



USA BADMINTON JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL TRIALS

For 2018 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS & PAN AMERICAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

USAB TEAMS SELECTION

TRIAL VENUE & DATES

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Dates: March 30 – April 2, 2018

TRIAL BACKGROUND

- The Junior International Trials (JIT) is not an entry level tournament for novice or intermediate level players.
- The objective of this tournament is to determine the best and highest ranked junior badminton athletes who intend to compete at World Junior Championships (WJC) and at Pan Am Junior Championships (PAJC).
- The Junior International Trials (JIT) is primarily used to select junior athletes to represent USA Badminton at the 2018 World Junior Championships (U19) and Pan Am Junior Championships Team Event (U19), and in the Individual Events (U13, U15, U17, U19).
- The JIT results may also be used to select junior athletes for other USAB Projects such as International Junior competitions or other training projects which require national qualification.
- Athletes desiring to compete in an Individual event(s) in any age group must submit an entry for those events, even if not competing for the Team(s).
- Note: There is no USAB funding designated for this International event.
- The Trial results will be used for the rank order of the players/teams for selection of the Team based on the Selection & Approval Procedure.
- The Trial results will NOT generate US junior ranking points.
- If the athlete is selected for the PAJC, the parent concerned will ensure that the athlete will abide by the team regulations including attending team training, staying at the official hotel during the PAJC and meeting deadlines for documents sent by the USAB National Office, Team Managers and/or the JIEPC.
- USAB reserves the right to select and revoke athletes at its sole discretion including but not limited to the athlete's misconduct, membership status with USAB, BWF or BPAC, injury, health of the individual and/or Team.

World Junior Championships

- Venue: Markham, Canada (November 5 - 18, 2018)
- The World Junior Championships (WJC) Team Event format is a mixed team event, consist of one (1) Boy's Singles, one (1) Girl's Singles, one (1) Boy's Doubles, one (1) Girl's Doubles, and one (1) Mixed Doubles.
- Team Event (November 5 - 10, 2018): USAB will select four (4) boys and four (4) for the WJC.
- Individual events (November 12 - 18, 2018): The typical BWF WJC slots per event for USA is 3 Boy's Singles players, 3



Girl's Singles players, 2 Boy's Doubles pairs, 2 Girl's Doubles pairs, and 3 Mixed Doubles pairs.

Note: The exact slot-per-event allocation is determined by BWF.

- For Selection & Approval Procedure, click [HERE](#)

Pan Am Junior Championships

- Venue: Rio De Janeiro, Brazil (July 18 - 26, 2018)
- Team Event: The Pan Am Junior Championships (PAJC) Team Event format consists of one (1) Boy's Singles, one (1) Girl's Singles, one (1) Boy's Doubles, one (1) Girl's Doubles, and one (1) Mixed Doubles matches.
- Team Event: USAB will select four (4) boys and four (4) girls for the PAJC.
- Individual events: USAB will select the top finishers in the U13, U15, U17 and U19 age groups in the 2018 JIT as described in the Selection and Approval Procedure.
- If the athlete is selected for the PAJC and/or WJC, the parent will ensure that the athlete will abide by the team regulations including attending team training, staying at the official hotel during the PAJC/WJC and meeting deadlines for documents sent by the USAB National Office, Team Managers and/or the JIEPC.
- For Selection & Approval Procedure, click [HERE](#)

TRIAL ORGANIZATION, VALID ENTRY, & SIGNING UP FOR DOUBLES

TRIAL ORGANIZATION

- **Tournament Referee:** Ian Counter – Email: icounter@gmail.com
- **Deputy Referee:** Arthur Schwartz – Email: abschwartz@comcast.net
- **Tournament Director:** Scott Reitsma - Email: scott.reitsma@verizon.net
- **Assistant Tournament Director:** Joan Cayen – Email: cayentjsnc@verizon.net
- **Trial Format:** All events will start in Pool Play per USA Badminton Tournament and Trials Regulations followed by playoffs (where applicable). USAB's pool play rules require that an athlete must complete all his/her pool matches to be credited with a final group position and to have the chance to move on to any playoff round.

