



— OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

Invitation to

# YONEX US Open 2023

Part of the HSBC BWF World Tour Super 300

11 - 16 July 2023

Mid-America Center, Council Bluffs, Iowa, USA

Prize Money: US\$210,000

Dear Member Associations,

I am honored to extend a warm welcome to you as we prepare for the YONEX US Open 2023 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The enclosed prospectus has significant event details, including entry details, competition and practice facilities, athlete services, transportation, accommodation, and visa applications. Take note that many items require your attention by Friday, June 9.

The US Open has been on hold for three years, so we're delighted to bring this 58th edition back to the Badminton World Federation Tour. It's a great honor for USA Badminton to carry on this tradition that began in 1954 and is still going strong today.

We look forward to seeing you and your athletes in Council Bluffs for a spirited competition.

Sincerely,

Linda French  
CEO USA Badminton



## 1. General Details

<b>Organizer</b>	<p>USA Badminton One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:usopen@usabadminton.org">usopen@usabadminton.org</a> Website: <a href="https://usabadminton.org/">https://usabadminton.org/</a></p>
<b>Sanction</b>	Badminton World Federation
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, 11 July, 2023 - Sunday, 16 July, 2023
<b>Competition Venue</b>	<p>Mid-America Center 1 Arena Way Council Bluffs, IA 51501 Venue website: <a href="http://www.caesars.com/mid-america-center">www.caesars.com/mid-america-center</a></p>
<b>Media Links</b>	<p>Championships website: <a href="https://www.unleashcb.com/sites/badminton/">https://www.unleashcb.com/sites/badminton/</a> <a href="https://usabadminton.org/">https://usabadminton.org/</a></p> <p> <a href="#">USA Badminton</a>       <a href="#">@usabadminton</a></p>
<b>Referee Team</b>	<p><b>Referee:</b> Teodulfo Villaflor (PHI) / Email: <a href="mailto:teodyvillaflor@gmail.com">teodyvillaflor@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Deputy Referees:</b> Chris Lawrence (USA) / Email: <a href="mailto:CCclawrence@aol.com">CCclawrence@aol.com</a></p> <p><b>Local Deputy Referee:</b> Xingyu Zou (USA) / Email: <a href="mailto:xingyuzou@yahoo.com">xingyuzou@yahoo.com</a></p>
<b>Useful Contacts</b>	<p><b>Tournament Director</b> - Thai Pham Email: <a href="mailto:usopen@usabadminton.org">usopen@usabadminton.org</a></p> <p><b>General Inquiries</b> Email: <a href="mailto:usopen@usabadminton.org">usopen@usabadminton.org</a></p> <p><b>Visa Support Letter</b> Email: <a href="mailto:usopen@usabadminton.org">usopen@usabadminton.org</a></p>
<b>Insurance coverage</b>	Players and all members of the national delegation shall hold valid insurance for damages of any nature caused to third parties. Such insurance shall cover bodily injury, including medical

	and hospitalization expenses incurred in the host country, as well as all expenses and costs associated with repatriating the injured party to its country of residence.
<b>Indemnity</b>	To the extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release the BWF, the Tournament Organizer, and their respective officers, officials, employees, agents, and representatives, from any and all liability, damage, loss, cost or expense that such players and members of the national delegation may incur as a result or in connection with their participation to the Tournament.
<b>Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos</b>	Players and all members of the national delegation shall agree to give the BWF and the Tournament Organizer full television and motion picture rights, including permission to film players and members of the national delegation during all matches and activities around the Tournament, for any commercial, news or other purposes together with the right to transfer such right, including without compensation.

## 2. Entry Details

<b>Regulations (Conditions of Play)</b>	<p>This tournament will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes, General Competition Regulations (GCR), and BWF World Tour Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.</p> <p>This tournament will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment, and Advertising Regulations as outlined in the BWF GCR 20 – 24. This includes restrictions of certain colors for shirts, shorts, and skirts to avoid issues with virtual advertising on TV courts, as per GCR 21.7.</p>														
<b>Scoring System</b>	Best of three games to 21 points, as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statute 4.1)														
<b>Instant Review System</b>	The Instant Review System (IRS) will be available on Court 1 for Semi-final and Final matches and is regulated as per BWF Statute 4.1.8.														
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### Draws

Event	Direct Main Draw Entries	Qualifying Positions for Main Draw	Maximum Entries in Qualifying Draw
Men's Singles	28	4	16
Women's Singles	28	4	8
Men's Doubles	28	4	8
Women's Doubles	28	4	8
Mixed Doubles	28	4	8

