

2020 Collegiate National Championships

April 3-5 - Ohio State University



The 2020 Collegiate National Championships (CNC) will take place at The Ohio State University from April 3-5.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) shall be USA Team Handball in conjunction with The Ohio State University.

COMPETITION DATES: April 3, 4, & 5, 2020

COMPETITION VENUE: The competition venue is RPAC (Recreation and Physical Activity Center) Upper Gyms 1&2 + South Gym.

337 Annie and John Glenn Ave, Columbus, OH 43210

PARKING: Paid parking is available at the Neil Avenue parking garage. Please reference the CampusParc website for more information about parking locations (<https://osu.campusparc.com/>) as well the parking map (<http://osu.campusparc.com/docs/default-source/maps/campus-parking-map.pdf?sfvrsn=67>).

SAFESPORT: The SafeSport certification is mandated for all member National Governing Bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee. As such, all participating team coaches, team managers, team officials, referees, certified medical trainers and staff will be required to show proof that they have passed a free on-line tutorial as offered by the USOPC. This tutorial deals with situations that involve sexual harassment, discrimination, bullying and other situations.

Anyone who has NOT completed the core SafeSport Trained requirement (which consists of Sexual Misconduct Awareness Education, Mandatory Reporting, and Emotional & Physical Misconduct) must complete those courses and NOT the Refresher.

Anyone who HAS completed the core SafeSport Trained requirement, should complete Refresher 1: Recognizing and Reporting Misconduct (30 minutes).

SafeSport is available through your USATH Membership Registration Page on <https://usateamhandball.sport80.com/>.

BACKGROUND CHECKS: All participating team coaches, team managers, team officials, referees, certified medical trainers and staff will be required to show proof that they have passed a background check.

The background check generally takes 10 business days to complete and you may check your status on our website under the "CHECK YOUR BACKGROUND SCREENING STATUS" link at www.ncsisafe.com.

NCSI will contact you directly if there are any questions, problems or issues related to your specific information. Please be sure to add ncsisafe.com to your list of acceptable domains in your email program to receive notifications from us.

The base cost for this background check is \$25.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact either Emily Hewitt (emily.hewitt@usateamhandball.org) or NCSI via

Email: applicantsservices@ncsisafe.com or compliance@ncsisafe.com

Phone: (440) 542-9690 or toll free (866) 833-7100

NCISafe Background Check registration is available through your USATH Membership Registration Page on <https://usateamhandball.sport80.com/>.

CONCESSIONS: Food is available inside the RPAC at the Courtside Cafe or Juice 2. Additional food options are available on High Street, a roughly 10 minute walk straight East from the RPAC; Neil Avenue, a roughly 5 minute walk straight South from the RPAC; Lane Avenue, a roughly 5 minute walk straight North from the RPAC.

AIR TRAVEL: For those traveling by air, the most convenient airport is John Glenn International Airport (CMH), located about 15 minutes from campus.

As United Airlines is the official airline of USA Team Handball, feel free to use the United Airlines Olympic Desk at 1-800-841-0460 or www.united.com. For preferred rates use the promotional code **UO42 (that is letters UO and numbers 42)**.



HOTEL INFORMATION: The official tournament hotels will receive an announcement at a later date. It is expected that at least one of the official hotels will include complimentary shuttle service to and

from the competition venue.

ANTI-DOPING: This event will be subject to Doping Control Procedures as administered by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA). Therefore, all players may be subject to random testing procedures, similar to those experienced in past years during the Open Club Championships. Please remember that Doping Control Testing (conducted by the USADA) may take place after the medal rounds/finals on Sunday. Please book your flights and transportation accordingly. Doping Control has become a focal point for all sports in the USA and we need to be compliant with the demands of this important matter.

