

Evolution of Bay Area Junior Open

A Northern California Junior Tournament was run by members of the Weller family in Berkeley for several decades. The tournament was professionally run and a great competitive and learning experience in which sportsmanship, etiquette, and adherence to the rules of badminton were emphasized. For various reasons they were forced to halt these valuable tournaments in the early 1990's.

With the help of the Santa Rosa Badminton Club, the tournament was re-introduced in the mid 1990's and events were held in Davis and Santa Rosa. With the support of the South San Francisco Recreation Department this tradition was moved in 1999 to South San Francisco. This first South San Francisco tournament benefited from the new venue, had nearly 90 juniors enter, and was quite successful.

The tradition has continued, and over the years juniors have come from as far away as Seattle, Massachusetts, and of course Southern California to test their skills in the Bay Area Junior Open. Last year's 2002 Bay Area Junior Open was the most successful ever with 245 juniors entering!

Badminton Association of Northern California is proud to continue this tradition of excellence with the 2003 Bay Area Junior Open. The tournament is again scheduled so as to be after the High School badminton season and still well before Junior Nationals. Currently, this year's 2003 Bay Area Junior Open is the last Junior tournament before Junior Nationals.

For High School players, this is a great opportunity to experience Open tournament play, to play in more than just one event, and to continue your enjoyment of Badminton after the High School season has ended.

For juniors with their sights set on Junior Nationals, this is a great opportunity to test yourself against many of the best juniors in the country, meet partners, and otherwise continue your preparation for Junior Nationals.

For all, the 2003 Bay Area Junior Open is an exceptional opportunity to experience junior Badminton at its best, make new friends, and have a wonderful time.

We look forward to seeing you!

2003 Bay Area Junior Open

- Date:** May 24-25, 2003. (Memorial Day Weekend)
- Site:** South San Francisco High School
400 B Street, South, San Francisco, CA 94080-4425
- Events:** Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles, all flights.
- Flights:** Under 9, Under 11, Under 13, Under 15, Under 17, Under 19, and Under 22. All ages are determined by your age as of **December 31, 2003**. Age flights may be combined together based on the number of entries received.
- Format:** All events will consist of a single-elimination format with a consolation round, except where modified due to the size of the draw. Scoring will be the same as Junior Nationals. With the IBF's recent decision, this is expected to be 3x15 with the exception of 3x11 for Womens Singles. Winners of each match must turn in score sheets to the tournament desk, then return to keep score for the next match on that court.
- Entries:** \$20 for one event, \$32 for two events, and \$38 for three events. All players may enter up to **three events maximum**.
- Please mail entry form, signed waiver, and make payment payable to:
Badminton Association of Northern California
80 Country Club Drive
San Francisco, CA 94132.
- Deadline:** Please submit entries by **THURSDAY MAY 15, 2003**. **FREE T-SHIRT** for all players whose fees and entries are received before 11:59PM on May 15, 2003.
- Times:** Nominal starting times will be 9:00AM Saturday for singles, 2:00PM Saturday for mixed and 9:00AM Sunday for doubles. A **default time** of 10 minutes will be strictly enforced for all matches. On-court warm-ups are limited to 5 minutes.
- Directors:** Wayne Lum (wlum@thebanc.org - Phone: 415 753-0351)
Jim Todt (jtodt@thebanc.org - Phone: 925 736-2938)
- Sponsors:** [Badminton Association of Northern California
www.thebanc.org](http://www.thebanc.org)
- Prizes:** Trophies will be awarded for first and second place as well as for consolation wins.
- Shuttles:** The official shuttle for this tournament will be available at the tournament desk. Other shuttles allowed only if all players agree.

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2003 Bay Area Junior Open Entry Form

Note: To enter, you must fill out this Entry Form and sign the Waiver!

Name: _____ Sex: Male / Female

Address: _____

Birth Date: _____ Age as of 12/31/2003: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

USAB Membership # : _____ Date Expires: _____

School / Home Club: _____

Previous tournament experience:

_____ Year _____

_____ Year _____

T-shirt size: Extra Small Small Medium Large Extra Large
* Free T-Shirt only for paid entry received on or before May 15, 2003.
(\$10 value).

Pay Amount: _____ Check # _____ Date: _____

Event # 1**

Flight: U9 U11 U13 U15 U17 U19 U22
 Mens Womens Singles Doubles Mixed-Doubles

Doubles Partner Name: _____

Event # 2**

Flight: U9 U11 U13 U15 U17 U19 U22
 Mens Womens Singles Doubles Mixed-Doubles

Doubles Partner Name: _____

Event # 3**

Flight: U9 U11 U13 U15 U17 U19 U22
 Mens Womens Singles Doubles Mixed-Doubles

Doubles Partner Name: _____

USAB Junior Membership: \$20 for 1 year \$50 for 3 years \$75 for 5 years

** Events might be modified, combined, or canceled as necessary.

Uxx means that you will be UNDER xx years of age as of 12/31/2003.

Waiver and Release of Liability

Note: This form must be read and signed before the participant is permitted to take part in event sessions. By signing this agreement, the participant affirms having read it.

In consideration of my involvement at this 2003 BANC Bay Area Junior Open Spring under the auspices of Badminton Association of Northern California ("BANC") and USA Badminton, I acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. I risk bodily injury, including paralysis, dismemberment, disability, and death, and while particular rules of the sport, equipment, and discipline may reduce this risk, this risk of injury does exist, as well as the risk of damage to or loss of property.
2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risk; both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releases of others;
3. I willingly agree to comply with the state and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual or unnecessary hazard during my presence or participation or if I observe any concern in my readiness for participation, I will immediately bring such to the attention of the nearest official and refrain from participation; and
- 3a. I, for myself, and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release, hold harmless and promise not to sue BANC, USA Badminton, the committee, their sponsors, their officers, volunteers, staff, sponsors and/or agents, ("releases") with respect to any and all injury and loss arising from my participation, whether caused by the negligence of the releases, the condition of the premises or otherwise, except that which is the result of gross negligence or wanton misconduct, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
4. I agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the International Badminton Federation, those of BANC, those of USA Badminton, and those of any venue hosting BANC Programs and I hereby stipulate that I am eligible to play in the events for which I am applying and that I understand that the above mentioned make no representation or warranty with respect to the condition of the premises or the operation of the event. I agree that violation of any rule or regulation may result in my immediate removal with no refund or recourse and the decision of releases in these matters is final.

5. I hereby grant to BANC, USA Badminton, and their licensees and contractees including photographers, print, television, and motion picture rights including to film or videotape me during matches, narratives, personal interviews, or comment thereon for any and all commercial, news or other purposes together with the right to transfer or grant their rights to others, all without remuneration or compensation to me whatsoever.
6. My agreement to this Waiver and Release of Liability applies in its entirety to all current and future BANC Programs until explicitly withdrawn by me in writing delivered to the Secretary of BANC.
7. If any part of this Agreement is deemed invalid, all other parts shall continue in full force and effect.

I have read this Waiver and Release of Liability Agreement, fully understand the terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement. And I further acknowledge by these presents that I am aware that DRUG TESTING may occur at this event.

Participant's Signature

Participant's Name (Printed)

Date of Signature

For Participants of Minority Age

This is to certify that I/We as parent(s)/guardian(s) with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree not only to his/her release, but also for myself, ourselves and my/our child's involvement as stated above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature(s)

Parent's/Guardian's Name (Printed)

Date of Signature