- **Trial Schedule**

Thursday	March 29, 2018	3.00 – 6.30 pm	Registration, practice courts available
		7.00 – 7.45 pm	Parents/Coach Meeting conducted by the Referee
Friday	March 30, 2018	9.00 am – 9.00 pm	Tournament Play
Saturday	March 31, 2018	9.00 am – 9.00 pm	Tournament Play
Sunday	April 1, 2018	9.00 am – 9.00 pm	Tournament Play
Monday	April 2, 2018	8.30 am – 4.00 pm	Tournament Play – plan your flights accordingly

- **It is the intention that all events will start on the Friday. Players must be available for all hours on each of the four days – plan your flights home accordingly!**
- Address questions to Tournament Referee, Ian Counter at icounter@gmail.com
- Full payment must be made on line at <https://usab.simplycompete.com> at the time of signing up



- To qualify for an age division, the player’s age must be under the age limit as of 12/31/2018.
 - UNDER-19 (born year 2000, 2001 and later)
 - UNDER-17 (born year 2002, 2003 and later)
 - UNDER-15 (born year 2004, 2005 and later)
 - UNDER-13 (born year 2006, 2007)
- Each player may enter a maximum of 3 events. USAB strongly recommends players to participate in no more than 2 events to avoid fatigue and injury. Players cannot play in more than one Singles event, one Doubles event (Boys or Girls), and one Mixed Doubles event.
- The events entered cannot span more than 2 age groups
e.g., U13 BS – U15 BD – U13 MX is OK, but U13 GS – U15 GD – U17 XD is not OK.
- Note that there is **no** “Partner Request” option for JIT.

ENTRY & DEADLINE

- Entries must be made online at <https://usab.simplycompete.com/> **by March 1st, 2018 11:59 PM PST.**
- Entries include **Event fees (see Fees section), Tournament Documents and passport photo** (not less than 150kb)
- **Tournament Documents** (copy of passport and/or birth certificate) and passport photo (not less than 150kb) must be done online at <https://usab.simplycompete.com/> **by March 1st, 2018 11:59 PM PST.**
- **LATE ENTRIES** and other forms of entry **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT SIGN UP PROCEDURE

For Tournament Sign Up Procedure on Simply Compete, please click [HERE](#)

Important Notice

1. Do **NOT** wait until the last minute to sign up for the 2018 JIT through Simply Compete. Sign up as soon as possible so that if technical issues come up there will be enough time to address them.
2. It is not a technical issue if one enters at the last minute and the online system shuts down because it is past the deadline

VALID ENTRY

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

- The Player is signed up through <https://usab.simplycompete.com/>
- The player is signed up and has paid all entry fees by **March 1st, 2018 11:59 PM PST.** 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 all of them will be canceled and the player will not be permitted to play in the Trials.
- If the player has signed up for a Doubles and/or a Mixed Doubles event, then make sure that the partner(s) are informed and that they sign up for and pay the entry fees by **March 1st, 2018 11:59 PM PST.** Note that there is **NO** “Partner Request” option for JIT.
- Submit Check 1, Check 2 and/or Check 3 to the JIT Tournament Director at registration on March 29, 2018 (for more information on the checks, see “JIT Tournament Fees & Deposits” section).

SIGNING UP FOR DOUBLES & MIXED DOUBLES

If you are confirming for Doubles or Mixed Doubles, please take note of the following:

- Your partner must have created an account first, before he/she can be selected as a partner.
- Once the partner is selected, the partner will receive an invitation at his/her email.
- The partner must accept the invitation and then pay the entry fees prior to the entry deadline before the partnership is confirmed.
- Unconfirmed entries will **NOT** be accepted.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

USAB Membership & US Citizenship

- Athletes must be U.S. citizens at the time of signing up for the “JIT.”
- Athletes must be USA Badminton members in good standing at the time of signing up JIT and throughout the Trial
- Parents are responsible to ensure that the athlete’s USAB Membership is current at the time of registration and throughout the JIT.
- Parents are responsible to provide proof of U.S. citizenship for the child/children by uploading **Tournament Documents (copy of passport and/or birth certificate and or any other document accepted by USAB/USOC) and passport photo (not less than 150kb) at <https://usab.simplycompete.com/> by March 1st, 2018 11:59 PM PST.**
- Note that Green Card holders are not eligible for the JIT as the Badminton World Federation allows only citizens to represent a country at the World Junior Championships and/or the Pan Am Junior Championships.

