

2017 YONEX Eastern Collegiate Team Badminton Championships: Fall Northern, Mid Atlantic and Southern Conferences

NORTHERN CONFERENCE: OCT 28-29, 2017
BOSTON BADMINTON, 169 FLANDERS RD., WESTBOROUGH, MA

MID ATLANTIC CONFERENCE: NOV 4-5, 2017
SPH GYM, BLG 225, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK, MD

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE: NOV 4-5, 2017
CLEARONE SPORTS CENTER, 4141 N JOHN YOUNG PKWAY, ORLANDO, FL 32804

EVENTS

All conferences will have two divisions (1 and 2) if more than 8 teams register, with stronger teams in Division 1, and a maximum of 8 teams in each Division in each conference. Each team may choose the Division in which they would like to compete. For compelling reasons, the Tournament Director may move a team to a different Division.

Collegiate Teams from NJ, PA, DE, MD, DC, VA shall participate in the Mid Atlantic Conference. Those from MA, NY, CT, RI, NH, ME, VT shall participate in the Northern Conference. Those from TX, OK, AR, LA, MS, AL, GA, FL, NC and SC shall participate in the Southern Conference. If entries are received from outside the USAB designated Northeast and Southern Regions, those teams will be accepted on a first -come, first served basis into a Conference with less than 16 teams participating.

FORMAT

Format for each division shall be round robin or pool play (round robin followed by playoff), depending on the number of participating teams. Each team will be guaranteed three encounters (ties) with another team. Each tie will consist of: two Men's Singles, one Women's Singles, two Men's Doubles, two Women's Doubles, and two Mixed Doubles for a total nine matches per tie. Each match will be the best of three 21 point games using rally-point scoring. All nine matches in a tie will be played during the round robin phase. The final group position will be decided by the number of ties won by each team. If two teams have the same record, their relative positions will be decided by the result between those two teams. If three teams have the same record, positions will be determined by the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, with the greater difference ranked higher.

A player may play at most two different events within a tie. For example, Player A may play one singles event and one doubles event, a singles event and a mixed doubles event, or a doubles event and a mixed doubles event. Thus, a minimum number of four men and four women are needed for a team to play all nine matches of each tie. A team of six men and six women is recommended; however, there is no restriction on the number of players. Each team must submit a roster detailing the ranking of each player within their roster. The players should be listed in order of strength, with the strongest player ranked as #1. Questions and disputes regarding player eligibility and rankings must be resolved prior to the start of a tie.

Before each tie commences, each team captain will complete a Match Record Sheet detailing which players will be playing which matches in that tie for their team. Of the two men selected to play the Men's Singles matches, the stronger player (ranked with the lower number) must play the 1st Men's Singles match and the weaker player

(ranked with the higher number) must play the 2nd Men's Singles match. This ranking system is applied for Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles events, with the relative strengths of doubles pairs determined by the calculation of the pairs' Notional Ranking Totals which is the sum of (Ranking of Player 1) and (Ranking of Player 2). Walkovers due to the lack of players will be considered walkovers of the weaker pair or player. Tournament officials will be on hand to determine whether each team is complying with their ranking. During each tie, the order of play will be: MS1, MS2, WS, MD1, MD2, WD1, WD2, XD1, XD2 unless team captains agree to a different order of play. If needed, a 10 minute default time shall be enforced.

Umpires may be available for individual team matches; however, not all matches are guaranteed to be officiated. Players will be responsible for calling their own lines in the event there is no line judge available. Teams are expected to play by the honor system, making their best calls and scoring with full respect to their opponents. In the event of a dispute or a line call, if players on court cannot resolve the dispute, they should play 'Let' with no point scored (i.e. replay). In the event of a scoring or rules dispute, teams should have the Referee intervene to help resolve it.

If the pool play format is used, there shall be two seeds for 6 teams and 4 seeds for 8 teams. Seeding will be done by the Tournament Director in consultation with the Referees.

Submission Schedule

| | Northern Conference, Oct 28-29 | MidAtlantic & Southern Conference, Nov 4-5 |
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| Entry Deadline (registration, payment, proof of enrollment, waiver) | Oct 11 | Oct 17 |
| Last day for changes in Team Roster/Ranking | Oct 22 | Oct 29 |
| Open Draw, Posting Draw | Oct 24 | Oct 31 |
| Submit First Team Match Line Up | Oct 26 | Nov 2 |

Team rosters with players listed according to rank will be posted for team captains to review. The submitted ranking will be used to regulate match order in each tie.

