through the 2025 Selection Event results in singles or mixed doubles.
 - Any player who forfeits (gives a walk-over) will lose his/her spot in that event in the tournament. For example, Player A meets Player B for the 3rd/4th place match. Player A shows up but player B gives a walk-over. Player A will be awarded 3rd place but the 4th place spot will not be awarded. If both players are a no-show, both spots (3rd and 4th) will not be awarded, etc.
- The BWF and BPAC determine the maximum number of players that can be nominated by each member association to compete at the WJC. USAB reserves the right to select a team for these events within these guidelines.
- If selected for the WJC, the athlete’s parent must ensure the following:
 - The athlete will abide by the team regulations including attending team training.
 - The athlete stays at the official hotel during the WJC (if required by USAB)
 - Deadlines for documents requested by the USAB National Office and Team Manager(s).
- USAB reserves the right to modify this section as needed.
- **HPC Approval Process:** The final selection of an athlete’s participation at WJC shall be approved by USAB High Performance Committee (formerly called High Performance Advisory Group, HPAG).

2025 WJC Team Event (U19 Only) Selection Process

- The following players will be selected first for the WJC Team:
 - Top two (2) singles finishers in women’s singles and in men’s singles at the 2025 YONEX Junior Selection Event who accept entry to the WJC Team
 - Top doubles pair finisher in women’s doubles and in men’s doubles at the 2025 YONEX Junior Selection Event accepting entry to the WJC Team
 - Top mixed doubles pair finisher at the 2025 YONEX Junior Selection Event who accept entry to the WJC Team
 - Selection concludes unless one or more player(s) have qualified in one or more events.
 - Athlete Addition Procedure:
 - Only athletes who competed in the 2025 YONEX Junior Selection Event 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 in order to achieve a team size of five (5) female and (5) five male athletes for the WJC Team
 - Additions will be based on the following criteria:
 - If there is one duplicate (female and/or male) the next top finishing singles player(s) (female and/or male) will be added.
 - If there are two (female and/or male) duplicates, the next top finishing doubles pair
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(female and/or male but not mixed) will be added.

- If there are three duplicates, the next top finishing singles player(s) (female and/or male) and the next top finishing doubles pair (female and/or male but not mixed) will be added.
- Athlete Replacement Procedure:
 - Only athletes who competed in the 2025 YONEX Junior Selection Event and are injury-free will be considered as replacement athletes.
 - If a(n) athlete(s) decline(s) an invitation or withdraw(s) for any reason (injury, other obligations, etc.) which causes the USAB team for the WJC Team Event to have fewer than ten (10) players, then additional team members will be replaced until the ten (10) player team size emerging from the Selection Event is met.
 - The process below will be used for replacements:
 - If a singles player declines an invitation or withdraws from the team:
 - The next best finisher in the 2025 YONEX Junior Selection Event singles event will be named to the team.
 - This process will be repeated until the team has two (2) qualified singles players (both female and male).
 - If a doubles or mixed player declines an invitation or withdraws from the team:
 - The next best doubles or mixed doubles finishing pair in the 2025 YONEX Junior Selection Event doubles or mixed doubles event will be named to the team.
 - The step above will be repeated until the team has one 1 qualified doubles pair (female, male & mixed).

2025 WJC Individual Event (U19 Only) Selection Process

- At the last edition of the WJC 2024 team event, the USA finished at No. 7. USA is eligible for the following EYE-LEVEL CUP individual event slots:
 - Four (4) MS (Men's Singles) players:
 - Top four (4) singles finishers in men's singles at the 2025 YONEX Junior Selection Event who accept entry to the WJC Individual Event
 - Four (4) WS (Women's Singles) players:
 - Top four (4) singles finishers in women's singles at the 2025 YONEX Junior Selection Event who accept entry to the WJC Individual Event
 - Three (3) MD (Men's Doubles) pairs:
 - Top three (3) doubles pair finishers in men's doubles at the 2025 YONEX Junior Selection Event who accept entry to the WJC Individual Event
 - Three (3) WD (Women's Doubles) pairs:
 - Top three (3) doubles pair finishers in women's doubles at the 2025 YONEX Junior Selection Event who accept entry to the WJC Individual Event
 - Four (4) XD (Mixed Doubles) pairs:
 - Top four (4) doubles pair finishers in mixed doubles at the 2025 YONEX Junior Selection Event who accept entry to the WJC Individual Event

