



2017 YONEX U.S. OPEN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Part of the BWF Grand Prix Gold Series

**JULY 19-23, 2017
ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER ARENA
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, USA**





2099 S. State College Blvd. # 600
Anaheim, California 92806

April 7, 2017

Dear Badminton World Federation Members,

Re: Invitation – 2017 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships, part of the BWF Grand Prix Gold Series

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we invite your players to participate in the 2017 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships to be held on July 19-23, 2017 at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena located at 800 W Katella Ave, Anaheim, CA 92802.

The official hotel is located in the heart of Orange County, California. The Clarion Hotel Anaheim is located next to the venue and only a short 5-minute walk. Once at the host hotel everything you need is within walking distance including numerous shops, attractions, and restaurants. Also located just across the street you will find Disneyland, Disney's California Adventure and Downtown Disney. Make sure to secure your hotel accommodations early by using the following link:
<http://gettravel.com/usa-badminton-yonex-us-open-2017/>.

There are no qualifying matches and first round men's singles matches will be played on July 19, 2017. This tournament is a BWF sanctioned "Grand Prix Gold" event and entries will close on **Tuesday, June 13, 2017** at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT).

Please find below the entry details and event information. Should you require any additional information or assistance please contact USA Badminton.

We look forward to seeing you in Anaheim, California in July.

Sincerely,

Jeff Dyrek
CEO / Secretary General
USA Badminton





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Dear Colleagues,

Your players are invited to compete in the 2017 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships. This invitation contains important information that should also be brought to the attention of the Team Manager accompanying your players.

1. National Organization:	USA Badminton 2099 S. State College Boulevard, Suite 600 Anaheim, CA 92806, USA Ph: +1.714.765.2952 www.usabadminton.org
2. Presented by:	USA Badminton 2099 S. State College Boulevard, Suite 600 Anaheim, CA 92806, USA Ph: +1.714.765.2952 www.usabadminton.org
3. Date:	Wednesday, July 19 – Sunday, July 23, 2017
4. Venue:	Anaheim Convention Center Arena 800 W Katella Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92802 Phone: (714) 765-8950 http://www.anaheim.net/1117/Anaheim-Convention-Center-Arena
5. Event Directors:	Tournament Director : Abigail Bautista Deputy Tournament Director : Yuko Kawasaki
6. Event Contacts:	Abigail Bautista Phone: +1.510.432.7346 abibautista.usab@gmail.com Yuko Kawasaki Phone: +1.408.499.1869 usopenmail@gmail.com
7. Referees:	<u>Referee:</u> Michael Nemeč (AUT) Email: michael.nemec@outlook.com <u>Deputy Referees:</u> Girish Natu (IND) Email: girishnatu@vsnl.com Shirly Gabay (BRA) Email: shirly@inglestailormade.com.br



8. Draw Size	Limitations to the number of entries for the main draw		
	Men's Singles	Main: 64	
	Women's Singles	Main: 32	
	Men's Doubles	Main: 32	
	Women's Doubles	Main: 32	
	Mixed Doubles	Main: 32	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 10px;"> <p><u>Qualification Draws – are CANCELLED</u> <u>For the 2017 Yonex US Open Badminton Championships ONLY</u></p> <p>The BWF has AGREED TO GRANT OUR REQUEST TO HAVE NO QUALIFYING DRAWS FOR 2017 AS OUR VENUE –ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER ARENA WAS ONLY AVAILABLE FROM WEDNESDAY JULY 19 TO SUNDAY JULY 23, 2017.</p> </div>		
Notice:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All events will be run on a strict timetable system. • Competitors must be ready to play fifteen (15) minutes before their scheduled match time. • Competitors who are not ready to play at their scheduled match time will be disqualified. • <u>NOTE: Alterations to competition schedule due to television coverage are possible and will be announced by the Referee.</u> 			
9. Schedule:	Day	Progression	Play Times
	Tuesday, July 18, 2017	Venue Court Practice*	5:00pm– 9:00pm
	Wednesday, July 19, 2017	Main Draw MS - RD1	9:00am – 1:00pm
	Wednesday, July 19, 2017	All Events and MS - RD2	1:00pm – 10:00pm
	Thursday, July 20, 2017	All Draws RD2	9:00am – 10:00pm
	Friday, July 21, 2017	Quarter-Finals	5:00pm - 10:00pm
	Saturday, July 22, 2017	Semi-Finals	Start at 1:00pm
	Sunday, July 23, 2017	Finals	Start at 1:00pm
Note:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. July 17 -19: Practice Hall (American Sports Center) is available from 9am - 6pm. 2. July 18* : Main Hall (subject to change) 			
10. Official Shuttle:	The YONEX Aerosena 50 is the official shuttlecock for the 2017 YONEX US Open Badminton Championships. Practice shuttlecocks will be available at a minimal cost from the supplier at the competition venue.		
11. Conditions of Play:	The BWF General Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in the Regulations for Grand Prix. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the Grand Prix Regulation(s) will take precedence. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final. Please familiarize yourself with these Regulations prior to your arrival in Anaheim.		



