



# 2016 YONEX / K & D GRAPHICS INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

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**December 14 – 18, 2016**  
**Orange County Badminton Club**

ORANGE, CALIFORNIA



<b>Dear Badminton Friends:</b>	USA Badminton invites your players to compete in the 2016 Yonex/K&D Graphics International Challenge. Please find enclosed all the information necessary.
<b>National Organization:</b>	USA Badminton One Olympic Plaza Colorado Springs, CO 80909, USA Ph: +1.719.866.4808 Fax: +1.719.866.4507 <a href="http://www.usabadminton.org">www.usabadminton.org</a>
<b>Presented by:</b>	YONEX USA and Orange County Badminton Club
<b>Tournament Dates:</b>	December 14 – 18, 2016
<b>Sanctioned by:</b>	Badminton World Federation & Badminton Pan Am Confederation
<b>Venue:</b>	Orange County Badminton Club 1432 N. Main St. Orange, CA 92867. P: +1.714.639.6222 <a href="http://www.ocbadmintonclub.com">www.ocbadmintonclub.com</a>
<b>International Entry:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All international players must enter through their respective Member Associations.</li> <li>• 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 <b>November 15, 2016</b> at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time.</u></li> <li>• No entry forms are required by Member Association. All entries must be submitted online only.</li> <li>• Member Associations are advised to log on: 2016 Yonex/K&amp;D Graphics International Challenge at: - <a href="https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=FD628BE3-7391-4B2D-8F7E-EB946578D388">https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=FD628BE3-7391-4B2D-8F7E-EB946578D388</a></li> <li>• 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: <a href="mailto:s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org">s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org</a></li> <li>• The online entry page will close immediately on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time.</li> <li>• You are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.</li> <li>• Close of Online Entry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send notification to all participating Member Associations confirming receipt of final entries.</li> <li>○ Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline. The Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by Wednesday November 16, 2016 12:00 noon BWF</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<p>Headquarters time following close of entries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday November 17, 2016 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.</li> <li>• <b>International Partnerships with USA Player</b>, click the link below for more information:  <a href="#">USAB Doubles &amp; Mixed Doubles Partnership Guidelines for International Tournaments For International partnerships</a>, the U.S. player MUST REGISTER AND PAY for the requested event by the <b>USAB On Time DEADLINE Thursday November 10, 2016 at 11:59PM MST</b> or by the <b>USAB Late Entry DEADLINE Friday November 11, 2016 at 11:59AM MST</b> with a \$200 Penalty Without Exception</li> </ul>
<p><b>USA Player Entry</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry is open to any current member of USA Badminton in good standing with a BWF # ID registered in their USAB profile.</li> <li>• Please note that only USAB players with a BWF # ID registered in the BWF Active Player Database will be entered by USA Badminton.</li> <li>• USAB is implementing its Online Entry through Simply Compete ( <a href="https://usab.simplycompete.com/">https://usab.simplycompete.com/</a> )for this tournament.</li> <li>• Players who intend to register for this tournament must ensure that they have a working email in order to open and account at Simply Compete and receive entry confirmation email.</li> <li>• <b>On Time Entry Deadline:</b> The entry deadline for USA Badminton Players is <b>Thursday November 10, 2016 11:59PM MST</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Late Entries</b> will be accepted <u>until Friday November 11, 2016 11:59AM MST</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.</li> <li>• For more details, <a href="#">Click HERE FOR USA PLAYER INFORMATION</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Entry Fees:</b></p>	<p><b>International Players</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$200 USD per player for up to 3 events</li> <li>• Entry fees must be paid in cash the organizers before the beginning of the tournament commencement.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The Member Association that enters a player is responsible for paying the entry fee for that player.</li> <li>• The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not withdrawn by the BWF closing deadline.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>



