

International Competition . . .

The USBA is the only internationally recognized badminton association in the U.S. and has been a member of the International Badminton Federation (IBF) for many years. The IBF consists of over 90 national organizations for the sole purpose of promoting badminton throughout the world.



The USBA takes part in international competitions such as the Uber Cup (Women's International Competitions) and the Thomas Cup (Men's International Competitions) and World Championships. Regional and national trials held throughout the U.S. determine the U.S. team members.



UBER CUP



THOMAS CUP

Other international events in which qualified U.S. players may compete are the German, Swedish, French, Chinese, Russian, Danish, Canadian, and U.S., Opens. These tournaments and other championship competitions are now part of the Grand Prix Circuit where prize money is awarded to the winners. The European Junior championships, World Team and Individual Championships and the All-England Championships are additional prestigious international events.

The USBA also competes in the Pan Am Games. One of the most significant developments for badminton on the international scene is the inclusion of badminton in the Olympic Games. Now that the USBA is a Group A member with badminton a full-medal sport, the major goal of the USBA is to develop a strong team to represent the U.S. in the XXV Olympiad at Barcelona, Spain, in the Summer of 1992.

Write or call the National Office for more information regarding any of these international events.

Purpose . . .

To promote local, national, and international competition in the lifetime sport of badminton; to develop, upgrade and promote the image of badminton, including assistance in the development of clubs, associations, clinics and exhibitions throughout the



United States; to promote and develop activity and competitions in all schools, colleges, universities, YMCA's/YWCA's, Boys' Clubs, State Games, and other institutions with physical education programs; to work closely with physical education organizations such as the National Association of Girls and Women in Sports (NAGWS) and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD); to give coaching and instruction to players throughout the U.S.; to establish and uphold the rules of play and to determine ranking of players in the U.S.; to arrange and stage national tournaments; to sanction local, regional, state, city and other tournaments; to act as the U.S. representative in all international tournaments; to choose and manage teams representing the U.S. in international competition and to represent the United States' interest in international badminton decisions and activities of the International Badminton Federation.

If you have any questions or would like more information about this new Olympic sport after reading this brochure, please write or call the USBA National Office.

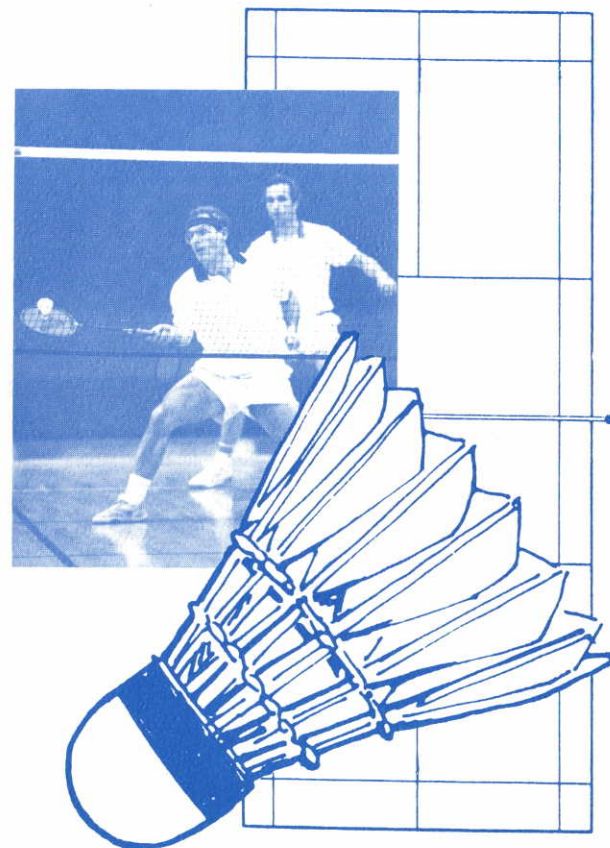


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Memberships . . .

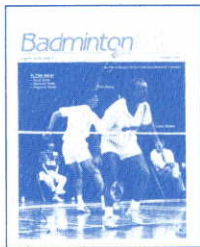
Various types of memberships are available in the USBA:

Life	\$500
Regular	\$20/year
19 through 22	\$15/year
18 and under	\$10/year
College/High School Teams	\$60/year
Club or Institution	\$20/year
Coaches/Officials	\$25/year

Benefits of membership: subscription to Badminton USA magazine; membership card; opportunity to compete in an Olympic sport; receive yearly calendar of events; notification of and opportunity to play in tournaments; access to video library; notification of organized training camps and coaching clinics; \$1,000,000 liability insurance for sanctioned tournaments, clinics, and regularly scheduled play under supervision of a coach or other supervisory personnel. If interested in joining the USBA, write or call the National Office.

Magazine . . .

Badminton USA is the official publication of the United States Badminton Association. Commonly referred to as BUSA, it contains news from the National Office, national rankings, tournament schedules and results, previews of coming events, coverage of past events, interviews, photos, regional news, coaching tips, Olympic and international items of interest, order forms for video tapes, information on subscriptions, memberships and many other things important to both club and tournament players.



Sanctions . . .

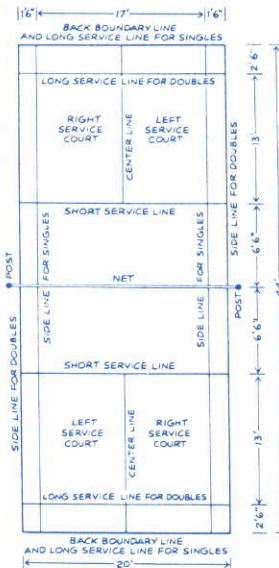
The USBA sanctions local, state, regional and national tournaments to ensure certain standards are set and maintained. Only sanctioned tournaments are used for ranking. If you are planning a tournament, let us know. Detailed information about sanctioning, fees and approval of tournaments is available from the National Office. Write or call for more information and forms.

Equipment . . .

The USBA does not sell equipment; however, the Badminton USA magazine lists several suppliers you can choose from to fill your needs.

Coaching/Clinics . . .

A major effort is now underway to establish a structured coaching program which will be administered across the U.S. The USBA Director of Operations and the national coach are collaborating on a manual. Coaching is available for youth and adults, from beginner to advanced tournament players. Badminton camps are also conducted during the year at various locations across the U.S. Top-ranked players serve as instructors. Coaching Clinics are also offered periodically to help coaches raise their level of teaching. Write or call the National Office for details and calendar of clinics, camps and seminars.



National Championships . . .

The USBA promotes and stages three national tournaments each year: the U.S. Closed National Junior, Adult and Senior Championships. These tournaments, normally held in the spring, bring together, once annually, the better players of the nation to compete on a head-to-head basis. Since participants come from all over the U.S., it is one opportunity for players from different sections of the country to have a chance to see and compete against players from other sections of the country. The junior tournament determines national champions in Boys' and Girls' Singles, Boys' and Girls' Doubles and Mixed Doubles in the following categories: 18 and under, 15 and under, 13 and under and 11 and under. The adult tournament determines champions also in Men's and Women's Singles, Men's and Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Anyone 19 and older is eligible to compete.



Men's Singles Trophy

The senior tournament determines championships also in Men's and Women's Singles, Men's and Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles in the following categories: Seniors (40-49), Masters (50-59), Grand Masters (60-69), and Golden Masters (70+). You must be a USBA member to compete in these tournaments. Sites for the tournament change from year to year. Write or call the National Office for details.