12. Team Managers' Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Team Managers' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7.00PM PST (1900 hours), at the Clarion Hotel – Anaheim. It is compulsory for all team managers to attend the Team Managers' Meeting. Failure to attend means you are liable to be fined as per BWF "Offences and Penalties". Member Associations may make a request for an alternative to the Team Manager to represent them at the meeting, provided the Referee is notified in advance. 																																					
13. Key Dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USA player entry deadline International player entry deadline World Ranking Date for M & Q Report Publish Date for M & Q Report World Ranking Date for Seeding Seeding Released BWF Last Date of Withdrawal (without penalty) Date of Draw Hotel Booking Deadline Practice Court Request Deadline Accreditation Request Deadline Transportation Request Deadline Visa Support Letter Deadline 	<p>Tuesday, June 6, 2017</p> <p>Tuesday, June 13, 2017</p> <p>Thursday, June 15, 2017</p> <p>Friday, June 16, 2017</p> <p>Thursday, June 22, 2017</p> <p>Friday, June 23, 2017</p> <p>Sunday, June 25, 2017</p> <p>Tuesday, June 27, 2017</p> <p>Tuesday, June 27, 2017</p> <p>Tuesday, June 27, 2017</p> <p>Tuesday, June 27, 2017</p> <p>Tuesday, June 27, 2017</p> <p>Tuesday, June 27, 2017</p>																																				
14. Prize Money:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The prize money for the 2017 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships is \$120,000. This prize fund will be distributed in accordance with BWF rules governing Grand Prix events. Income tax may be deducted according to the U.S. tax regulations. <table border="1" data-bbox="480 1184 1572 1398"> <thead> <tr> <th>Event</th> <th>Winner</th> <th>Runner-Up</th> <th>Semi-Finals</th> <th>Quarter-Finals</th> <th>Last 16</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Men's Singles</td> <td>\$9,000 USD</td> <td>\$4,560 USD</td> <td>\$1,740 USD</td> <td>\$720 USD</td> <td>\$420 USD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women's Singles</td> <td>\$9,000 USD</td> <td>\$4,560 USD</td> <td>\$1,740 USD</td> <td>\$720 USD</td> <td>\$420 USD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Men's Doubles*</td> <td>\$9,480 USD</td> <td>\$4,560 USD</td> <td>\$1,680 USD</td> <td>\$870 USD</td> <td>\$450 USD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women's Doubles*</td> <td>\$9,480 USD</td> <td>\$4,560 USD</td> <td>\$1,680 USD</td> <td>\$870 USD</td> <td>\$450 USD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mixed Doubles*</td> <td>\$9,480 USD</td> <td>\$4,560 USD</td> <td>\$1,680 USD</td> <td>\$870 USD</td> <td>\$450 USD</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Total - \$120,000</p> <p>*per pair</p>		Event	Winner	Runner-Up	Semi-Finals	Quarter-Finals	Last 16	Men's Singles	\$9,000 USD	\$4,560 USD	\$1,740 USD	\$720 USD	\$420 USD	Women's Singles	\$9,000 USD	\$4,560 USD	\$1,740 USD	\$720 USD	\$420 USD	Men's Doubles*	\$9,480 USD	\$4,560 USD	\$1,680 USD	\$870 USD	\$450 USD	Women's Doubles*	\$9,480 USD	\$4,560 USD	\$1,680 USD	\$870 USD	\$450 USD	Mixed Doubles*	\$9,480 USD	\$4,560 USD	\$1,680 USD	\$870 USD	\$450 USD
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15. International Entries:

All international players must enter through their respective Member Associations.

