

# 2007 TEAM USA TRIALS INFORMATION + ENTRY FORM

The 2007 USA Badminton Team USA Trials will be held on **February 2nd-4th, 2007** at the **Golden Gate Badminton Club (GGBC)**. The Team USA Trials result will be used to select the US team to any continental and / or BWF adult team competition in 2007 as defined by the BWF general competition regulations rule 8.1 (available on the BWF website at [www.internationalbadminton.org](http://www.internationalbadminton.org)).

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

1. Thomas / Uber Cup style (each tie consists of 3 singles and 2 doubles matches of the same gender)
2. Sudirman Cup style (each tie consists of 1 Mens Singles, 1 Womens Singles, 1 Mens Doubles, 1 Womens Doubles and 1 Mixed Doubles).

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

Currently, the only continental and / or BWF team competitions scheduled for 2007 are the 2007 Sudirman Cup and the 2007 Pan Am Championships (this is a continental team championships not to be confused with the Pan Am Games which will have a separate qualifying procedure).

The naming of the 2007 Team USA will be based on the Sudirman Cup style selection procedure.

The Pan Am Championships will be held on May 15th-19th, 2007, in Calgary, Canada.

The Sudirman Cup will be held on June 10th-17th, 2007, in Glasgow, Scotland.

In the event an BWF Thomas / Uber Cup style team competition occurs in 2007, the 2007 Team USA Trials results using the Thomas / Uber Cup style selection procedure will be used to select the US team.

## **Trial Venue:**

Golden Gate Badminton Club, located at 190 Constitution Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025, Tel 650-838-9318, [www.ggbadminton.com](http://www.ggbadminton.com).

## **Trial Events:**

Events are Men's Singles (MS), Women's Singles (WS), Men's Doubles (MD), Women's Doubles (WD) and Mixed Doubles (XD).

IBF scoring of rally-point 3 x 21 for MS, WS, MD, WD, and XD. Pool play format to conform to USA Badminton regulations. Seeding to use the USAB National Rankings as of January 19th, 2007.

The entry fee is \$25 per event. Please make checks payable to "USA Badminton". (No phone or fax entries accepted). Completed entries with payment must be sent to USA Badminton, One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909, Tel 719-866-4808, [www.usabadminton.org](http://www.usabadminton.org).

**All entries must be received or postmarked by January 19th, 2007. No phone or faxed entries accepted. Absolutely no late entries will be accepted.**

**The schedule is subject to change depending on the number of entries. You are responsible for finding out your match times. Trial dates / times will be posted at the Trial venue by February 2nd, 2007 and may be posted on the USAB website at [www.usabadminton.org](http://www.usabadminton.org).**

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 2007 Team USA Trial selection procedures.

**Funding:**

No USAB funding is available for the 2007 USAB Team USA Trials.

USAB shall pay a stipend set by the USAB Board of Directors to reimburse the 2007 Team USA members for travel expenses directly related to the 2007 Sudirman Cup and possibly the 2007 Pan Am Championships. To receive the stipend, the player must submit an itemized expense report with original receipts to USAB within 90 days of the last date of the event.

**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:

- a) be a citizen of the United States, or
- b) has 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 Mens Singles Trial and the top three finishers in the Mens Doubles Trial shall be selected to the US Men's Team. The top three finishers in the Womens Singles Trial and the top three finishers in the Womens Doubles Trial shall be selected to the US Women's Team. No mixed doubles trial winner will be selected. If a player / team cannot go, 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.

Sudirman Cup Style Competition - The winner in each Trials event (Mens Singles, Womens Singles, Mens Doubles, Womens Doubles and Mixed Doubles) shall be selected to the US team. The team size will be four men and four women. If there are insufficient team members to meet the team size requirement based on the trials winners, the following rank order shall be used in turn to determine the additional member(s) to be added to the team:

1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers in all trials events will be considered first.
2. The rank order of athletes who will be chosen among the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Mens Singles). Athletes who do not have a singles rank from the trials will be placed at the end of the list of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers. If more than one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 trial 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) will play a singles round-robin series of matches to determine the rank order. The USAB USOC AAC representative and the OPD committee shall coordinate with the eligible athletes to set up the singles round-robin matches.
6. This process will be continued using 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers *etc.*, until a full team of four men and four women are nominated. No 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers will be considered until all 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers have been considered for filling team slots.

# 2007 TEAM USA TRIALS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Entries must be received or postmarked by **January 19th, 2007**. Complete the entry form, sign the release and return with payment to: USA Badminton, One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ USAB MEMBER #: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY FEE: \$25 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 events, partners must submit separate entry forms.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TOURNAMENT RULES

I have read the 2007 USAB Team USA Trials procedure and fully understand its terms. I understand that I can obtain information on the 2007 USAB Team USA Trials procedure from the USA Badminton website at [www.usabadminton.org](http://www.usabadminton.org) and / or by contacting USAB at 719-866-4808. I also understand that I can obtain the USAB Tournament Regulations by accessing the "rules" section of the web page at [www.usabadminton.org](http://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 2007 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, sponsors 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 contractees 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. And 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 \_\_\_\_\_