### Online Entry – International Entries

Entries for this tournament must be done by the Member Association using the BWF Online Group Entry system, using the following link:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/B14BC45C-586E-4DA4-AC3C-BE7526CBF886>

If the Member Association requires a username and password to access the system, please contact the BWF at the following email address:

[s.ramachandran@bwf.sport](mailto:s.ramachandran@bwf.sport) or [hj.yee@bwf.sport](mailto:hj.yee@bwf.sport)

The entry deadline is **Tuesday, 6 June 2023** at 23:59, BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 hrs GMT). Late entries will not be accepted.

After the entry deadline, the BWF Online Group 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.

Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by **Wednesday, 7 June 2023** at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time.

If no objection is received by BWF by **Thursday, 8 June 2023** at 23:59 hrs BWF Headquarters time, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections will be entertained after this point.

### Online Entry – Hosting Member Association Entries

Eligible player wishing to enter through the hosting Member Association must follow a different process to international entries.

The on time entry deadline for USA players is **Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 23:59 (Pacific Time)**. Entry request must be received at [internationalentry.usab@gmail.com](mailto:internationalentry.usab@gmail.com) by the deadline.

Please review the **USAB International Tournament Entry Policy** for more rules: <https://usabadminton.org/athletes/adults/international-entry-process/>

## Withdrawals

The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BWF GCR 13 and 14.

Please note that as per the updated GCR 13, the timelines for accepting and rejecting promotions have changed. Please consult the GCR for more information.

Member Associations can withdraw their entries through the BWF Online Group Entry system until the last date of withdrawal without penalty (see Key Dates Section).

Withdrawals made after this date will incur a penalty in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5).

Please ensure that the Tournament Referee and Host Organizer are notified immediately in writing, clearly stating the reason for the withdrawal.

If a Member Association needs to withdraw any entries once players have arrived in the host city, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Tournament Referee, or Deputy Referee(s), and must also be confirmed in writing to:

**Referee:** Teodulfo Villaflor (PHI) / Email: [teodyvillaflor@gmail.com](mailto:teodyvillaflor@gmail.com)

**Deputy Referees:** Chris Lawrence (USA) / Email: [CCclawrence@aol.com](mailto:CCclawrence@aol.com)

**Host Organizer Contact:** Thai Pham; Email: [usopen@usabadminton.org](mailto:usopen@usabadminton.org)

### 3. Tournament Details

#### Prize Money

A prize fund of US\$210,000 will be distributed in accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.5, and awarded as per the table below.

**Note to foreign athletes:** Any non-U.S. citizen who qualifies for Prize Money at the US Open may be subject to Income Tax withholding of 30% or lesser if a Tax Treaty applies, which will be deducted from the Athlete’s Prize Money as is required by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Additional information on Tax Treaty Exemptions may be found here:

<https://www.irs.gov/businesses/international-businesses/united-states-income-tax-treaties-a-to-z>. **USA Badminton recommends that all athletes work with a licensed tax advisor to discuss their personal tax implications.**

	Winner	Runner Up	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Last 16
Men’s Singles	\$15,750	\$7,980	\$3,045	\$1,260	\$735
Women’s Singles	\$15,750	\$7,980	\$3,045	\$1,260	\$735
Men’s Doubles	\$16,590*	\$7,980*	\$2,940*	\$1,522.50*	\$787.50*
Women’s Doubles	\$16,590*	\$7,980*	\$2,940*	\$1,522.50*	\$787.50*
Mixed Doubles	\$16,590*	\$7,980*	\$2,940*	\$1,522.50*	\$787.50*

\* – per pair

#### Competition Schedule

Day	Event	Round	Courts	Doors Open	Time
Tuesday 11 July 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Qualifying Round	4	TBA	09:00-16:00
	MD & WD	Main R32	4	TBA	16:00-22:00
Wednesday 12 July 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Main R32	4	TBA	10:00-21:00
Thursday 13 July 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Main R16	4	TBA	12:00-21:00
Friday 14 July 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Quarterfinals	3	TBA	15:00-21:00
Saturday 15 July 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Semifinals	2	TBA	Start at noon
Sunday 16 July 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Finals	1	TBA	Start at noon

**Note:**

All qualifying rounds are to be played on Tuesday. MD and WD main draw first round will be



