

58th USHA National Four-Wall Championships

June 16-22 (Monday-Sunday) at the Athletic Club of Overland Park, Kan.

Entry fee: \$102 per player for first non-prize-money event, \$40 for junior events, \$75 for new College Alumni event. All second events are \$25. \$132 for men's open (\$112 for women's open) and eligibility for cash awards. Doubles entries must include both players' names and fees.

Amenities: Entry fee entitles players to:
• Admission to banquet on Thursday, June 19. Guests are \$30.
• Tournament souvenir.
• Hospitality for player. A charge may be assessed for guests.
• Viewing of matches except those played on the glass back-walled court.

More info:
www.usahandball.org

Deadline: **Entry must be in our possession by Friday, May 23.** Phone entries will be accepted until Wednesday, May 28, for an additional \$25 (late fee of \$15 plus enter-by-phone charge of \$10). Mailed entries received after May 23 will be returned unopened.

Mail entry: Make check payable and send to USHA, 2333 N. Tucson Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716.

Official ball: USHA Red Ace for all events, except White Ace for female events and 11- and 13-under boys.

Awards: First two places in all championship events (four in juniors). First in all consolation events.

Men's and women's open singles and doubles will offer prize money (over \$35,000 total).

Eligibility: Must be current USHA member and meet appropriate age requirements. Age-group players must meet age requirements in this calendar year. Juniors must meet age requirements by conclusion of event. Be prepared to present proof of age and USHA membership card at registration. See eligibility rules on facing page for B and C events. Eye protection is mandatory.

Refereeing: All losers must referee next match on same court (loser's ref policy). Qualified replacements may be used, but assignment remains the loser's responsibility. Paid referees will be assigned (when possible) from the quarterfinals through the finals of each event.

Be prepared to play singles on June 16! Check in and be ready to play 15 minutes early!

Please enter me/us in the events indicated. Enclosed is the sum of \$_____ for entry fees.

Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____
Address _____ E-mail _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ () I plan to attend banquet Thursday
Partner name _____ Age _____ Phone _____
Partner address _____ E-mail _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ () I plan to attend banquet Thursday

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Open singles | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran golden (55-plus) singles | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's B singles* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open doubles | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran golden (55-plus) doubles | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's B doubles* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A singles | <input type="checkbox"/> Super (60-plus) singles | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's seniors singles* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A doubles | <input type="checkbox"/> Super (60-plus) doubles | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's seniors doubles* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B singles** | <input type="checkbox"/> Super B singles** | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's masters singles* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B doubles** | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran super (65-plus) singles | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's golden singles* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C singles** | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran super (65-plus) doubles | <input type="checkbox"/> New Women's vet. golden (55) singles* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors (35-plus) singles | <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond (70-plus) singles | <input type="checkbox"/> Coed 11-under singles* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors (35-plus) doubles | <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond (70-plus) doubles | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls 13-under singles* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Masters (40-plus) singles | <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond B singles** | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls 15-under singles* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Masters (40-plus) doubles | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran diamond (75-plus) singles | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls 17-under singles* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Masters B singles** | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran diamond (75-plus) doubles | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls 19-under singles* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran masters (45-plus) singles | <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum (80-plus) singles | <input type="checkbox"/> Boys 13-under singles* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran masters (45-plus) doubles | <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum (80-plus) doubles | <input type="checkbox"/> Boys 15-under singles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden (50-plus) singles | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran platinum (85-plus) singles | <input type="checkbox"/> Boys 17-under singles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden (50-plus) doubles | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's open singles* | <input type="checkbox"/> Boys 19-under singles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden B singles** | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's open doubles* | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-player (all benefits) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> New Collegiate alumni (see eligibility note) | <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved seat (\$100 additional) |

* - Denotes **White Ace** events. ** - See eligibility rules. Note: Events may be combined if fewer than eight entries.

Waiver: Acceptance of this entry releases the USHA, the Athletic Club of Overland Park, their agents and successors from any liability for injuries that I (we) may incur during said tournament.

Signature (parent or guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

Entry guidelines for A, B and C events

The Game Committee of the USHA board of directors has reviewed and refined the guidelines that have been established for the skill-level events at the national championships, specifically the A and B singles and doubles, C singles and masters B, golden B, super B and diamond B singles. These events were created for players who are not proficient in open (for A and B) or B (for C) events at the local level.

Intent: A subjective test

If you are considered a legitimate open player or open masters, golden, super or diamond player, you should not enter any of the A, B or C events. These events are intended for less proficient players. They were not created for you.

If you consider yourself a legitimate A player, don't enter the B. If you're a B player, you should not enter the C. These events are intended for the less proficient players.

Evaluation: An objective test

If you regularly advance in state, regional or local "major" singles tournaments in an open or any open masters events, you

should not enter any of the A, B or C events, singles or doubles.

If you regularly advance in state, regional or local "major" singles tournaments as an A player, you should not enter the B events, and if you advance in B, you should not enter the C events.

If you have won any national skill-level event in one-, three-, or four-wall, you are no longer eligible for that skill level in any national singles event and should not enter that skill level in doubles.

If you have advanced to the round of 16 in any national open or pro event in singles, or the quarterfinals in doubles, in one-, three- or four-wall, you are no longer eligible for any national A or lower event.

These guidelines still put most of the responsibility back on you, the player. The USHA board believes the major effort of classification belongs to the entrant. That is the way most local and regional classification is done, and we want to reinforce that.

Our tournament directors have been authorized to screen every entrant and to take a liberal attitude in reclassifying any possible offender. If there's any doubt, the entry probably will be bumped up to the next skill level. Be fair to yourself and to your opponents, and be a true sportsman.

New alumni event to bridge collegiates, adult nationals

With the USHA National Collegiate Championships regularly drawing the second-most competitors of any tournament held throughout the year, it's clear that the development of young players is taking place. Moreover, about 40 percent of the 300 collegiate entries are women.

Keeping those young players past their college years has been harder to accomplish. All of us know how many years it took us to become proficient enough to enter the nationals, take our game on the road and truly become addicted. Often, that takes longer than a year or two, and that's how much time many of these handballers have logged in college.

The annual college event has a lot going for it, including the team aspect. Players are cheered on by their teammates and friends. They play better handball along the way and also get more into the game.

That's the goal of the new collegiate alumni event at the four-wall nationals.

There will be a team trophy as well as an individual champion. Just like the collegiates, the team title is the most important.

Here are some of the particulars:

- A reduced entry fee will be offered to these young players.
- A three-match guarantee will be offered, just like at the collegiates, with one event for men and one event for women.
- All entrants must have competed in at least one collegiate event and be younger than 30 by the conclusion of the nationals.
- The top four scoring players for each team will count toward the team's total.
- The event should start on Tuesday and finish by the weekend.
- A perpetual team trophy will be kept at the USHA Hall of Fame, and individual awards will be given on site.

Of course, promotion of this event by the teams will be the key to the team's success as well as the event. Get your fellow alumni to show up in Kansas City to help add your school to the perpetual trophy!

3 host hotels on board

- The La Quinta, 10610 Marty St., Overland Park, is just a short walk up the street from the club. Rates are \$79 per night and \$95 for a suite. Call 913-648-5555.
- The Wyndham Garden Hotel, 7000 W. 108th St., Overland Park, is less than a mile from the club and is offering rooms at \$89 per night, including full breakfast for up to two. Call 913-383-2550.
- The Comfort Inn & Suites, 7200 W. 107th St. Rate is \$75/Night. Call 913-648-7858.