TECHNICAL MEETING: There will be a **Technical Meeting at the Dave Griner Meeting Room at 12:00 PM, Friday, April 3**. It is mandatory that each team has at least one (1) representative present at this meeting to coordinate final rules and details for this event, including uniform colors for first matches. ***Failure to send a representative will result in forfeiture of your Performance Bond.*** Missing the roll call of all registered clubs at the beginning of the meeting will constitute a formal absence and forfeiture of your bond. There will be no exceptions. A detailed agenda will be emailed to each club representative about a week before the event.

We will require all teams to provide student IDs at the Technical Meeting to verify identity and eligibility for this event.

COMPETITION FORMAT: The 2020 USATH CNC will be contested according to procedures outlined in the USATH Rule Book, Article VI, Section 6.03.

The Rule Book may be found at:

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Team-Handball/Play-HB/Where/USATH-Competition-Rulebook>

Based on the number of teams registered for both Men's and Women's Divisions and their respective relative roster strength, results of matches played in the fall and winter seasons and the

results of the 2019 CNC, the Competition Committee reserves the right to make the decision on ranking, seeding, drawing or any other way to place teams in appropriate preliminary pools at a date no later than 7 days prior to the first day of the 2020 CNC.

MEN'S FORMAT: To be determined based upon the final number of entered teams. Teams should be prepared to play by 12:00 pm on April 3. Every attempt will be made to complete the finals by 3:00 PM on April 5. Again, plan accordingly for possible anti-doping procedures if selected.

WOMEN'S FORMAT: In order to field additional teams we may allow players for mixed teams from multiple institutions. West Point and UNC - CH have already agreed to this format on the basis of the need to nurture women's activity within the collegiate setting. Teams should be prepared to play by 12:00 pm April 3rd.

TABLE OFFICIALS: OSU will be responsible for staffing table officials (timekeeper and scorekeeper) for the first match of the day. Following that game, each team provides one player or coach or staff member for the game following their game. Should only one player be needed for table duty following a game, the individual who will serve in that capacity will come from the winning team. This will be covered during the Technical Meeting. Failure to satisfy a table duty assignment will result in forfeiture of your Performance Bond.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Please read this carefully as the registration process has changed this year:

1. The registration/participation fee for this event will be **\$600**. Make the check payable to USA Team Handball, and mail to:

USA Team Handball
ATTN: Emily Hewitt
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

2. The fee (payable via check made to USATH) is due **in full** to confirm your participation in the tournament. Postmarked deadline is **March 15, 2020** after which time payment of a

\$150 LATE FEE in full will be required, if space is still available. No registrations will be allowed after **March 22, 2020**.

3. A refundable **Performance Bond** of **\$300** and **Discipline Bond** of **\$300 (separate checks)** will be accepted at the Technical Meeting. Both bonds will be kept in escrow and destroyed post-event (unless a return request is provided in writing) after the event if no team member or team official is disqualified for any of the violations detailed in section 2.05 of the USATH Competition Rulebook (page 9). Please make checks payable to USA Team Handball.
4. A PRELIMINARY ROSTER is required as part of your event registration. This roster is due via email to 2020-CNC@northeasthandball.com by **March 15, 2020**. Please ensure it is as accurate as possible.

WITHDRAWAL: In the event of a withdrawal, contact 2020-CNC@northeasthandball.com. However, once you register your participation fee becomes non-refundable.

FORMS: All USATH athlete/coach/referee individuals, as well as team/club, membership registration and dues must be completed and paid on-line through Sport:80.

If a participant is under 18 years of age, parents or legal guardians must sign off on all forms. A coach or team official is NOT permitted to assume this authority for the underage athlete. *This policy will be strictly enforced!*

Registration may be completed at the Sport:80 page for this competition:

<https://usateamhandball.sport80.com/>

Onsite individual or team registration will not be available or accepted in 2020.

USA TEAM HANDBALL NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS: The

tournament may serve as an official tryout for players interested in our National Teams (Junior and Senior). Depending on their availability we anticipate having members of the National Team Selection Committee present to observe the competition and screen new talent.