	<p>played on Tuesday after qualifying, except the matches with players from the MD &amp; WD qualifying rounds.</p> <p>Players who competed in the Finals of Canada Open 2023 will play their main draw matches on Wednesday 12 July.</p> <p>Times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Referee, and all end times are approximate.</p>
<p>Official Shuttle</p>	<p>YONEX Aerosensa 50</p>
<p>Practice Facilities</p>	<p><b>Practice Facility Information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location: Mid-America Center Exhibit Hall</li> <li>• Number of Courts: 6</li> <li>• Schedule: Starting on July 9<sup>th</sup>, daily schedule TBA</li> <li>• Booking/Reservation information: Request form TBA</li> </ul> <p><b>Competition Courts Information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedule: TBA</li> <li>• Booking/Reservation Information: Request form TBA</li> <li>• Court Mat Color: Green</li> </ul> <p><b>Warmup Courts Information: 2 courts</b></p>
<p>Player Facilities</p>	<p><b>Player Lounge Information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location: Mid-America Center Exhibit Hall (next to practice courts)</li> <li>• Schedule: The space will be open when the practice courts are opened, however, snacks will only be set out during certain times (schedule TBA).</li> </ul> <p><b>Stringing Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location: At the venue</li> <li>• Schedule: July 9 - 16 (daily schedule TBA)</li> <li>• Cost: YONEX Racquets Free / Others \$25.00 (including strings)</li> </ul>
<p>Team Managers' Meeting</p>	<p>The Team Managers' Meeting will be held at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date: Monday, 10 July 2023</li> <li>• Time: 17:00 hrs</li> <li>• Location: Arena - Club Level</li> </ul> <p>It is mandatory for all participating Member Associations (represented by designated Team Manager) to attend the Team Managers' Meeting. Member Associations will be penalized for failing to attend, in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5).</p>

	<p>Member Associations are allowed to request representation by another Member Association, provided that the Tournament Referee is notified in advance and approves.</p>										
<p>Umpire Briefing</p>	<p>The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date: Monday, 10 July 2023</li> <li>• Time: 15:00 hrs</li> <li>• Location: Arena - Club Level</li> </ul>										
<p>Presentation Ceremonies</p>	<p>All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, 16 July 2023, immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all champions and finalists.</p> <p>In accordance with Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statue 5.3.6), all players participating in the finals of a tournament must attend the final ceremonies directly after the match or must follow the instructions given by the organizers regarding ceremony protocol.</p> <p>No equipment, including rackets and flags, are allowed to be brought onto the podium. Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the BWF GCR.</p>										
<p>Accreditation</p>	<p>Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalized and photographic accreditation.</p> <p>Please complete and return the Accreditation Request Form to <a href="mailto:usopen@usabadminton.org">usopen@usabadminton.org</a> <b>no later than Friday, 9 June 2023.</b></p> <p>The number of complimentary accreditation passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing player from the same Member Association:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1368 1117 1648"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number of Member Association Players</th> <th>Number of Team Officials Accreditations</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Three or less</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Four to Seven</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eight to 15</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16 or more</td> <td>4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>A limited number of additional accreditation passes for approved Team Officials will be available for purchase at a fee of US\$200 charged to the respective Member Association, and payable at the tournament.</p> <p>The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be US\$100 on each occasion, charged to the respective Member Association.</p> <p>The tournament reserves the right to refuse entry into any accredited venue or area or service</p>	Number of Member Association Players	Number of Team Officials Accreditations	Three or less	1	Four to Seven	2	Eight to 15	3	16 or more	4
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	<p>(e.g. transportation) as a result of damaged or missing accreditation.</p> <p>The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, and penalties being applied.</p>
<p>Medical Services</p>	<p>A medical officer and physiotherapist service will be available during the tournament, free of charge to players.</p>
<p>Anti-Doping</p>	<p>Doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, is conducted out- of-competition and in-competition with the collection of urine and/or blood samples.</p> <p>Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before an athlete takes any medication, they should check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).</p> <p>For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website:</p> <p><a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</a></p>
<p>Badminton Integrity</p>	<p>Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code on The Prevention of The Manipulation of Competitions) relates to anti-corruption and anti-match manipulation, and this code applies to all participants at this tournament.</p> <p>To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournaments, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on badminton matches, shall respect the principle of fair play, and shall not attempt to influence the course or result of a game or match.</p> <p>Every person has an obligation to report to the BWF any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of a match(es).</p> <p>For more information, please refer to BWF’s website:</p> <p><a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</a></p>
<p>Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9</p>	<p>GCR 7.9:</p> <p><i>“In making or authorizing entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF’s regulations and Disciplinary processes.”</i></p>

