



PURPOSE OF



To promote national and international competition in the game of badminton without monetary gain and to this end to promote and develop the game of badminton, including assistance in the development of clubs, associations, clinics and exhibitions in the United States; to educate and promote the recognition in schools, colleges, YM/WCA's and other institutions with physical education programs of the carryover benefits of badminton as a lifetime sport; to give coaching and instructions to players throughout the United States; to establish and uphold rules of play and to determine the status of players in the United States; to arrange and manage national tournaments in the United States; to sanction regional, sectional, state, city and other local tournaments in the United States; to act as the United States authority in any international tournaments; to choose and manage teams representing the United States 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 after reading this pamphlet, please write the U.S.B.A. at its National Office:

United States Badminton Association

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TOURNAMENT SANCTIONS

The U.S.B.A. sanctions local, state, regional, and association tournaments to insure that certain standards are met. Only sanctioned tournaments are used for ranking purposes. We do, however, like to be aware of ALL tournaments run in the United States. This has particular reference to high school, college, and university activities. These tournaments can be "approved" at no charge. Detailed information about sanctioning or "approval" of tournaments is available from the National Office.



EQUIPMENT

The U.S.B.A. does not sell equipment. We will however help you locate a supplier if you have a particular problem. Normally, your equipment needs can be furnished by a local supplier. Should you have trouble, we will be happy to supply you with a list of suppliers specializing in badminton equipment.





MEMBERSHIPS

Various types of memberships are available in the USBA, such as:

- (a) Youth membership
- (b) Regular membership
- (c) Club membership
- (d) Life membership
- (e) Subscription membership

If you are interested in membership in the U.S.B.A. please write the National office for additional information.

RULES BOOK

The United States Badminton Association is responsible for establishing the rules under which Badminton is played in the U.S. In connection with that responsibility, the U.S.B.A. publishes the "Official Rules of Play". Please write the National office for prices.

MAGAZINE

The U.S.B.A. publishes a magazine, the name of which is "Badminton USA". The magazine contains communications from the National Office, national rankings, tournament schedules and results, and articles that are interesting to both the club and tournament player in the U.S. The magazine goes to all members.



NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

The U.S.B.A. promotes and operates three National Tournaments each year. Tournaments are held during the month of April. There is a Junior Tournament, an Adult Tournament, and a Senior Tournament. Juniors are eligible to participate in the adult tournament by application to the Executive Director of the U.S.B.A. The purpose of these National Tournaments is to bring together, at least once annually, the better players of the nation to compete on a head-to-head basis. With the wide-spread location of participants in the United States, it is normally the one opportunity when players from different sections of the country have a chance to gather to see and compete against players from other sections of the country. The tournament determines the National Champion in the 20 Adult and 15 Junior categories.



PLAYER RANKINGS

The U.S.B.A. publishes at the conclusion of each National Tournament, the rankings of players in the U.S. Needless to say, the outcome of the National Tournaments is a major factor in rankings, however, it is not the only factor. Player performance for the entire season is taken into consideration in establishing national rankings. Rankings are published annually in all recognized events. (20 adult and 15 junior events.)



INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON

The U.S.B.A. is the internationally recognized National Association of the United States. For many years, the U.S.B.A. has been a member of the International Badminton Federation, which has its home office in England. The International Badminton Federation consists of some 80 national organizations affiliated for the purpose of promoting International Badminton in the affiliated countries.



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

The U.S.B.A. takes part in international competitions such as the Women's International Competition (Uber Cup), and the Men's International Competition (Thomas Cup). These international competitions bring together the best Badminton players in the world to compete on behalf of their country for supremacy in the men's or women's competition. Participation in these international competitions is a large part of the U.S.B.A.'s activity.