	<p><b>USA Players</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$200 USD per player for up to 3 events</li> <li>• Full entry fee must be paid online at the time of registration.</li> <li>• A non-refundable processing fee of \$35.00 will be charged per player</li> <li>• No other forms of payment will be accepted.</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• <a href="#">Click HERE FOR USA PLAYER INFORMATION</a></li> </ul>
<b>Events:</b>	Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles
<b>Main Draw Size:</b>	<p>Men's Singles – 64 (56 + 8 qualifiers)          Women's Singles – 32          Men's Doubles – 32          Women's Doubles – 32          Mixed Doubles – 32          *Number of qualifiers will depend on the number of entries</p>
<b>Schedule</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December 14, 2016 - Qualifying Rounds 9.00am - 3.00pm</li> <li>• December 14, 2016 - Main Draw MS 4.00pm - 10.00 pm</li> <li>• December 15, 2016 - Second &amp; Third Round 9.00am – 10.00pm (depending on draw sizes; organizers may also move round of 16 to Friday morning December 16, 2016)</li> <li>• December 16, 2016 - Quarter-Finals 4.00pm - 10.00pm</li> <li>• December 17, 2016 - Semi-Finals Starts at 12.00pm</li> <li>• December 18, 2016 - Finals Starts at 12.00pm</li> <li>• All events will be run on a strict timetable system.</li> <li>• Competitors must be ready to play fifteen (15) minutes before their scheduled time.</li> <li>• Players not ready to play at the scheduled time will be disqualified.</li> <li>• Alteration to competition schedule due to television coverage is possible and will be announced by the Referee.</li> </ul>
<b>Event Directors:</b>	<p>Tournament Director – Gus Chew          Deputy Tournament Director – Karina Nguyen          Organizing Committee Chair – Montri Chew/Don Chew</p>
<b>Event Contact:</b>	<p>Gus Chew          Work: +1.714.639.6222          Email: <a href="mailto:yonexkdgchallenge@gmail.com">yonexkdgchallenge@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>Referees:</b>	<p>Referee: <b>Helio Alvarez</b> (CHI)          Email: <a href="mailto:alvarezhelio@gmail.com">alvarezhelio@gmail.com</a></p>



<b>Manager's Meeting:</b>	Date - Tuesday, December 13 2016 Time - 7:00PM PST (1900 hours) Venue - Orange County Badminton Club																																														
<b>Key Dates:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USA Player entry deadline</li> <li>• Closing Date for Entries</li> <li>• World Ranking Date for M &amp; Q Report</li> <li>• Publish Date for M &amp; Q Report</li> <li>• World Ranking Date for Seeding</li> <li>• Seeding Released</li> <li>• Last Date of Withdrawal Without Penalty</li> <li>• Draw Date</li> <li>• Hotel Booking Deadline</li> <li>• Transport Request Form Deadline</li> <li>• Practice Court Request Deadline</li> <li>• Accreditation Request Deadline</li> <li>• Visa Support Letter Request Deadline</li> </ul>	Thursday November 10, 2016 Tuesday, November 15, 2016 Thursday, November 17, 2016 Friday, November 18, 2016 Thursday, November 24, 2016 Friday, November 25, 2016 Sunday, November 27, 2016 Tuesday, November 29, 2016 Tuesday, November 3, 2015 Friday, December 2, 2016 Friday, December 2, 2016 Friday, December 2, 2016 Friday, November 13, 2015																																													
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<b>Shuttlecock:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Yonex Aerosensa 50 is the official shuttlecock for the 2016 Yonex/K&amp;D Graphics International Challenge.</li> <li>• Practice shuttlecocks will be available at the venue for a minimal cost.</li> </ul>																																														



<b>Conditions of Play:</b>	The 2016 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).
<b>Withdrawals:</b>	<p><b><u>For International Entries</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Withdrawal regulations and penalties will be based on BWF Regulations.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Withdrawals after the deadline must be done by email to: <a href="mailto:event@clearonebadminton.com">event@clearonebadminton.com</a> and copied to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BWF Event Officer, Mr. R. Shanmugam at <a href="mailto:s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org">s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org</a></li> <li>- BPAC COO, Ms. Pilar Carrilo at <a href="mailto:panambadminton@gmail.com">panambadminton@gmail.com</a></li> <li>- the Referee, Mr. Helio Alvarez(CHI) at <a href="mailto:alvarezhelio@gmail.com">alvarezhelio@gmail.com</a> by the Member Federation National Office</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Withdrawals <u>after</u> Sunday, November 27, 2016 preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an amount of \$150 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul> <p><b><u>For USA Badminton Members</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Withdrawals <u>must</u> be made through the USA Badminton National Office.</li> <li>• USA Badminton will not accept responsibility for any withdrawal that is not made through the USAB National Office.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Click Here for U.S. PLAYER INFORMATION</a></p>
<b>Betting:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>