- BWF is implementing the Online Entry System for this tournament and we seek Member Associations' cooperation to ensure all entries are submitted before the closing date **Tuesday, June 13, 2017** at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time.
- No entry forms are required by Member Association. All entries must be submitted online only.
- Member Associations are advised to log on: 2017 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships at:
<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=1F33627F-7F05-4599-94E7-CD9A2F2CC8E4>
- Member Associations will require a username and password to submit your entries and this can be obtained from the BWF. Please contact BWF Events Officer, R. Shanmugam at: s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org
- The online entry page will close immediately on **Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time.**
- You are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.
- **Close of Online Entry:**
 - After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send notification to all participating Member Associations confirming receipt of final entries.
 - Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline. The Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received **by Wednesday June 14, 2017, 12:00 noon BWF Headquarters time** following close of entries.
 - If no objection is received by BWF **by Thursday June 15, 2017 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time** following the close of entries, the entries shall be deemed correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained after this point.

International Partnerships with USA Player, click the link below for more information:

[USAB Doubles & Mixed Doubles Partnership Guidelines for International Tournaments For International partnerships](#), the U.S. player **MUST REGISTER AND PAY for the requested event by the USAB On Time DEADLINE Tuesday June 6, 2017 at 11:59PM MST or by the USAB Late Entry DEADLINE Friday June 9, 2017 at 11:59AM MST with a \$200 Penalty Without Exception.**

16. USA Entries:

- Players from USA Badminton have to follow a different entry procedure. Entry is open to any current member of USA Badminton in good standing with a BWF # ID registered in their USAB profile. Please note that only USAB players with a BWF # ID registered in the BWF Active Player Database can be entered by USAB.
- USAB is implementing its Online Entry through Simply Compete-paste link
- **On Time Entry Deadline:** The entry deadline for USA Badminton Players is **Tuesday June 6, 2017 11:59PM MST.**
- Late Entries will be accepted until **Friday June 9, 2017 11:59AM MST** with a late penalty fee of \$200.00 as per USAB's International Tournament Entry Procedures, after which no late entries will be accepted.
- Paste new link
[Click here for US PLAYER INFORMATION For Entry Procedure, Online Link, Fees & Deadlines](#)



17 Withdrawal:

For International Entries

- Withdrawal regulations and penalties will be based on BWF Regulations.
- Withdrawals can only be made through the Member Association before the deadline. A Member Association can withdraw through the BWF online entry system.
- Withdrawals after the deadline must be done by email immediately to the Deputy Tournament Director and the Referee. The following persons listed below should be copied in the email.
- The withdrawal notification must include the reason for withdrawal. If a withdrawal takes place after the draw is made, it must be supported by a medical certificate.

Withdrawal Contact Persons

Deputy Tournament Director: Yuko Kawasaki

Email: usopenmail@gmail.com

Referee: Michael Nemec (AUT)

Email: michael.nemec@outlook.com

- If the withdrawal arises after your players arrive in Los Angeles, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Referee, or Deputy, and must be confirmed in writing.
- Withdrawals after **Sunday June 25, 2017** (withdrawal without penalty date) shall automatically incur withdrawal fees as per BWF Regulations.
- Should a penalty be applied, it shall be imposed as per BWF General Competition Regulations by the BWF.

For USA Players

- Withdrawal regulations and penalties will be based on the BWF Regulations and USAB timelines.
- Withdrawals must be made through the USA Badminton National Office.
- USA Badminton will not accept responsibility for any withdrawal that is not made through the USAB National Office.

[Click here for US PLAYER INFORMATION For Withdrawal Procedures and Deadlines](#)

18. Accreditation:

International Entries

- Please note that there will be photographic accreditation for the 2017 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships. Entry into the venue will be controlled by accreditation / badges which will be available for collection at the Team Managers' Meeting.
- Accreditation will be issued to all qualifying players and officially nominated officials through the respective Member Association. Please complete the Online Accreditation Form to apply for Team Officials Accreditation.