How to Qualify for the 2018 Junior International Trial

- Qualification by Junior Ranking as of **03/01/18** will be used for entry into the 2018 JIT.
- The size of each event will be capped as shown below.
- The event cap sizes are as follows:

U13 BS ~ 16	U15 BS ~ 16	U17 BS ~ 16	U19 BS ~ 16
U13 GS ~ 16	U15 GS ~ 16	U17 GS ~ 16	U19 GS ~ 16
U13 BD ~ 8	U15 BD ~ 8	U17 BD ~ 8	U19 BD ~ 8
U13 GD ~ 8	U15 GD ~ 8	U17 GD ~ 8	U19 GD ~ 8
U13 MX ~ 16	U15 MX ~ 16	U17 MX ~ 16	U19 MX ~ 16

- Any U.S. citizen may enter provided they are under the age limit on 12/31/2018 and that the events entered satisfy the conditions on pages 2-3.
- Entries and Tournament Documents (copy of passport and/or birth certificate) and passport photo must be done online at <https://usab.simplycompete.com/> by **March 1st 11:59 PM PST.**
- Referee will ascertain if event entries have exceeded the cap and will finalize the accepted entries for each event.
- A Singles Player or Doubles pair that has combined zero ranking points are **not** allowed to enter that event.
- Players are strongly encouraged to enter even if their current ranking falls below the cap *e.g.*, a player ranked 24 for an event capped at 16, since players with a higher ranking may choose not to enter due to a scheduling conflict, injury, lack of interest *etc.* If a player is not accepted into JIT because of capping then the entry fee will be refunded except the processing admin fee. Please refer to Tournament Refund Matrix.

JIT TOURNAMENT FEES & DEPOSITS

JIT FEES

JIT Entry Fee *

- \$210 for 1 event,
- \$210 for 2 events, and
- \$270 for 3 events.

* Above Entry Fee includes a \$60 USAB Junior Coaching Fund

Selection Deposit Fees – The deposits are to encourage serious participation at PAJC and WJC, See chart below for more information on the deposits for PAJC and WJC.

PAJC DEPOSITS			
Purpose	Amount	Who Collects & When	Conditions
Check 1 PAJC Participation Check	\$160	Submit to JIT Tournament Director at JIT registration Check payable to "USA BADMINTON"	1. If not selected for PAJC, the check is destroyed 2. If selected for PAJC, and player goes to PAJC, the check will be cashed and used for PAJC entry fee, attire and other expenses 3. If selected for PAJC, and player decides not to go to PAJC, the check will be cashed and added to the Junior Development Funds 4. If selected for PAJC, and player decides to go to PAJC, but later turns down (other than a medically confirmed reason), the check will be cashed and added to the Junior Development Funds.
Check 2 PAJC Confirmation Check	\$240	Submit to JIT Tournament Director at JIT registration Check payable to "USA BADMINTON"	1. If not selected for PAJC, the check is destroyed 2. If selected for the PAJC, and the player turns down invitation immediately, the check will be destroyed. 3. If selected for the PAJC, and the player agrees to go to PAJC, the check will be destroyed after the PAJC is over. 4. If selected for PAJC, and player confirms, but later turns down (other than a medically confirmed reason), the check will be cashed and added to the Junior Development Funds

