

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/PRINT in ‘UPPERCASE” 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 Mohan Subramaniam at mohansubra.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:”
- 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/or late application
- Expired USAB Membership at the time of application
- Past due fees

Application Blocks

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

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

Step 1 - evaluate your status is 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

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

If you are not a U.S. citizen but legally residing in the U.S. for more than 3 months, you may 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 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
- BWF New Player Transfer Request and the BWF # ID Request must be received by the USAB National Office within the specific “Application Blocks:”
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- USAB does not guarantee that the application for jurisdiction change can be approved in a timely manner as the decision does not lie solely with USAB.

4. Non-U.S. Citizens With Prior International Representation

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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](#)