Exhibition A

BWF Regulation

6.3. A Player shall be qualified to represent a Member providing the Player is in good standing with that Member and satisfies Regulation 6.3.1:

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6.3.1. Is eligible as follows: Has not represented any other Member for three years immediately preceding the date of the Tournament, and either:

- Holds a passport of a country whose territory the Member has jurisdiction over; or
- Holds a passport of a country, where such passport is the generally accepted passport of the territory the Member has jurisdiction over (e.g. Players from New Caledonia holding a French passport); or
- A Player who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as the Player may elect. However, after having represented one country the Player may not represent another country unless the Player meets the conditions set forth in Regulation 6.3.1 that apply to Players who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality; or
- Has been registered under that Member as a “Registered Player for Entry” (Member name shown for the Player on the World Ranking and/or World Junior Ranking) for a period of minimum 3 years immediately preceding the date of the Tournament.

Exhibition B

PAN AM JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP - Participation and Confirmation Checks

Pan Am Junior Championships Deposits

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Purpose	Amount	Who Collects & When	Conditions
Check 1 PAJC Participation Check	\$250	Submit to USA Badminton near the end of the tournament Check payable to "USA BADMINTON"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If selected for PAJC, and the player goes to PAJC, the check will be cashed and used for PAJC entry fee, attire, administration fee, and other expenses. 2. If selected for PAJC, and the player does not go to PAJC for any reason and at any point, the check will be cashed and added to the Junior Development Funds.
Check 2 PAJC Confirmation Check	\$250	Submit to USA Badminton near the end of the tournament Check payable to "USA BADMINTON"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If selected for PAJC, and the player turns down the selection immediately, the check will not be collected. 2. If selected for PAJC, and the player does not go to PAJC for any reason at any point, the check will be cashed and added to the Junior Development Funds.
<p><u>PARENTS - IMPORTANT REMINDER:</u> For PAJC entries to be VALID, the following checks must be submitted to USA Badminton near the end of the tournament. All players who would like to be considered for the PAJC must submit Check 1 & Check 2</p>			

Exhibition C

TEAM EVENT RELAY FORMAT

- The winner of the team tie will be the team reaching 110 points first.
 - The first match will play one game to 11 points (change of court end at 6 points).
 - The second match will start at the score of the first match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the first match will have achieved a

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minimum of 5 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.

- The second match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 22 points (shift of court end when reaching 17 points).
- The third match will start at the score of the second match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the second match will have achieved a minimum of 10 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- The third match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 33 points (shift of court end when reaching 28 points).
- The fourth match will start at the score of the third match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the third match will have achieved a minimum of 15 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- The fourth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 44 points (shift of court end when reaching 39 points).
- The fifth match will start at the score of the fourth match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the fourth match will have achieved a minimum number of 20 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- The fifth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 55 points (shift of court end when reaching 50 points).
- The sixth match will start at the score of the fifth match and continue from that score, however in a way where the losing player/pair of the fifth match will have achieved a minimum of 25 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- The sixth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 66 points (shift of court end when reaching 61 points).
- The seventh match will start at the score of the sixth match and continue from that score however in a way, where the losing player/pair of the sixth match will have achieved a minimum of 30 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- The seventh match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 77 points (shift of court end when reaching 72 points).
- The eighth match will start at the score of the seventh match and continue from that score, however in a way, where the losing player/pair of the seventh match will have achieved a minimum of 35 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- The eighth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 88 points (shift of court end when reaching 83 points).
- The ninth match will start at the score of the eighth match and continue from that score, however, in a way, where the losing player/pair of the eighth match will have achieved a minimum of 40 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- The ninth match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 99 points (shift of court end when reaching 94 points).
- The 10th and final match will start at the score of the ninth match and continue from that score, however in a way, where the losing player/pair of the ninth match will have achieved a minimum of 45 points or the actual number of points reached whatever is more.
- The 10th match will play until one of the players/pairs reach 110 points and thereby

wins the tie (shift of court end when reaching 105 points).

- No player shall play in more than four matches. A player can play one, two, three or four matches in a tie.

In case the same player is playing two consecutive matches, he/she shall not be allowed to have any additional rest except the intervals as defined by clause 12.

The size of the team shall be as per clause 13.1.

- If, as a result of injury or illness sustained after arrival at the venue, a team has only one male or one female player, that player may play in only four matches, and the remaining matches involving that player's gender shall be conceded to the opposing side.
- If, for the above reasons, the team is reduced to two players only, either both of the same gender, or one of each gender, the whole tie shall be conceded.