WJC DEPOSITS			
Purpose	Amount	Who Collects & When	Conditions
Check 3 WJC Registration Check	\$150	Submit to JIT Tournament Director at JIT registration Check payable to "USA BADMINTON"	The WJC is an event that requires a more extensive preparation as it is a world-class event. USAB requires signing up participants who are serious registrants unlike in the past when some participants signed up for the U19 age group in the JIT merely to experience a higher-level competition against other top juniors in the same age category. Hence, in order to participate in the JIT and to be considered for the WJC, check 3 is a non-refundable Registration Fee. Check 3 will be cashed and used to cover the WJC attire, other WJC general administration expenses, Pre-WJC training expenses and the Junior Development Funds.
Check 4 WJC Confirmation Check	\$250	Pay at the time of confirming participation in WJC to Junior International Event/Project Coordinator (JIEPC) Pay to USAB Team Manager of WJC Payable to "USA BADMINTON"	1. If selected for the WJC, and the player goes to the WJC, the payment will be used for Pre-WJC training, assistant coach's travel expenses, etc. 2. If selected for WJC, and player confirms, but later turns down (other than a medically confirmed reason), the payment will be used for Pre-WJC training, assistant coach's travel; expenses, etc.

PARENTS - IMPORTANT REMINDER: For Entries to be VALID, the following checks must be submitted to the JIT Tournament Director at registration

- All Players who would like to be considered for the PAJC must submit Check 1 & Check 2
- U-19 Players who would like to be considered for the WJC must submit Check 3

- **How and When To Pay JIT Entry, Coaching & Tournament Officiating Fees**
 Entry Fees, Coaching Fees, and Processing Fee must be paid online at the time of signing up at <https://usab.simplycompete.com/> **by March 1st, 2018 11:59 PM PST.** LATE ENTRIES and other forms of entry or payment WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.



COACHING PASS

- Only formally USAB Certified High Performance (HP) Coaches Level 1 HP or higher can coach (sit on the coaches' chair) at this event.
- No one can coach if he/she does NOT have a valid HP Coaching Pass.
- USAB Certified HP Coaches must make sure that they meet all requirements (active memberships, background check *etc.*) to maintain an active and valid HP Certification and the Coaching Pass.
- The Coaching Pass CANNOT be shared with someone else. If someone is caught sharing the Pass and/or using a fake Coaching Pass, his/her Pass will be confiscated by the Tournament Referee.
- For information on how to obtain a Coaching Pass, please click [HERE](#)

HOTEL, AIRPORT, SHUTTLE SERVICE & TOURNAMENT SHUTTLE

HOTEL

- Accommodation dates: (Mar 29 - Apr 2)
- Hotel Information
Hampton Inn Boston-Westborough
[15 Connector Road, Westborough, MA 01581](#) (3 miles from venue)
- Ph: [508-329-5570](tel:508-329-5570)
- Website: http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/B/BOSWEHX-BBN-20180329/index.ihtml?WT.mc_id=POG
- Rate: \$109 for 2 queens with breakfast. **Book by February 27, 2018.**
- Group Name (and Code): Boston Badminton USA Junior International Trials Room Block (BBN)

AIRPORT & SHUTTLE SERVICE

- The nearest airport is the Logan International Airport (BOS)
- No shuttle service will be provided for participants from the airport and/or from the hotel/BBC/hotel

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT SHUTTLE

- YONEX shuttles will be official shuttle for this 2018 Junior International Trial

KEY DATES & JIT INFORMATION

Key dates & Information For JIT	
February 22, 2018	Deadline for uploading to Simply Compete if not already done documentation showing proof of player's US citizenship (passport copy and/or birth certificate, & passport photo (> 150 kb).
March 1, 2018	JIT entry deadline for 2018 JIT. Entry must be made on line at https://usab.simplycompete.com/ by 11:59 PM PST. LATE ENTRIES, any other forms of entry and payment WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
March 1, 2018	Ranking date for determination of accepted entries; also, the date for seeding.
March 6, 2018	Accepted entries for each JIT event will be published on USAB website, USAB Facebook and/or Boston Badminton Club website.
Week of March 12, 2018	JIT Open Draw by COAG or designee. Time and place to be announced on USAB website.
March 20, 2018	Draws posted on www.tournamentsoftware.com and/or on USAB website by this date.
March 29-30, 2018	Submit Deposit checks to JIT Tournament Director at registration before player's first match. PARENTS – IMPORTANT REMINDER Your JIT Entry is ONLY VALID when Checks 1, 2 & 3 are submitted to the JIT Tournament Director at registration.

