



— OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

Invitation to

Arise Open 2026

International Challenge Tournament

October 7 – 11, 2026

Arise Sport Complex

Prize Money: US\$ 20,000

Dear Member Associations,

On behalf of USA Badminton, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome as we prepare for the Arise Open 2026.

Enclosed, you will find the event prospectus, which contains important information regarding entry procedures, competition and practice facilities, athlete services, transportation, accommodation, and visa requirements. Please review the document carefully and take note of the key deadlines for entry submissions and other tournament requirements. Your timely attention to these matters is greatly appreciated.

USA Badminton is excited to welcome athletes, coaches, officials, and team representatives to the Greater Houston area for this international competition. The tournament will take place October 7–11, 2026, at the Arise Sports Complex in Brookshire, Texas.

We are proud to provide another opportunity for athletes from around the world to compete in the United States and look forward to delivering an enjoyable and professionally organized tournament experience.

We look forward to welcoming you and your athletes to Texas for an exciting week of international badminton competition.

Sincerely,

John Ruger
Interim CEO
USA Badminton



1. General Details

Host Member	USA Badminton One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Tournament Organizer	Arise Sports Complex Email: internationalchallenge@usabadminton.org Website: www.usabadminton.org
Sanction	Badminton World Federation and Badminton Pan Am Confederation
Date	October 7 – 11, 2026
Competition Venue	Arise Sports Complex 542 Koomey Rd Brookshire, TX 77423 Venue website: www.arisesportscomplex.com
Media Links	Championships website: www.arisesportscomplex.com/bwfis2026  @usabadminton  @usabadminton
Referee Team	Referee: Milaine Cloutier (CAN) / Email: milainecloutier@hotmail.com Deputy Referee: Rudy Gunawan (USA) / Email: rudygwei@gmail.com
Useful Contacts	Tournament Director – Thai Pham Email: thai.pham@usabadminton.org Deputy Tournament Director – Kevin Banh Email: kevin.banh0@gmail.com General Inquiries Email: internationalchallenge@usabadminton.org
Insurance Coverage & Indemnity	All participants are responsible for their own arrangements, including insurance coverage. Players and all members of the national delegation shall bear all costs relating to injuries, medical treatment, or hospitalization, and must ensure that their players and officials are medically fit and adequately insured. The Tournament Organizer accepts no liability for any claims, damages, or

	losses arising from participation in, or cancellation of, the tournament.										
Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos	Players and all members of the national delegation shall agree to give the BWF and the Tournament Organizer full television and motion picture rights, including permission to film players and members of the national delegation during all matches and activities around the Tournament, for any commercial, news or other purpose together with the right to transfer such right, including without compensation.										
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2. Entry Details

Regulations (Conditions of Play) Clothing Regulation	This tournament will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes, General Competition Regulations (GCR), Badminton Pan Am Regulation (BPAC) and CC Grade 3 Tournament Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final. For all tournaments included in the Pan American Badminton Circuit, the name of the player on the back of the jerseys and the name of the country are mandatory and must be in accordance with the BWF GCR regulations. This tournament will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment, and Advertising Regulations as outlined in BWF GCR 20–24. Any breach of these regulations will be forwarded to the BWF It is mandatory that for all tournaments that are part of the Continental Tour all opposing players wear different colours significant for the quarterfinals, semifinals and finals (BWF GCR: 21. COLOUR OF PLAYERS' CLOTHING, 21.6).														
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Online Entry – International Entries	Online entry registration of players for this tournament must be done by the Member Association using the BWF Online Group Entry system, using the following link: Tournament Entry Link - https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/06A76B83-EBF7-4AD8-8A34-2D621ED4978C If the Member Association requires a username and password to access the system, please contact the BWF at the following email address: technicalevents@bwf.sport Please see the key dates section for entry deadline. Late entries will not be accepted. For this tournament, the entry deadline is Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 11:59 PM (GMT +08:00). Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by Wednesday, one day after the entry deadline at 23:59 hrs. BWF Headquarters time. If no objection is received by BWF Thursday, two days after entry deadline at 23:59 hrs. BWF Headquarters time, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections will be entertained after this point.																								
Online Entry – USA member Entries	Eligible USA players wishing to enter through the hosting Member may follow a different process to international entries. The on-time entry deadline for USA players is Tuesday September 1, 2026 at 23:59 (PST). Entry request must be received at internationalentry@usab.org by the deadline. Please review the USAB International Tournament Entry Policy for more rules: https://usabadminton.org/athletes/adults/international-entry-process/																								
Entry Fees	All players are required to pay entry fees. Entry Fees for international and USA players will be as follows: • \$240 USD per player All payments must be made prior to the start of competition. Confirmation of payment must be																								

received prior to athletes receiving their accreditation.