ROSTERS: A preliminary roster form is required to complete registration, no later than March 15. Roster management will occur through Sport:80:

<https://usateamhandball.sport80.com/>

This will allow for the Competition Committee to begin reviewing for relative roster strength and preparing match report files. Final rosters are due in Sport:80 by **Friday, March 27th**. **NO CHANGES** may be made to rosters after this point.

Each team can bring a maximum of 16 players per team to compete in the championships.

A maximum of 16 players may play in each game and sit, dressed in team uniforms, on the bench plus up to four (4) officials (with completed Safe Sport/Background Check requirements) who also must be listed in the match report.

Minimum roster to participate as a Team: 10 players including a goalkeeper.

No player will be allowed to compete until clearance is received from the USA Team Handball Membership Director or designee during the Technical Meeting. His/her decision is final and not subject to any appeals. **Participation of any ineligible player(s) in any game will result in the entire team being immediately disqualified from the CNC.**

ELIGIBILITY: All teams participating in the 2020 CNC must adhere strictly to all rules set forth in Article VI of the USATH Competition Rulebook. Specifically, all individual players and clubs must be registered/paid members of USA Team Handball and meet additional **2020 USATH CNC Eligibility Standards**. A player can only play for one team throughout the CNC. Divisions

will be gender specific – meaning no females can play in any of the male division teams and no males can play in the female division.

The USATH Competition Committee will review eligibility cases beyond that stated in Section 6.03 of the USATH Competition Rule Book. Their decision is final.

UNIFORMS: In accordance with section 5.10 of the USATH Competition Rulebook, all teams must follow IHF rules regarding uniforms. Failure to do so shall result in forfeiture of Performance Bond. Make sure that you become familiar with all related official rules and pay special attention to the following:

Rule 4:7 – All the court players on a team must wear identical uniforms. The combinations of colors and design for the two teams must be clearly distinguishable from each other. *All players used in the goalkeeper position on a team must wear the same color, a color that distinguishes them from the court players of both teams and the goalkeeper(s) of the opposing team (17:3).*

Note: Identical means identical including uniform’s fabrics, color, shade, pattern, and brand. We will fully enforce this detail.

Rule 4:8 – The players must wear numbers that are at least 20cm high in the back of the shirt and at least 10cm in the front. The allowable numbers are 1-99. The color of the numbers must contrast clearly with the color and design of the shirt.

Note: No numbers can be drawn or taped to the uniforms. Any and all violations of uniforms standards will be a Performance Bond issue and will result in forfeiture of part or all of your bond.

NEW FOR 2020

In August 2017, the IHF released a set of clarifications regarding player equipment. These clarifications include rules regarding the color of under-layers and protective gear. USATH had decided to phase in those rules gradually in order to lessen the financial burden on clubs. For the 2020 College Nationals, all teams will be

required to meet those requirements.

These clarifications are found at the below link:

https://www.ihf.info/sites/default/files/2019-07/0_Regulations%20on%20Protective%20Equipment%20and%20Accessories_GB.pdf

TICKETS: Entry to the matches will be free and there will be spectator areas in each gym.

VOLUNTEERS: Individuals interested in participating as volunteers throughout the weekend are encouraged to register by sending an email to 2020-CNC@northeasthandball.com.

STICKUM/RESIN: The presence of resin **will not** be allowed in any gym – game balls will be provided by USATH. Warm up balls may be provided for each team and they may be accessed from the Officials Table. Leave any balls that may have residual stickum on them at home. This is a Performance Bond issue and will be strictly enforced.

ADVERTISING: USA Team Handball is the rights holder for all marketing, sponsorship and broadcasting related to the 2020 USA CNC. Please be advised that we are planning for live streaming on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday – and teams may be asked to make accommodations for this aspect of the competition. We are also planning to have volunteers serve as color commentators and perhaps staff static cameras in assisting the streaming crew. We will set up sign-up sheets as needed! Don't be bashful!

Additional information will be forwarded to you as it becomes available. A blank roster form and on-line membership registration information will follow in due time.

Thanks in advance for your attention to the details of this competition notice document. We look forward to your involvement in the next evolution of our CNC!