ELIGIBILITY

The tournament is sanctioned by USA Badminton; participating teams must be registered as USA Badminton College Club (\$50 per team using the College Club Application Form @ <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-badminton/membership/clubs>). Teams are composed of registered students of a University/College in the USAB Northeast, Southern and MW Regions. All student athletes (undergraduate, graduate, visiting) must be making progress toward a degree and show proof of enrollment.

Prior to the tournament, team captains must submit a copy of the following with their registration:

- A scan or photocopy of each team member's student ID
- If the ID does not detail dates of attendance, a copy of a proper & verifiable course schedule must be submitted with the ID

Students will be requested to present their ID's and/or log into their University/College email address at the tournament site as verification of their enrollment.

Students from different campuses of a University may participate together as one team. Badminton teams from Colleges/Universities with enrollment of less than 5,000 may team up or form a team with another school that does not have a badminton club or is in its first year as an organization, provided that at least 3 team players come from each school and that players from each school compete in at least 3 of the 9 matches in each tie.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (assuming 8 teams in each division)

Tournament schedule is subject to change, depending on number of teams, ending earlier with fewer teams.

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| Saturday | 8:30-10:45; 10:45-1pm; 1-3:15pm 3:30-5:45; 5:45-8 pm; 8-10:15 pm | 3 round robin, Div 1 3 round robin, Div 2 |
| Sunday | 8:30-10:30 am 10:30-12:30 pm 12:30-1 pm 1-3 pm 3-5 pm | Semi-finals, 3 rd and 4 th place teams, Div 1&2 Finals, ¾, 3 rd & 4 th place teams, Div 1&2 Lunch/Team Pictures Semi-finals Finals, ¾ |

ENTRY FEE

\$400 per team. YONEX Aerosensa 30 (or better) shuttlecock will be provided.

PRIZES

Medals (max 14 per team) and Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams of each Division.

LODGING

Nov 4-5. Southern Conference. Embassy Suites

225 Shorecrest Drive, Altamonte Springs, Florida, 32701, USA +1-407-834-2400

Reservations (\$129/night) should be made by **Oct 14, 2016**.

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/M/MCOSPES-YSC-20171103/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Nov 4-5. Mid Atlantic Conference. Marriot Residence Inn Greenbelt.

6320 Golden Triangle Dr, Greenbelt, MD 20770 tel (301) 982-1600

(\$119 for one room, more info to come by email).

Oct 28-29. Northern Conference. Red Roof Inn Southborough.

367 Turnpike Rd, Southborough, MA 01772 tel.-800-733-7663

Group Name: Eastern Collegiate Badminton, Block Code: B075EASTCB

Reservations (\$80.74/night, \$84.14, \$87.54, \$90.94 for 1,2,3,4 adults respectively) should be made by Sept 27.

TOURNAMENT CONTACTS

For inquiries and questions about the tournament, contact Tournament Director Yvonne Chern

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Complete entry form, send with payment (\$400 entry fee), and proof of enrollment to respective Conference Coordinators (received and not postmarked) by indicated deadline. Waivers will need to be signed during check-in.

| | Northern Conference | Mid Atlantic Conference | Southern Conference |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Conference Coordinators | Yvonne Chern | Herbert Lin & Andrew So | Rob Bentley & Thomas Shek |
| Checks written to | Boston Badminton | UMD Club Badminton | Clearone Sports Center |
| Address | 7 Green Way | 8700 Boteler Lane Apt#. 733 | 4141 N John Young Parkway Suite 3 |
| | Wayland, MA 01778 | College Park MD, 20740 | Orlando, FL 32804 |
| Entry Deadline | 11-Oct | 17-Oct | 17-Oct |

Name of School: _____ Division (1 or 2) _____

Address: _____

Team Captain/Coach/Coordinator: _____ (indicate if you are a coach or a student)

Email _____ Phone _____

Team Members (List in order of player strength).

| Men: | Age: |
|--------|------|
| 1) | |
| 2) | |
| 3) | |
| 4) | |
| 5) | |
| 6) | |
| 7) | |
| 8) | |
| 9) | |
| 10) | |
| Women: | Age: |
| 1) | |
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