Click here for, [Online Accreditation Form](#)

- In accordance with BWF guidelines, the number of officials accompanying your team depends on the size of the playing team.
- No of players from Association / No of accompanying Officials:



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For up to 4 : 2 badges ○ For 5-10 : 3 badges ○ For 11-16 : 4 badges ○ For 16 or more : 5 badges ● Note: If more than 5 officials accompany your team you must purchase additional accreditations. A limited number of additional official accreditation passes may be purchased at the special rate of \$100.00 each. <p><u>Accreditation Location and Times</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Venue: Anaheim Convention Center Arena ● Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 5:00pm – 8:00pm ● Wednesday, July 19, 2017, 9:00am – 8:00pm <p><u>For USA Coaches</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Individuals who wish to coach at the 2017 US Open must be a current USAB member in good standing with an approved background check on file. You may apply by ordering “International Coach/Team Official Accreditation” through your respective USAB profile dashboard at https://usab.simplycompete.com/trnResult/requestUploads ● Please note you must have an existing coach account or change your USAB profile before ordering. Application deadline: Friday, June 30, 2017 11:59PM MST. Click here for 2017 USAB International Tournament Coach & Team Official Accreditation ● Accreditation Fee, Accreditation Collection and Condition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accreditation Fee: \$35.00 per coach. This fee must be paid at the time of applying for the accreditation. ○ Only applications that met the requirement will be approved by USA Badminton. ○ Pick-up approved accreditations at the 2017 US Open registration desk. ○ USA Badminton, the Tournament Director, Tournament Referee and the Event Organizer reserve the right to revoke the accreditation if the Accredited Coach violates the BWF’s Coach’s Code of Conduct and USAB’s Code of Conduct for Coaches
<p>19. Media Obligation:</p>	<p>Note that all players are required to participate in media engagements should they be requested in Pre-Tournament Media. They will not exceed 1 hour in total on the day prior to their first scheduled match of the tournament.</p> <p>It is also a condition of entry that each player must be willing to give on-court interviews for television immediately after the match has been won or lost, and to attend a post-match press conference on request.</p> <p>In order to assist with the promotion of the tournament and game in general, it is a condition of entry that each player must be willing to participate on request in at least one appropriate activity of not more than 1 hour (such as autograph signing, participating in ‘meet the public’ question and answer sessions, etc)</p>



20. Video Recording & Photography:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USA Badminton reserves the right take photos, film material or any other image of players taken during events. • No unauthorized persons may enter the playing arena to video record or take photos without the prior approval of USA Badminton. Flash photography is not permitted within the arena at any time. • Video recording is permitted for analytical purposes only, and only by competing Member Associations. The Tournament Director and/or Referee shall designate positions. Cameras operating outside of these areas or without the correct accreditation may be removed. Camera accreditation must be obtained in advance. • Member Associations may be liable for any costs incurred by BWF if their video footage is used for any other purpose.
21. Practice Facilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice Hall - Monday, July 17 - Wednesday, July 19 9am - 6pm. American Sports Center 1500 S Anaheim Blvd #110, Anaheim, CA 92805 Phone: (714) 917-3600 • Venue Practice - Tuesday, July 18 5pm - 9pm (subject to change). If available' 30 minutes per team. Thursday July 20 onward, practice times may be requested of those who are still competing in the tournament (subject to change). • Practice times must be requested from the organizer before the event starts by completing the Online Practice Request Form by Tuesday June 27, 2017, realize that due to limited space, we cannot guarantee to meet all requests. • Click here for, Online Practice Request Form
22. Transport:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport transportation between the Clarion Hotel – Anaheim and the John Wayne Airport (Airport Code SNA; located in Orange County, California) will only be provided without charge for players staying at the host hotel, Clarion Hotel – Anaheim. • Airport transportation requests must be completed by Tuesday, June 27, 2017. • Make your request by filling out the online form "2017 USA Badminton YONEX US Open Athlete Airport Transfers". Note: One form must be filled out for each person being transported. • You can find this form by clicking on the Airport Transfer Request button on the page found at the link below: http://gettravel.com/usa-badminton-yonex-us-open-2017/
23. Accommodation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarion Hotel – Anaheim 616 Convention Way, Anaheim, California, 92802, USA TEL: +1-626-357-1900 FAX: +1-626-359-1386 • The rate is \$130.00 (\$152.10 with tax (10.20%) per room) for Single, Double. Room rate quoted is for single/double occupancy. Rate includes full American breakfast buffet for up to 2 persons per room. • They can also handle any athlete/team who would like to go to Disneyland, etc. • Hotel Booking Website: http://gettravel.com/usa-badminton-yonex-us-open-2017/ • If you have any questions please contact GET Sports at 916-939-6805, Option 3 or by email info@gettravel.com. • All reservations must be made using the Hotel Booking Website above. USAB is NOT responsible for organizing accommodation for any team or individual player.



