



2019 YONEX / K & D GRAPHICS INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

December 17 – 21, 2019
Orange County Badminton Club

ORANGE, CALIFORNIA



Dear Badminton Friends:	USA Badminton invites your players to compete in the 2019 Yonex/K&D Graphics International Challenge. Please find enclosed all the information necessary.
National Organization:	USA Badminton 2099 S. State College Blvd., Suite 600, Anaheim, CA 92806, USA Ph: 714.765.2952 www.usabadminton.org
Presented by:	YONEX USA and Orange County Badminton Club
Tournament Dates:	December 17 – 21, 2019
Sanctioned by:	Badminton World Federation & Badminton Pan Am Confederation
Venue:	Orange County Badminton Club 1432 N. Main St. Orange, CA 92867. P: +1.714.639.6222 www.ocbadmintonclub.com
International Entry:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All international players must enter through their respective Member Associations. • BWF is implementing the Online Entry System for this tournament and we seek Member Associations' cooperation to ensure all entries are submitted before the <u>closing date Tuesday November 19, 2019 at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time.</u> • No entry forms are required by Member Association. All entries must be submitted online only. • Member Associations are advised to log on: 2019 Yonex/K&D Graphics International Challenge at: http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament?id=32085A06-7D4C-45E1-AF4E-989B57508B92 • Member Associations will require a username and password to submit your entries and this can be obtained from the BWF. Please contact Mr. R. Shanmugam at: s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org • The online entry page will close immediately on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time. • You are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted. • Close of Online Entry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send notification to all participating Member Associations confirming receipt of final entries. • Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before



	<p>the deadline. The Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by Wednesday, November 20, 2019 12:00 noon BWF Headquarters time following close of entries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday, November 21, 2019 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time following the close of entries, the entries shall be deemed correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained after this point. • International Partnerships with USA Player, click the link below and download the document titled “USAB Doubles & Mixed Doubles Partnership Guidelines for International Tournaments” for more information: USAB Doubles & Mixed Doubles Partnership Guidelines for International Tournaments For International partnerships, the U.S. player MUST REGISTER AND PAY for the requested event by the <u>USAB On Time DEADLINE Tuesday November 12, 2019 at 11:59PM PST</u> or by the <u>USAB Late Entry DEADLINE Friday November 15, 2019 at 11:59 AM PST</u> with a \$200 Penalty Without Exception
<p>USA Player Entry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry is open to any current member of USA Badminton in good standing with a BWF # ID registered in their USAB profile. • Please note that only USAB players with a BWF # ID registered in the BWF Active Player Database will be entered by USA Badminton. • USA players must sign up through USAB’s designated Online Entry system • http://www.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament?id=4DE2752E-2E64-4D0D-9BEB-DFCD3E94F300 • On Time Entry Deadline: The entry deadline for USA Badminton Players is <u>Tuesday November 12, 2019 11:59PM PST</u>. • Late Entries will be accepted <u>until Friday November 15, 2019 11:59 AM PST</u> with a late penalty fee of \$200.00 as per USAB’s International Tournament Entry Procedures, after which no late entries will be accepted.
<p>Entry Fees:</p>	<p><u>International Players</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200 USD per player for up to 3 events • Entry fees must be paid in cash to the organizers before the beginning of the tournament commencement. • If the entry fees are not paid prior to first match, the players concerned will not be allowed to compete in the tournament and will not be awarded any BWF ranking points. • The Member Association that enters a player is responsible for paying the entry fee for that player. • The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not withdrawn by the BWF closing deadline. • The Member Association will be responsible for the player’s entry fee for any withdrawals after the BWF entry closing date except for withdrawals from players who are not in any main or qualifying draw