## 4. Travel & Visa Details

<b>Transport</b>	<p>Complimentary transportation will be provided by the tournament between the official venues: competition venue, official hotel(s), practice venue (if separate from the competition venue), and the following transportation hubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Omaha Eppley Airfield (OMA)</b></li></ul> <p>For those who have not booked their air travel, we strongly encourage you to book through the local host in order to facilitate efficient ground transportation. Contact Shelley Rempe (<a href="mailto:shelley.rempe@yahoo.com">shelley.rempe@yahoo.com</a>) to book travel.</p> <p>If air travel has been booked, please complete and return the Transportation Request Form to <a href="mailto:usopen@usabadminton.org">usopen@usabadminton.org</a> and <a href="mailto:shelley.rempe@yahoo.com">shelley.rempe@yahoo.com</a> <b>no later than Friday, 9 June 2023.</b></p>
<b>Visas</b>	<p><b>If a visa is required to enter the United States of America, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application.</b></p> <p><b>Please complete and return the Visa Support Request Form to <a href="mailto:usopen@usabadminton.org">usopen@usabadminton.org</a> no later than Friday, 9 June, 2023.</b></p> <p>The tournament host and hosting Member Association will only communicate with a Member Association, and the hosting Member Association will only provide a visa support letter if the form is completed accurately and comprehensively, and supporting documentation is provided, where requested.</p> <p>The tournament host and hosting Member Association accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the Member Association to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all matters should be directed to the Embassy in charge.</p> <p>Any visa support letter issued by the tournament host does not guarantee entry into the United States of America; the final decision is made the Government of the United States of America.</p>
<b>COVID-19 Protocols</b>	<p>The White House announced on 1 May 2023 that the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for foreign nationals will end on 11 May 2023.</p>

## 5. Accommodation Details

### Accommodations

Official hotels	Booking Link	Notes
Courtyard by Marriott Omaha East	<a href="#">Courtyard Omaha East booking link</a> **Booking deadline June 11, 2023	Breakfast included Walking distance to the venue
Country Inn & Suites	712-318-5706; <b>Booking link TBA</b> **Booking deadline June 16, 2023	Breakfast included Walking distance to the venue
Hilton Garden Inn	<a href="#">Hilton Garden Inn booking link</a> **Booking deadline Jun 16, 2023	Walking distance to the venue
SpringHill Suites	<a href="#">SpringHill Suites booking link</a> **Booking deadline June 16, 2023	Breakfast included Walking distance to the venue Shuttle to venue provided by the hotel
Holiday Inn Express & Suites	<a href="#">Holiday Inn Express &amp; Suites booking link</a> **Booking deadline June 16, 2023	Breakfast included

Please book and pay directly using the booking links or call the hotel. Hotel cancellation policies can be found on the websites. If the booking link is not available, call and ask for US Open group rate when booking.

Hotel addresses, room types, room rates, available booking dates, and more are found in the booking link of each hotel. **Note the prices do not include mandatory fees and taxes.**

## 6. Media Details

<p><b>Player Media Obligations</b></p>	<p>It is a condition of entry into BWF sanctioned tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, host organizer, or other tournament official, is required to undertake a range of media activities. Please refer to the BWF Player Commitment Regulations for more information (BWF Statute 5.3.6).</p> <p>Member Associations should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s), if requested.</p>									
<p><b>Media Accreditation</b></p>	<p>Media wishing to attend this tournament must email <a href="mailto:media@usabadminton.org">media@usabadminton.org</a> to request a Media Accreditation Application Form by <b>Friday, 30 June</b>.</p>									
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<p><b>Video Recording and Photography</b></p>	<p>Outside of credentialed members of the media, photography is not permitted within the competition venue at any time, and the tournament reserves the right to remove any items of equipment breaching this policy.</p> <p>Video recording within the competition venue is only permitted by accredited players and team officials of participating Member Associations, from clearly defined positions using video accreditation passes. There are a limited number of these positions and passes available, and prior authorization must be obtained in advance before the start of the tournament. Accreditation must be clearly displayed on the cameras.</p> <p>The tournament reserves the right to remove any non-accredited items of equipment.</p> <p>Video footage captured must be used solely for training purposes by the Member Association and its coaching staff. Member Associations may be liable to any costs incurred by BWF if video footage is used for any other purpose.</p>									