The following form of payment is accepted: Wire Transfer, Zelle, Credit Card.

Member associations can make payment via bank transfer upon request. Please email internationalchallenge@usabadminton.org for instructions.

The Member Association that enters a player into the tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player. Entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn by the Last Date to Withdraw without Penalty. Entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal after the Last Date to Withdraw without Penalty.

Withdrawals

The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BWF GCR 13 and 14.

Member Associations can withdraw their entries through the BWF Online Group Entry system until the last date of withdrawal without penalty. **Monday, September 28, 2026 at 11:59 PM (GMT +08:00).**

Withdrawals made after this date will incur a penalty in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5).

Please ensure that the Tournament Referee and Host Organizer are notified immediately in writing, clearly stating the reason for the withdrawal.

If a Member Association needs to withdraw any entries once players have arrived in the host city, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Tournament Referee, or Deputy Referee(s), and must also be confirmed in writing to:

Referee: Milaine Cloutier (CAN) / Email: milainecloutier@hotmail.com

Deputy Referee: Rudy Gunawan (USA) / Email: rudygwei@gmail.com

Host Organizer Contact: Email: internationalchallenge@usabadminton.org

3. Tournament Details

Prize Money	A prize fund of USD\$20,000 will be distributed in accordance with BPAC Tournament Circuit Regulations 11.1 and awarded as per the table below. Note to foreign athletes: Any non-U.S. citizen who qualifies for Prize Money at the US Open may be subject to Income Tax withholding of 30% or lesser if a Tax Treaty applies, which will be deducted from the Athlete’s Prize Money as is required by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Additional information on Tax Treaty Exemptions may be found here: https://www.irs.gov/businesses/international-businesses/united-states-income-tax-treaties-a-to-z. USA Badminton recommends that all athletes work with a licensed tax advisor to discuss their personal tax implications. <table><tr><td></td><td>Winner</td><td>Runner-Up</td><td>Semi Finalist</td></tr><tr><td>MS/WS</td><td>\$1,800</td><td>\$800</td><td>\$400</td></tr><tr><td>MD/WD/XD (per pair)</td><td>\$2,400</td><td>\$1,040</td><td>\$480</td></tr></table>		Winner	Runner-Up	Semi Finalist	MS/WS	\$1,800	\$800	\$400	MD/WD/XD (per pair)	\$2,400	\$1,040	\$480																																				
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Practice Facilities	Practice Facility Information: • Location: Arise Sports Complex • Number of Courts: 3 • Schedule: Monday October 5 – Sunday October 11 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM • Booking/Reservation information: Practice Court Request Form																																																

	Competition Courts Information: • Schedule: Tuesday October 6 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM • Booking/Reservation Information: Practice Court Request Form • Court Mat Color: Green Warmup Courts Information: 1 court Practice Shuttles Information: 1 Free Yonex AS-50 per player
Player Facilities	Player Lounge Information: • Location: Arise Sports Complex • Amenities: WIFI, snacks, water • Operational Hours: The space will be open when the practice courts are opened, however, snacks will only be set out during certain times. Stringing Services: • Location: Stringing Booth in the Gym • Schedule: Daily schedule TBA • Cost: USD\$25.00 (Including string) / USD\$20 (Own string) • CASH and/or CREDIT accepted
Team Managers' Meeting	The Team Managers' Meeting will be held at the following: • Date: Tuesday October 6, 2026 • Time: 5:00 PM • Location: TBA All participating Member Associations must be represented by their designated Team Manager at the Team Managers' Meeting. Non-attendance may result in penalties being imposed on the Member Association. Member Associations are allowed to request representation by another Member Association, provided that the Tournament Referee is notified in advance and approves.
Umpire Briefing	The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following: • Date: Tuesday October 6, 2026 • Time: 6:30 PM • Location: TBA

Presentation Ceremonies

All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday (last day of the tournament), October 11, 2026, immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all champions and finalists.

In accordance with Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statute 5.3.6), all players participating in the finals of a tournament must attend the final ceremonies directly after the match or must follow the instructions given by the organizers regarding ceremony protocol.

No equipment, including rackets and flags, are allowed to be brought onto the podium. Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the BWF GCR.