	<p>USA Players</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200 USD per player for up to 3 events • Full entry fee must be paid online at the time of registration. • A non-refundable processing fee of \$35.00 will be charged per player • No other forms of payment will be accepted. • No refund will be given to any USA Badminton Player for withdrawals made after the BWF entry deadline except for withdrawals from players who are not in any main or qualifying draw
Events:	Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles
Main Draw Size:	Men's Singles – 32 Women's Singles – 32 Men's Doubles – 32 Women's Doubles – 32 Mixed Doubles – 32 *Qualifying Draws – 32
Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 17, 2019 - Qualifying Rounds Starts at 9.00am • December 17, 2019 - Preliminary Rounds Starts at 12.00pm • December 18, 2019 - Preliminary Rounds Starts at 9.00am • December 19, 2019 – Preliminary Rounds Starts at 9.00 am • December 19, 2019 - Quarter-Finals Starts at 5.00pm • December 20, 2019 - Semi-Finals Starts at 5.00pm • December 21, 2019 – Finals Starts at 12.00pm • All events will be run on a strict timetable system. • Competitors must be ready to play fifteen (15) minutes before their scheduled time. • Players not ready to play at the scheduled time will be disqualified. • Alteration to competition schedule due to television coverage is possible and will be announced by the Referee.
Event Directors:	Tournament Director – Karina Nguyen Deputy Tournament Director – Cora Tan
Event Contact:	OCBC Events Team Work: +1.714.639.6222 Email: eventsocbc@gmail.com



Referees:	Referee: Trevor McCain (JAM) Email: trevormccain2@yahoo.com	
Manager's Meeting:	Date - Monday, December 16 2019 Time - 7:00PM PST (1900 hours) Venue - Orange County Badminton Club	
Key Dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USA Player entry deadline • Visa Support Letter Request Deadline • Closing Date for Entries (BWF HQ Time) • World Ranking Date for M & Q Report, Qualifying Draw Seeding, and Promotions • Publish Date for M & Q Report • World Ranking Date for Main Draw Seeding • Seeding Released • Last Date of Withdrawal Without Penalty (BWF HQ Time) • Draw Date • Hotel Booking Deadline • Transport Request Form Deadline • Practice Court Request Deadline • Accreditation Request Deadline 	<p>Tuesday November 12, 2019 Tuesday, November 12, 2019 Tuesday, November 19, 2019 Tuesday, November 19, 2019</p> <p>Friday, November 22, 2019 Tuesday, November 26, 2019 Friday, November 29, 2019 Monday, December 2, 2019</p> <p>Tuesday, December 3, 2019 Friday, November 22, 2019 Friday, December 6, 2019 Friday, December 6, 2019 Friday, December 6, 2019</p>

Prize Money: The 2019 Yonex/K&D Graphics International Challenge Prize Money is \$25,000. The prize money will be paid out in US\$.

PLEASE READ: United States income tax withholding laws will apply towards the prize money. The tax rate will be 30% for all foreigners (non-resident alien). If a player from a country can provide documentation of a tax treaty between their country and the United States, their tax withholding will be at a lower rate. For US citizens and permanent residents, a W-4 Form will need to be filled out and completed for amounts \$600 and above to avoid a 28% withholding.

Event	Winner	Runner-Up	Semi-Finalists
MS	\$2,250	\$1,000	\$500
Number	X1	X 1	X 2
WS	\$2,250	\$1,000	\$500
Number	X1	X 1	X 2
MD	\$1,500	\$650	\$300
Number	X2	X 2	X 4
WD	\$1,500	\$650	\$300



	Number	X2	X 2	X 4
	XD	\$1,500	\$650	\$300
	Number	X2	X 2	X 4
Registration:	Registration will take place at Orange County Badminton Club on Monday December 16, 2019.			
Shuttlecock:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Yonex Aerosensa is the official shuttlecock for the 2019 Yonex/ K&D Graphics International Challenge. Practice shuttlecocks will be available at the venue for a minimal cost. 			
Conditions of Play:	<p>The 2019 Yonex/K&D Graphics International Challenge will be conducted under the conditions as laid down by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) governing BWF International Challenge Events (in the event of dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final).</p> <p><u>Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9</u></p> <p>GCR 7.9: <i>“In making or authorising entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF’s regulations and Disciplinary processes.”</i></p> <p>The fixed height service rule (Law 9.1.6.) will be in effect at this tournament</p>			
Withdrawals:	<p><u>For International Entries</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Withdrawal regulations and penalties will be based on BWF Regulations. Withdrawals can only be made through the Member Association. Before the BWF closing deadline a BWF Member Association can withdraw through the BWF online entry system. Withdrawals after the deadline must be done by email to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Events OCBC at eventsocbc@gmail.com and copied to: - Mr. R. Shanmugam at s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org - the Referee, BWF Event Officer, Mr. Trevor McCain at trevormccain2@yahoo.com by the Member Federation National Office Withdrawals <u>after</u> Monday, December 2, 2019 preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member Association concerned liable to a fine for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations). Withdrawals after players arrive in the venue city must be made by notification of withdrawal at the Team Manager’s Meeting or to the Referee in writing. The Member Association will be responsible for the player’s entry fee for any withdrawals after the BWF entry closing date except for withdrawals from players 			



