Welcome to the

2020 USA Team Handball Club National Championships

May 8 - 10, 2020
TCF Center
Detroit, MI

Team check-in: Thursday, May 7, 2020

We are pleased to invite all teams to the 2020 USATH Club National Championships to be held in Detroit, MI. At this time, competition is confirmed in the Men’s ELITE, Men’s D1 and Women’s D1 divisions. A Women’s ELITE and a Men’s D2 will be considered based on committed attendance. USATH is working with Detroit Sports Commission and Detroit Handball Club to form the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).
REGULATORY INFORMATION

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, at any time during the competition. Please remember that Doping Control Testing (conducted by the USADA) may take place after the consolation and medal rounds/finals on Sunday. **Please book your return flights 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.

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/](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](http://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: applicantservices@ncsisafe.com or compliance@ncsisafe.com

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

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

LOGISTICS INFORMATION

COMPETITION VENUE
We will conduct competition in the TCF Center at 1 Washington Blvd, Detroit, MI 48226. The Center will have four (4) regulation courts of high-quality Sport Court. There will be a designated stretching area. Ball throwing will need to be limited to warm-up on your game court.

AIR TRAVEL
Detroit, MI is serviced by Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW). 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 promotional code UO 42 (Letters U and O).
HOTELS

The 2020 USATH National Championships will be conducted under the Stay-to-Play policy. Teams are required to book at the approved hotel block in order to participate in this event. Anyone found in violation of this policy will receive disqualification from the event.

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PARKING

Parking will be available at the TCF Center via Washington Blvd., and will be $15/day.

CONCESSIONS

The TCF Center and its vendors will serve food at the event all three days of the competition – one-stop for all your hot and cold meals, beverages, snacks, and deserts. Outside food and non-competitor drinks are prohibited in the TCF Center. Please note that athletes are allowed to bring in water and athletic beverages for competitive uses.
TECHNICAL MEETING

There will be a Technical Meeting Thursday, May 7, 7-8:30 pm at the TCF Center. It is mandatory that each team have a representative present at this meeting to coordinate final rules and details for this event, including uniform colors for matches. We ask that you bring one uniform of each color AND both goalkeeper jerseys.

TECHNICAL MEETING ROLL CALL

Missing the roll call of the clubs at the beginning of the meeting will constitute a formal absence. There will be no exceptions. This would qualify as a Performance Bond violation.

PARTICIPATION FEES AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration:

- Early Bird registration is $900 for USA Teams and $1050 for Foreign teams. All prices are in USD. Registration checks may be postmarked by March 7th, 2020 to qualify for Early Bird registration.
- The registration fee is $1000 (USA Teams) and $1,150 (Foreign teams) not taking advantage of Early Bird registration. All prices are in USD.
- Must be postmarked on or prior to April 1, 2020 to confirm your participation in the tournament after which time a $250 LATE FEE will be added for any registration accepted past the due date. The late fee deadline is April 15, 2020.
- All checks must be made payable to “USA Team Handball” and mailed to:

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

• A refundable **Performance Bond of $500 per team**, payable to USA Team Handball, must be submitted at team check-in on May 7 to be able to compete. This bond will be kept in escrow and returned to the team if no performance bond violations are committed.

• A refundable **Sportsmanship Bond of $500 per team**, payable to USA Team Handball, must also be submitted at team check-in. This bond will be kept in escrow and returned to the team if no team member or team official is disqualified and brought before the Event Disciplinary Committee for unsportsmanlike conduct or unacceptable behavior. Please refer to Article II of the USATH Competition Rule Book for details.

Please prepare and submit two SEPARATE checks for your Performance Bond and your Sportsmanship Bond. You may remit these during team check-in.

WITHDRAWAL

Should a registered team need to withdraw prior to the competition dates, please notify the organizing committee by e-mail to detroit-2020@usateamhandball.org.

**Note that 50% of your participation fee is non-refundable once you are registered. Any withdrawal after April 24, 2019 will result in forfeiting the entire participation fee.**

FORMS and USATH DUES

All USATH athlete/coach/referee individuals, as well as, team/club membership registration and dues must be completed and paid on-line through the USATH platform at [https://usateamhandball.sport80.com/](https://usateamhandball.sport80.com/). This takes care of signing all waiver documents. 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. On-site individual registration will not be available or accepted.