- Refunds**

- If an athlete withdraws before the entry deadline, please see table below for refund amount.

USAB Junior Tournament Refund Matrix				
Max Events Per Player	Entry Fee (EF)	Refund 1 Event	Refund 2 Events	Refund 3 Events
1	\$210	\$190	N/A	N/A
2	\$210	N/A	\$190	N/A
3	\$270	\$40	\$40	\$240

- If an athlete withdraws after the entry deadline due to whatever reason, the entry fees and tournament processing fee will not be refunded.
- If an athlete's entry is not accepted into the JIT due to cap size, please refer to the Tournament Refund Matrix for refund amount.

By submitting the online entry managed by Simply Compete, for the 2018 USAB Junior International Trial (JIT), the participant (and parent(s)/guardian(s) if participant is of minority age) affirm that having read this document and agrees to be bound by its terms including accepting the BWF, USAB regulations and procedures. As the parent, guardian, coach, I acknowledge the following:

- I am responsible to review and understand the "Pan American Junior Championships & BWF World Junior Championships Selection & Approval Procedures;"
- If an athlete qualifies for the 2018 JIT, the parent shall confirm participation as per the deadline; if there is an emergency whereby the athlete needs to communicate with any USAB Officials, Tournament Director, HAPG and/or JAG, their parent/ legal guardian must be copied in the email correspondences. USAB Officials, Tournament Director, HAPG and/or JAG reserve the right to not respond to any junior athlete's email which does not include their parents/ legal guardian in their email.

AGREEMENT & WAIVERS

USA Badminton Waiver & Release of Liability

ATTENTION PARENTS:

By submitting the online entry managed by Simply Compete, for the 2018 USAB Junior International Trial (JIT), the participant (and parent(s)/guardian(s) if participant is of minority age) affirms that having read this document and agrees to be bound by its terms.

In consideration of my involvement at the 2018 USAB Junior International Trial (JIT) under the auspices of USA Badminton and Boston Badminton 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, equipment, and discipline may reduce this risk, this risk of injury does exist, as well as the risk of damage to or loss of property.
2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risk; both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releases of others;
3. I willingly agree to comply with the state and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual or unnecessary hazard during my presence or participation or if I observe any concern in my readiness for participation, I will immediately bring such to the attention of the nearest official and refrain from participation; and
- 3a. I, for myself, and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release, hold harmless and promise not to sue USA Badminton, the committee, their sponsors, their officers, volunteers, staff, sponsors and/or agents, ("releasees") with respect to any and all injury and loss arising from my participation, whether caused by the negligence of the releasees, the condition of the premises or otherwise, except that which is the result of gross negligence or wanton misconduct, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
4. I agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation and those of USA Badminton and I hereby stipulate that I am eligible to play in the events for which I am applying and that I understand that the above mentioned make no representation or warranty with respect to the condition of the premises or the operation of the event.
5. I hereby grant to USA Badminton, its licensees and contractees including photographers, television and motion picture rights including to film or videotape me during matches, narratives, personal interviews, or comment thereon for any and all commercial, news or other purposes together with the right to transfer or grant their rights to others, all without remuneration or compensation to me whatsoever.

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE

By allowing participation in the 2018 USAB Junior International Trials (JIT), I/We as parent(s)/guardian(s) with legal responsibility of the participant agreeing to abide by this Agreement, do consent and agree not only to his/her release, but also for myself/ourselves, and my/ours heirs, assigns and next of kin to release and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liability incident to my/our child's involvement as stated above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