	<p>who are not in any main or qualifying draw</p> <p>For USA Badminton Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Withdrawals <u>prior</u> to US Player Entry Deadline can be done on Tournament Software at the US Player Entry Tournament Software page • Withdrawals <u>after</u> the US Player Entry Deadline <u>must</u> be made through the USA Badminton National Office. • Withdrawals <u>after</u> the US Player Entry Deadline must be done by email to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Events OCBC at eventsocbc@gmail.com and copied to: - USA Badminton International Entry at internationalentry.usab@gmail.com • USA Badminton will not accept responsibility for any withdrawal that is not made through the USAB National Office. • No refund will be given to any USA Badminton Players for withdrawals made after the BWF entry deadline except for withdrawals from players who are not in any main or qualifying draw
<p>Betting:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Betting : “There will be betting on offer from this event. Betting is however not allowed to be made by players or officials connected to the event either in person or through a third party. Participants may therefore not make bets on the Event or procure through third parties the making of bets with a betting agency. • Participants who, in violation of this prohibition, nevertheless make or procure through third parties the making of bets with betting agencies shall be immediately disqualified from participation in the Event and are liable for legal prosecution. Similarly manipulation of games will be met with disqualification and possible legal prosecution. Any violation mentioned above is also a breach of Player's Code of Conduct (Art. 5.2.) and will be sanctioned by BWF.” <p><u>Badminton Integrity</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>



