

2010 USA BADMINTON TEAM USA TRIALS

The 2010 USA Badminton (USAB) Team USA Trials will be held on December 11-13, 2009, at the Orange County Badminton Club in Orange, California (website: www.ocbadmintonclub.com). The Team USA Trials result will be used to select the US team to any continental and/or BWF adult team competition in 2010 as defined in Part III of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statute 2008/2009 which covers General Competition Regulations (Section 1), Disciplinary regulations (Section 2), Thomas & Uber Cups (Section 3) and Sudirman Cup (Section 4) available on the BWF website at www.internationalbadminton.org

The Team USA Trials will cover the two styles of team competition that currently exists:

1. **Thomas/Uber Cup** style where each tie consists of 3 singles and 2 doubles competition of the same gender, and
2. **Sudirman Cup** style where each tie consists of 1 Men's Singles, 1 Women's Singles, 1 Men's Doubles, 1 Women's Doubles and 1 Mixed Doubles.

There will be two separate selection procedures to select the US team for a particular event depending on the style of team competition used.

Currently, the BWF team competition scheduled for 2010 is the 2010 Thomas Cup and the 2010 Uber Cup. Qualification for the US Thomas Cup team (men's) and the US Uber Cup team (women's) shall use the Thomas/Uber Cup style selection procedure. Both BWF team events will have two stages of competition.

The Thomas/Uber Cup continental preliminary stage (called Prelims) will be held on February 18-21, 2010, in Lima, Peru. If the US (men's) team wins the 2010 Thomas Cup Prelims, the US (men's) team shall qualify for the 2010 Thomas Cup Finals. If the US (women's) team wins in the 2010 Uber Cup Prelims, the US (women's) team shall qualify for the 2010 Uber Cup Finals. Only the qualifying US team(s) will be sent to compete in the Finals.

The 2010 Thomas/Uber Cup Final Stage will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on May 9-16, 2010. Qualification for the Thomas/Uber Cup Final Stage is governed by the BWF competition regulations.

The 2010 Pan Am Championships is tentatively scheduled with no current information on location and / or dates.

THE US TEAM COMPETING IN THE THOMAS CUP AND UBER CUP PRELIMS AND IN THE FINALS SHALL CONSIST OF THE SAME NAMED PLAYERS. IN THE EVENT THAT PLAYERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PRELIMS DO NOT ATTEND THE FINALS, NO OTHER PLAYERS WILL BE ADDED TO THE TEAM.

The naming of the 2010 Team USA for the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup will be based on the Thomas/Uber Cup style selection procedure.

The naming of the 2010 Team USA for the Pan Am Championships will be based on the Sudirman Cup style selection procedure.

Trials Venue:

Orange County Badminton Club (OCBC), 1432 North Main Street, Orange, CA 92867, 714-639-6222, 714-639-8392.

Trials Events:

Events are Men's Singles (MS), Women's Singles (WS), Men's Doubles (MD), Women's Doubles (WD) and Mixed Doubles (XD). The Mixed Doubles event will only be used for team selection purposes if a BWF or Pan-Am Sudirman Cup style team competition occurs in 2010 (tentatively scheduled is the 2010 Pan Am Championships).

Scoring System:

The Trials shall use the BWF Rally Point Scoring System. Seeding will be based on the USAB National Rankings as of December 1, 2009.

Entry Fees:

The entry fee is \$40 per event (3 events maximum per person). Please make checks payable to "USA Badminton". (No phone or fax entries accepted). Completed entries with payment are to be sent to: USA Badminton, One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909, tel. 719-866-4808, fax 719-866-4507, website: www.usabadminton.org.



Closing Date:

All entries must be received in the USAB National Office by Nov. 25, 2009. No phone entries will be accepted. **Absolutely no late entries will be accepted.** Entries for doubles events must be received from both players of the doubles team for the entry to be accepted. Players are responsible for checking that their entry has been accepted.

TOURNAMENT START TIME IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2009 AT 12 NOON. IT IS THE INTENTION THAT EACH EVENT WILL COMMENCE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2009. PLAYERS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO PLAY ON EACH OF THE THREE DAYS OF THE TRIAL (FRIDAY DEC. 11th - SUNDAY DEC. 13th). TRIAL TIMES WILL BE POSTED AT THE TRIAL VENUE BY DECEMBER 11, AND MAY BE POSTED ON THE USAB WEBSITE AT WWW.USABADMINTON.ORG AND / OR WWW.TOURNAMENTSFTWARE.COM.

Shuttlecock Sponsor:

Yonex is the official equipment sponsor of USA Badminton. Shuttlecocks will be provided by Yonex Corporation.

Team Size:

BWF competition regulations govern the team size for international team competitions. USA Badminton shall only send US athletes that qualify through the 2010 Team USA Trials selection procedures.

Funding:

No USAB funding is available for the 2010 USAB Team USA Trials.