<p>24. Visa:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your players and officials require visa to enter the U.S., we can provide a letter of invitation to assist. Provide us the necessary information by completing the Online Visa Support Request Form by Tuesday June 27, 2017 • Click here for, Online Visa Support Form • USAB National Office, contact person in charge of visa support letter is Ryan Berry; he can be contacted at ryan.berry@usabadminton.org • USAB will <u>only</u> communicate with a Member Federation by email • USAB will not be able to provide visa support letters if the Visa Support Request Form is incomplete and are not accompanied by the requested documents. • Please note, the letter of invitation we provide does not guarantee entry into the U.S. and the final decision is made by the U.S Embassy at your own country. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they apply for their visa in sufficient time. Any issues with the visa application need to be dealt with directly to the respective U.S. Embassy who is dealing with your application. USAB accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or unapproved visa applications. Where required, courier costs to post letters of invitation will be recharged to your Federation.
<p>25. Anti-Doping:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-doping will be conducted in accordance with BWF and WADA Regulations. Please consult the BWF website for further information, and to view the current WADA Prohibited List. • Please note that athletes must complete a TUE application process to apply for authorization to take medications which fall under the Prohibited List - before they take medication. • U.S. players concerned with current information on banned substances and medication, go to http://www.usada.org or contact the USOC Drug Education Hotline at 1-800-233-0393.
<p>26. Medical Insurance:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All USAB members competing in the 2017 YONEX US Open Badminton Championships are covered by insurance. • All non-USAB participants are <u>NOT</u> covered by USAB's insurance. • USAB encourage non-USAB participants and the accompanying team members to organize medical insurance before arriving in the U.S. • USAB is <u>not responsible</u> for medical expenses incurred during the competition.
<p>27. Indemnity:</p>	<p>By submitting an on-line entry to the 2017 YONEX US Open Badminton Championships 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.</p> <p>In consideration of being permitted to participate in the 2017 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships and for good and valuable consideration any participant named below, hereinafter called ENTRANT, do hereby agree and covenant with, and release and discharge USA Badminton, YONEX Corporation, their employees, agents, officers, members, heirs, assigns, executors and administrators and any and all participants in this event as follows:</p> <p>Entrant does hereby promise, agree and covenant that he/she will never, at any future time, sue or bring action against the forenamed or any of them, reason of any claim for</p>



damages, whether such damage arises from the conduct of the tournament or condition of the premises or from any cause whatsoever. Entrant does hereby release, remise and discharge the forenamed, or any of them from all claims, actions, suits, causes of actions and demands of nature, whether at law or in equity, arising from or alleged to arise from any accident or other occurrence during or in connection with this tournament or condition of the premises on which this event takes place.

Entrant warrants and represents that he/she will be bound by the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation and USA Badminton; is an eligible player as defined by the rules of the organization; understands that the forenamed makes no warranties or guarantees of any nature with respect to the condition of the premises, the operation of the tournament and that no agent or employee is authorized to vary the terms of this agreement, either orally or in writing.

For the same consideration Entrant hereby gives USA Badminton, and each and every licensee or contract of either or all of them including photographers, television and or motion picture companies or concerns, their affiliates and subsidiaries, full television and motion picture rights, including full power, permission and authority to film or video tape me during all matches, narrations, personal interviews, or comment thereon for any or all commercial, news or other purposes together with the right to transfer to grant their rights to offers, without compensation to me whatsoever.