TEAM CHECK-IN

• Will be located at the TCF Center.
• Will take place on Thursday, May 7 between 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm but closed during the Technical Meeting. Please check-in as early as you can to avoid a last minute rush prior to the Technical Meeting.
• Please have all checks prepared in advance.
COMPETITION INFORMATION

COMPETITION FORMAT
At this time, competition is confirmed in the following divisions:

- Men’s ELITE
- Men’s D1
- Women’s D1.

A Women’s ELITE and a Men’s D2 will be considered based on committed attendance.

The **2020 USATH Club National Championships** will be contested according to procedures outlined in the USATH Competition Rule Book Revision 7 (released in Sep-2018), particularly Article VI. Please understand that group placement and seeding are not a science and every attempt will be made by the USATH Competition Committee to assure that the process is as fair as possible.

TABLE OFFICIALS
Each team provides one player, 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. Note that due to a tight schedule, there is NO time to train people for table duty. Please ensure that your athletes have performed the work before and that he/she presents him/herself 5 minutes before the start time. Failure to satisfy a table duty assignment or show up late will be a Performance Bond issue. Additionally, note that even if there are longer breaks between games, this does not eliminate the need for table duty.

TRAINERS
Certified Athletic Trainers will provide their professional services at the TCF Center for all scheduled hours of competition. Please bring your own medical tape and there will be an effort to provide this service, however, it is not guaranteed depending on the needs of the situation at the time. If you need taping, we will ask that you arrive at their medical station at least one (1) hour before game time.
ROSTERS

A preliminary roster of up to 20 players is required no later than April 24, 2019. No additions may be made after that date except for player injuries or family emergencies that are clearly valid and/or medically verified. The Competition Committee reserves the right to request justification for any roster change and can deny changes that are not considered valid.

A final roster of up to 16 players must be submitted no later than May 1, 2019. ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGES may be made after that date, except for player injuries or family emergencies that are clearly valid and/or medically verified. The Competition Committee reserves the right to request justification for any roster change and can deny changes that are not considered valid. All rosters must be submitted and managed through Sport:80, the USATH online platform at https://usateamhandball.sport80.com/. Please contact emily.hewitt@usateamhandball.org for any questions on how to use Sport:80.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS

A maximum of 16 players may play in each game and sit on the bench dressed in team’s uniforms. Up to four (4) officials may also be present. However, they MUST

- Be listed on the official roster on Sport:80 and appear on the match report.
- Meet the SafeSport and Background Check requirements.

For ELITE division(s), the minimum roster to participate as a team is 12 players.

For OPEN divisions, the minimum roster to participate as a team is 10 players.

A player may only play for one (1) team throughout the Championships.

No player will be allowed to compete until clearance from USA Team Handball Registration Director during the team check-in/registration. That decision is final and not subject to any appeals. Participation of any ineligible player(s) in any game will result in the entire team’s immediate disqualification from the Championships.

COACHES AND MULTIPLE TEAMS

Clubs with multiple teams must have one coach assigned per team. Given the very tight schedule, USATH will not accommodate scheduling change requests due to coaching conflicts.
ELIGIBILITY

All teams participating in the 2020 Club National Championships must adhere strictly to all rules set forth in Article VI of the USATH Competition Rule Book.

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

There may be foreign teams participating in any division. Foreign club teams are welcome and encouraged to enter but must meet local residence eligibility rules and additional requirements set forth in the USATH Competition Rule Book.

UNIFORMS

All teams must follow section 5.10 of USATH Competition Rule Book, which complies with IHF rules currently in effect regarding uniforms. Failure to do so shall result in forfeiture of Performance Bond. Make sure that you become familiar with all related official rules.

NEW FOR 2020

In August 2017, the IHF released a set of clarifications regarding player equipment (see appendix). 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 Club Nationals, all teams will be required to meet those requirements.

