

U.S. Citizens & Non-U.S. Citizens Living In U.S: How To Compete In International Tournaments

1. U.S. Citizens Who Have Never Competed In International Tournaments

Step 1 - Join USAB as a Member

Step 2 - Obtain a BWF # ID

Obtaining a BWF # ID

- In order to do that, complete the BWF New Player Profile (see “Relevant Forms” section).
- Complete the form, type in ‘CAPITAL” and save in “WORD FORMAT.”
- You should use your legal name as in the passport when completing the BWF New Player Profile.

Application, Application Block & Admin Fee

- Email a copy of your passport (in pdf) and the completed BWF New Player Profile Form to: Johan Lobato at john.lobato@gmail.com and internationalentry.usab@gmail.com
- BWF # ID Application Fee of \$50 (non-refundable) will be charged per application (per person)
- BWF # ID Application must be received by the USAB National Office within the specific “Application Blocks:”
- Application must be made 3 months before a tournament. If a tournament falls in July, the BWF # ID application must be received must be received by the USAB National Office within the April 1- March 31 “Application Block”.
- Applications must include a completed Credit Card Authorization Form (see “Relevant Forms” section).

Invalid Application

The following will be considered invalid and will not be processed:

- Incomplete and late application
- Expired USAB Membership at the time of application

Application Blocks

- January 1 – March 31
- April 1 – June 30
- July 1 – September 30
- October 1 – December 31

Penalty

The Application Fee is non-refundable.

Note

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2. U.S. Citizens Who Are Current USAB Members & Have Never Competed In International Tournaments

Step 1 - evaluate your status as USAB as a Member

- Applicant's USAB Membership must be current before and after the application date
- USAB will not process "Invalid Applications" (see Invalid Application below)
- USAB members who are not in good standing should contact the USAB National Office for further clarification
- If the application is valid and the applicant is in good standing, go to Step 2

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3. Non-U.S. Citizens Without Prior International Representation

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If you are not a U.S. citizen and legally residing in the U.S. for more than 3 months, and would like to compete under the jurisdiction of USA Badminton, you must do the following:

Step 1 - Join USAB as a Member

Step 2 - Obtain a BWF # ID

The application process is the same as to how a U.S. citizen goes through. This must be done at the same time as Step 3 (apply for change of jurisdiction)

Step 3 – Apply for Change of Jurisdiction

- Change of jurisdiction means, to formally change from your current country to USA (only play under USAB). In order to understand more about “Representation” and “Jurisdiction,” refer to the BWF General Competition Regulations under GCR # 8 & GCR # 9; Go to the BWF website: <http://www.bwfbadminton.org/>

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- In order to do that, complete the BWF New Player Process & Transfer Form (see “Relevant Forms” section).
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 - Copy of passport (in pdf)
 - Copy of passport page with visa (in pdf)
 - Copy of “green card” (if available) in pdf
 - Copy of passport page with the first date of entry into the USA (in pdf)
 - Proof of USA physical address (any document including driver’s license in pdf – note address must match the USAB profile address)
- An Admin Fee for BWF New Player Transfer Request is \$150.00(non-refundable). This includes the Admin Fee for BWF # ID request
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Step 1 - evaluate your status as a Member of the badminton association of your country and ensure that you're a member of good standing with them. It is also recommended that you establish communication with them regarding your plans to change jurisdiction. If everything is going well, the next step is to go to Step 2. You do not need to apply for a new BWF # ID as your previous BWF # ID will still be applicable.

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Relevant Forms

USAB Athlete Code of Conduct

BWF New Player Profile

BWF New Player Process & Transfer Form

Credit Card Authorization Form

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