USAB shall pay a stipend set by the USAB Board of Directors to reimburse the 2010 Team USA Trial winners of each event (2nd place and 3rd place finishers will not receive funding) for travel expenses directly related to the 2010 Thomas/Uber Cup Prelims and/or the 2010 Thomas/Uber Cup Final. To receive the stipend, the player must submit an itemized expense report with original receipts to USAB by July 1, 2010.

No USAB funding is available for other 2010 continental team competitions.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, a player must meet the BWF requirements for national representation. They must be a member in good standing with USAB and satisfy one or more of the following: (i) be a citizen of the United States; or (ii) have received approval from the BWF for non-citizenship international representation.

All players who qualify for the US team must sign and abide by the USAB Code of Conduct. A copy of the USAB Code of Conduct can be obtained by contacting USAB. As a team rule, all players shall fall under the jurisdiction of the USAB assigned team manager and/or coach(es) in complying with BWF regulations.

Selection Procedures:**Thomas/Uber Cup Style Competition**

The top three finishers in the Men's Singles trials and the top three finishers in the Men's Doubles trials shall be selected to the US Men's Team. The top three finishers in the Women's Singles trials and the top three finishers in the Women's Doubles trials shall be selected to the US Women's Team. No Mixed Doubles trials winner will be selected. If a player/team cannot go to the prelims, the next ranked player/team in that event, based on the trials result, shall be selected to the team. In the event a player wins multiple events, no additional players will be added to the team. Doubles teams are selected as a pair (if one player cannot go in a team, the partner loses his/her spot). International and national rankings are not used in this selection process. Note that if players who participated in the prelims do not attend the finals, then no other players will be added to the team.

Sudirman Cup Style Competition

The winner in each trials event (Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles) shall be selected to the US Team. Four men and four women will be selected to be members of the US Team. If there are not enough team members to meet the team size requirement based on the trials winners, the following rank order shall be used in turn to determine additional member(s) to be added to the team:

1. The 2nd place finishers in all trials events will be considered first.
2. The rank order of athletes who will be chosen among the 2nd place finishers is determined by the highest trials result in singles (i.e. if one male needs to be selected, then all males who finished in second place will be put in rank order based on their trials result in men's singles). Athletes who do not have a singles rank from the trials will be placed at the end of the list of the 2nd place finishers. If more than one of the 2nd place finishers does not have singles results from the trials, the priority of rank of those athletes will be doubles, then mixed doubles.



3. If athletes are tied based on their trials result in singles, then the eligible athletes (highest ranked trials singles result) with the highest trials doubles result will be selected. If athletes are still tied, then the eligible athletes (highest ranked trials singles and trials doubles result) with the highest trials mixed doubles result will be selected.
4. If athletes are still tied, all eligible athletes (highest ranked trials singles, trials doubles, and trials mixed doubles result) will be ranked based on the highest BWF ranking (at beginning date of trials event) in singles first, doubles with any partner second, and mixed doubles with any partner third.
5. If athletes are still tied, all eligible athletes (highest ranked trials singles, trials doubles, trials mixed doubles result, BWF singles, BWF doubles with any partner, and BWF mixed doubles with any partner result) will play a singles round-robin match to determine the rank order.
6. This process will be continued using 3rd place finishers, etc. until a full team of four men and four women are nominated. No 3rd place finishers will be considered until all 2nd place finishers have been considered for filling the team slots.





2010 TEAM USA TRIALS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Entry Deadline : All Entries Must Be Received by Nov. 25, 2009. Complete entry form, sign release and return to:
USA Badminton, One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

NAME: _____ USAB MEMBER#: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ EMAIL: _____

ENTRY FEE: \$40 per event = \$ _____ Please make checks payable to "USA Badminton".

EVENT: Men's Singles _____ Men's Doubles _____

Women's Singles _____ Women's Doubles _____

Mixed Doubles _____

Singles event mark entry with "X". Doubles events mark entry with partner's name. For doubles entry, the partner must submit a separate entry form. Please note that the mixed doubles trials event will not be used for the 2010 Thomas/Uber Cup team selection, and will only be used for selection if a BWF Sudirman Cup style team competition occurs in 2010 (tentatively scheduled is the 2010 Pan Am Championships).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TOURNAMENT RULES

I have read the 2010 USAB Team USA Trials procedure and fully understand its terms. I understand that I can obtain information on the 2010 USAB Team USA Trials procedure from the USA Badminton website at www.usabadminton.org and/or by contacting USAB at (719) 866-4808. I also understand that I can obtain the Trials regulations by accessing the "rules" web page at www.usabadminton.org. I am responsible for complying with all tournament procedures and regulations.

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature* _____ Date _____

WAIVER AND 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.

- IN CONSIDERATION of my involvement at the 2010 USAB Team USA Trials under the auspices of USA Badminton, 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 releasees or others.
 3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated 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.
 4. 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 venue, the committee, their sponsors, their officers, volunteers, staff, sanctioning organizations 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.
 5. 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.
 6. I hereby grant to USA Badminton, its licensees and contractors including photographers, television and motion picture companies, their affiliates and subsidiaries, full television and motion picture rights including authority 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.

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

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Print Participant's Name _____

* 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 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.

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Relationship to Participant _____