COURT PLAYER/GOALKEEPER

Only one (1) jersey number will be allowed per player. A player intending to play as goalkeeper and on the court must keep the same number. Please plan jerseys accordingly.
STICKUM/RESIN

Only water-soluble resin from the providers listed below will be tolerated during games. Please refrain from using resin outside of the court. VIOLATORS will be fined $1000 AND will be required to clean the court if they are found to be in violation at any time.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TICKETS

Tickets may be sold for the event. Teams will be provided credentials for accessing the venue. Keep it with you at all times. There will be performance bond issues for those not using this process properly.

COMMUNICATIONS

Coaches are asked to provide their tournament cell phone numbers to USATH. Coaches MUST be reachable at all times during the tournament. USATH will only contact you in case of emergency, changes or if your assistance is required. We ask that you indicate if text messaging is permissible.
USATH NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS

The Club National Championships MAY serve as an official tryout for players interested in inclusion in our National Team (NT) programming. Male candidates should fill out the Player Information Card (see appendix) and e-mail it to Coach Robert HEDIN (roberthedin@usateamhandball.org). Female candidates should e-mail the Player Information Card to Coach Christian LATULIPPE (christian@usateamhandball.org) no later than April 24, 2020.

Only those who do so will be formally evaluated during the competition. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ALL YOUR PLAYERS.

USA TEAM HANDBALL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Details shall be announced in advance once they are confirmed but it is normally held early on Saturday afternoon. Please make plans to join us for an interactive social hour. Details shall be announced as soon as confirmed.

STREAMING

The USA Team Handball is the rights holder for all marketing, sponsorship and broadcasting related to the 2020 USA Club National Championships. Please be advised that this event may be streamed, or spots televised locally for promotion – and teams may be asked to make accommodations for this purpose for the common good.

SATURDAY EVENING SOCIAL

There may be a “social” on Saturday evening, site to be determined; announcement will be made in advance if confirmed.

ADVANCE NOTICE – PRESENTATIONS

Live presentations on Coaching and Refereeing WILL occur at various times during the weekend. Look for both an IHF coaching clinic and a comprehensive USATH IHF referee clinic on the Thursday before the event. Plan to arrive a day early to take advantage of these opportunities. Watch for exact times and locations to follow!
AGAIN, CAREFULLY READ ALL OF THE INSTRUCTIONS – PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO THE TOURNAMENT STAFF.

Thank you,

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(408) 838-3723

Patrick JALABERT  
Chair, USATH Competition Committee  
patrick@chicagointer.org  
(312) 813-7344

USATH Tournament Staff  
detroit-2020@usateamhandball.org
APPENDIX A

2019 USATH Club National Championships
COACH’s CHECKLIST

PRIOR TO TOURNAMENT

• Call hotel to make your reservations
• Book flights via www.united.com promo code UO 42
• Ensure team uniforms are compliant with tournament rules
• Mail in your Early Bird Registration fees to Emily Hewitt by March 7, 2020.
• Mail in your Registration fees to Emily Hewitt by April 1, 2020
• Submit your team(s) rosters on Sport:80
  o Preliminary rosters due by April 24, 2020
  o Final rosters due May 1, 2020
• Ensure that each 1) club and 2) player is a paid member of USATH
• Ensure that all officials are compliant with Safe Sport and Background Check requirements
• Prepare your Performance and Sportsmanship Bond checks
  o Take to Check In
• Provide coach’s cell number to the Tournament Director
• Ensure that players are well versed on game scoring and table duties

ONCE ARRIVED

• Check In at the TCF Center located at: 1 Washington Blvd, Detroit, MI 48226
• Attend Technical Meeting.
• Ensure players are aware of all rules and regulations
• Play and enjoy!
# APPENDIX B

## USATH PLAYER INFORMATION CARD

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| Current Club Name/Address: | |
| Coach Name: | Coach Email/Phone: |
| Under Contract (Yes/No): | Availability for Tryouts: |
|                       | US____ |
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**Availability of Video(s): Please explain and attach**

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| Handball Accomplishments (Please list): | |

**How did you learn about USA Team Handball?**

**Please describe your plans (professional and/or educational) after graduating from HS/College:**

**Would you consider long-term residency program (either live-in or walk-in) If selected by USATH for High Performance Training?**

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**In US?**

**In Europe?**

**Would you consider relocation abroad (Europe) to train and compete if selected by USATH for HP Training?**

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