Clothing:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, design, lettering and advertising on players' clothing shall be regulated by General Competition Regulations 20 to 24. • For International Challenge tournaments, the name on the back of the shirt is mandatory for all matches in the main draw. • It is mandatory for the semi-finals and finals that partners in doubles wear the same color. Opposing teams must wear significantly different colors. • In applying General Competition Regulations 20 to 24, the decision of the Referee shall be final.
Practice Facilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice times at the venue from Sunday onwards may be requested from the Orange County Badminton Club before the event starts, or by completing the practice request form and emailing to eventsocbc@gmail.com by Friday December 6, 2019 • Practice Courts may be available Tuesday and Wednesday morning depending on the match schedules
Transport:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport transportation between the tournament hotel Ayres Hotel Anaheim – Katella) and Los Angeles Airport (LAX) or John Wayne Airport (SNA) will only be provided without charge for players staying at Ayres Hotel Anaheim - Katella • Players, coaches, and officials not staying at the tournament hotels may request transportation for a \$40 fee (ONE WAY – from airport to hotel). • All requests (complete Transport Request Form) must be emailed to eventsocbc@gmail.com by Friday, December 6, 2019. • Late request (after December 6, 2019) will incur an additional \$15 charge. • Requesting Member Federations, Officials, or Players can pay Orange County Badminton Club as soon as they arrive at the tournament venue. • Transportation between hotel and venue is provided. Schedule will be released on daily basis. Venue is also walking distance from the hotel
Accommodation:	<p>Ayres Hotel Anaheim - Katella 2550 E. Katella Avenue Anaheim, CA 92806 (0.8 miles from venue 12-15 minute walk) Contact: Marie Xuereb Ph: 714-385-1503 Email: mxuereb@ayreshotels.com Booking Code: OCBCTM Booking Link: Click Here</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special room rates are \$130 (Std. King) and \$140 (Std. Queen/Queen) plus tax per room • Rates include full American Breakfast • Complimentary Parking for One Car per Guest Room • Transportation between Ayres Hotel and Venue • Reservations must be made before Friday, November 22, 2019 for this special rate. • All reservations must be done directly with the hotel.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please contact Marie Xuereb for further questions regarding your booking • USAB is NOT responsible for organizing accommodation for any team or individual player.
Accreditation:	<p>International Entries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry into the venue will be controlled by accreditation / badges which will be available for collection at the Team Managers’ Meeting. • Accreditation will be issued to all qualifying players and officially nominated officials through the respective Member Association. Please find the attached Accreditation Request Form to apply for Team Officials Accreditation by December 6, 2019. • In accordance with agreement with the BWF, the number of accompanying officials for whom there will be accreditation depends on the size of your playing team. • For up to 4 players : 2 badges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For 5-10 players: 3 badges ○ For 11-16 players: 4 badges ○ For 16 or more players : 5 badges <p>For USA Players: Application for accreditation must be made through USA Badminton. Please find information at the link below: https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Badminton/Athletes/Adults/USAB-International-Tournament-Entry-Procedure</p>
Visa:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players and officials who require visa to enter USA and/or require visa support letters, kindly complete the visa request form provided by Tuesday, November 12, 2019 to the USAB National Office, attention to Suzanna Bezyan at suzanna.bezyan@usabadminton.org • USAB will only communicate with a Member Association’s National Office. • USAB will not be able to provide visa support letters for if the visa request forms are incomplete and are not accompanied by the required documents.
Anti-Doping:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Random or targeted drug testing may be carried out at any time during the course of the competition. • All testing if carried out will be in accordance with the current BWF, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) regulations. <p><u>Doping Control</u></p> <p>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.</p>



	<p>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).</p> <p>For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</p>
Medical Insurance:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All USAB members competing in the 2019 Yonex/K&D Graphics International Challenge are covered by insurance. • All non-USAB participants are NOT covered by USAB’s insurance. • USAB encourages non-USAB participants to organize medical insurance before arriving in the U.S. • USAB is not responsible for medical expenses incurred during the competition.
Indemnity:	<p>By submitting the entry to the 2019 Yonex/K&D Graphics International Challenge, participant (and parent(s)/guardian(s) if participant is of minority age) affirms having read this document and agrees to be bound by its terms.</p> <p>In consideration of being permitted to participate in the 2019 Yonex/K&D Graphics International Challenge and for good and valuable consideration any participant named below, hereinafter called ENTRANT, do hereby agree and covenant with, and release and discharge USA Badminton, Orange County Badminton Club, Yonex Corporation, their employees, agents, officers, members, heirs, assigns, executors and administrators and any and all participants in this event as follows:</p> <p>Entrant does hereby promise, agree and covenant that he/she will never, at any future time, sue or bring action against the forenamed or any of them, reason of any claim for damages, whether such damage arises from the conduct of the tournament or condition of the premises or from any cause whatsoever. Entrant does hereby release, remise and discharge the forenamed, or any of them from all claims, actions, suites, causes of actions and demands of nature, whether at law or in equity, arising from or alleged to arise from any accident or other occurrence during or in connection with this tournament or condition of the premises on which this event takes place.</p> <p>Entrant warrants and represents that he/she will be bound by the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation and USA Badminton; is an eligible player as defined by the rules of the organization; understands that the forenamed makes no warranties or guarantees of any nature with respect to the condition of the premises, the operation of the tournament and that no agent or employee is authorized to vary the terms of this agreement, either orally or in writing.</p> <p>For the same consideration Entrant hereby give USA Badminton, and each and every licensee or contractee of either or all of them including photographers, television and or</p>



motion picture companies or concerns, their affiliates and subsidiaries, full television and motion picture rights, including full power, permission and authority to film or video tape me during all matches, narrations, personal interviews, or comment thereon for any all commercial, news or other purposes together with the right to transfer to grant their rights to offers, without compensation to me whatsoever.