	Conduct (Art. 5.2.) and will be sanctioned by BWF.”
<b>Clothing:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Color, design, lettering and advertising on players’ clothing shall be regulated by General Competition Regulations 19 to 23.</li> <li>• For International Challenge tournaments, the name on the back of the shirt is mandatory for all matches in the main draw.</li> <li>• It is mandatory for the semi-finals and finals that partners in doubles wear the same color.</li> <li>• In applying General Competition Regulations 19 to 23, the decision of the Referee shall be final.</li> </ul>
<b>Practice Facilities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 <a href="mailto:yonexkdgchallenge@gmail.com">yonexkdgchallenge@gmail.com</a> by <b>Friday December 2, 2016</b></li> <li>• Practice Courts may be available Tuesday and Wednesday morning depending on the match schedules</li> </ul>
<b>Transport:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airport transportation between the Embassy Suites hotel and the airport will be provided for round trip and <b>ONLY</b> be provided for players, coaches and officials staying at the Embassy Suites hotel. (Hotel Reservation Confirmation# Required)</li> <li>• Players, coaches, and officials not staying at the tournament hotel may request transportation for a \$40 fee (ONE WAY – from airport to hotel).</li> <li>• All requests (complete Transport Request Form) must be emailed to <a href="mailto:yonexkdgchallenge@gmail.com">yonexkdgchallenge@gmail.com</a> by <b>Friday, December 2, 2016</b>.</li> <li>• Late request (after December 2, 2016) will incur an additional \$15 charge.</li> <li>• Requesting Member Federations, Officials, or Players can pay Orange County Badminton Club as soon as they arrive at the tournament venue.</li> <li>• Venue transportation will be provided only between the Embassy Suites and the Orange County Badminton Club on tournament days.</li> </ul>
<b>Accommodation:</b>	<p><b>Primary Hotel</b>  Hilton Embassy Suites - Anaheim-Orange  400 N. State College Boulevard  Orange, CA 92868  Ph: <a href="tel:+1-714-938-1111">+1-714-938-1111</a>  Reservation  Link: <a href="http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/S/SNAAOES-YON-20161209/index.jhtml">http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/S/SNAAOES-YON-20161209/index.jhtml</a>  Special Rate: \$149 plus tax per room  Rates include full made to order breakfast buffet for up to 2 persons per room.  For more than 2 per room there will be an extra charge of \$10 per person  Reservations must be made before <b>Sunday, November 27, 2016</b> for this special rate.  All reservations must be made done directly with the hotel.  USAB is NOT responsible for organizing accommodation for any team or individual</p> <p><b>Secondary Hotel</b></p>



	<p>Ayres Hotel - Anaheim  2550 E. Katella Avenue  Anaheim, CA 92806  Ph: <a href="tel:+1-714-385-1503">+1-714-385-1503</a>  Reservation Link: <a href="https://bookings.ihotelier.com/Ayres-Hotel-Anaheim-Bookings.jsp?RatePlanId=2136093&amp;hotelId=12627">https://bookings.ihotelier.com/Ayres-Hotel-Anaheim-Bookings.jsp?RatePlanId=2136093&amp;hotelId=12627</a>  Special Rate: \$145 (Standard King), \$155 (2 Queens)  Rates include Full American Breakfast and parking  <b>NOTE*</b>: Transportation is not provided from airport to hotel, however, can be arranged if necessary for \$40; Transportation from hotel to venue can be arranged with the hotel.  Hotel is also walking distance from venue.</p>
<b>Accreditation:</b>	<p><b>International Entries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry into the venue will be controlled by accreditation / badges which will be available for collection at the Team Managers' Meeting.</li> <li>• 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 2, 2016.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• For up to 4 players: 2 badges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For 5-10 players: 3 badges</li> <li>○ For 11-16 players: 4 badges</li> <li>○ For 16 or more players: 5 badges</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>For USA Players</b>  Application for accreditation must be made through the USA Badminton.  <a href="#">Click Here for U.S. PLAYER INFORMATION</a></p>
<b>Visa:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players and officials who require visa to enter USA and/or require visa support letters, kindly complete the visa request form provided by <b>Friday November 13, 2016</b> to the USAB National Office, attention Peggy Savosik at <a href="mailto:peggy@usabadminton.org">peggy@usabadminton.org</a></li> <li>• USAB will only communicate with a Member Association's National Office.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
<b>Anti-Doping:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Random drug testing may be carried out at any time during the course of the competition.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Medical Insurance:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All USAB members competing in the 2016 Yonex/K&amp;D Graphics International Challenge are covered by insurance.</li> <li>• All non-USAB participants are NOT covered by USAB's insurance.</li> <li>• USAB encourages non-USAB participants to organize medical insurance before arriving</li> </ul>





	<p>in the U.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USAB is not responsible for medical expenses incurred during the competition.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Indemnity:</b></p>	<p>By submitting the entry to the 2016 Yonex/K&amp;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 2016 Yonex/K&amp;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 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.</p>