Accreditation

Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalized and photographic accreditation.

Please submit your Accreditation Form by **Friday September 18, 2026**.

Link: [Arise International Challenge 2026 Portal](#)

The number of complimentary accreditations available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing players from the same Member Association:

Number of Member Association Players	Number of Team Officials Accreditations
Three or less	1
Four to Seven	2
Eight to 15	3
16 or more	4

A limited number of additional accreditations for approved Team Officials will be available for purchase at a fee of USD\$200, charged to the respective Member Association, and payable at the tournament (IN CASH AND/OR WITH CREDIT CARD).

The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be USD\$200 on each occasion, charged to the respective Member Association.

The tournament reserves the right to refuse entry into any accredited venue or area or service (e.g. transportation) as a result of damaged or missing accreditation.

The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, and penalties being applied.

Medical Services

A medical officer and physiotherapist service will be available during the tournament, free of charge to players.

Location: Arise Sports Complex

	Operational Hours: TBA
Anti-Doping	Doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, is conducted out-of-competition and in-competition with the collection of urine and/or blood samples. Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before an athlete takes any medication, they should check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/
Badminton Integrity	Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results) relates to anti-corruption and anti-match manipulation, and this code applies to all participants at this tournament. To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournaments, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on badminton matches, respect the principle of fair play, and shall not attempt to influence the course or result of a game or match. Every person has an obligation to report to the BWF any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of a matches. For more information, please refer to BWF's website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/
Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9	GCR 7.9: <i>"In making or authorizing entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF's regulations and Disciplinary processes."</i>

4. Travel & Visa Details

Transportation

Complimentary transportation will be provided by the tournament between the official venues: competition venue, official hotel(s), and the following transportation hubs:

- George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)

Transportation will only be provided to players and officials staying at the official tournament hotels.

To request transportation, please complete and return the Transportation Request Form by **Friday September 18, 2026**.

Requests received after the deadline will not be accepted. No reimbursement of taxi or uber charges will be issued.

Link: [Arise International Challenge 2026 Portal](#)

Visas

If a visa is required to enter the United States of America, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application.

Please complete and return the Visa Support Request Form by **Wednesday September 2, 2026**.

The tournament host and hosting Member Association will only communicate with a Member Association, and the hosting Member Association will only provide a visa support letter if the form is completed accurately and comprehensively, and supporting documentation is provided, where requested.

The tournament host and hosting Member Association accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications.

It is the responsibility of the Member Association to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all matters should be directed to the Embassy in charge.

Any visa support letter issued by the tournament host does not guarantee entry into the United States of America; the final decision is made the Government of the United States of America.

5. Accommodation Details

Official hotel(s)	Rooms available	Rates	Remarks
Hilton Garden Inn Houston West Katy 2409 Texamati Drive, Katy, TX 77494	50	\$185 Per room per night	Double Queen incl. breakfast. Max occupancy 2 add \$15 for each additional guest.
Comfort Suites at Katy Mills 25115 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494	40	\$145 Per room per night	Double Queen Suite with Sofa Bed incl. breakfast. Max occupancy 2 add \$15 for each additional guest.
County Inn and Suites by Radisson 25218 Market Place Dr, Katy, TX 77494	30	\$115 Single room (max occupancy one) \$130 Double room (max occupancy two)	Breakfast included Add \$15 for each additional guest for double rooms.

Hotel Rates include 17% tax.

For all hotel bookings, please email: ariseichotelbooking@gmail.com

PAYMENT INFORMATION: Wire payment instructions will be sent by email.

6. Media Details

Player Media Obligations

It is a condition of entry into BWF sanctioned tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, host organizer, or other tournament official, is required to undertake a range of media activities. Please refer to the BWF Player Commitment Regulations for more information (BWF Statute 5.3.6).

Member Associations should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s), if requested.

Media Accreditation

Media wishing to attend this tournament must complete and submit the Media Accreditation Request by **Friday September 25, 2026**.

Link: [Media Accreditation Request Form](#)

Match recordings

Video recording for match review purposes within the competition venue is only permitted by accredited team officials of participating Members from clearly defined positions. There are a limited number of these positions and prior authorization must be obtained in advance from the tournament officials.

Video footage captured must be used solely for training/coaching purposes by the Member and

its coaching staff and not for further distribution. Members may be liable for any costs incurred by BWF if video footage is used for any other purpose.

The BWF and host organizing committee reserve the right to remove any non-approved items of recording equipment.