

MASSBAD COLEMAN CUP*

REGIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

MAR 9 - 10, 2024

BOSTON BADMINTON CLUB, WESTBOROUGH, MA

I. Events

The tournament will have two Divisions: Division A and Division B. Each team shall indicate the division in which they wish to compete. A maximum of 12 teams will be accepted in Division B on a first come, first serve basis. Tournament Directors, in consultation with the tournament committee, may move a team to a different Division. **Yonex AS 50** shuttles will be used.

II. Format

Format for each division shall be determined depending on the number of participating teams. Each team will be **guaranteed three encounters (ties) with another team**. Each tie will consist of a total of nine matches per tie:

- two Men's Singles (MS1, MS2);
- one Women's Singles (WS1);
- three Men's Doubles (MD1, MD2, MD3);
- one Women's Doubles (WD1);
- two Mixed Doubles (XD1, XD2)

Each match will be the best of three 21- point games using rally-point scoring. All nine matches in a tie will be played during the round robin phase. Ranking of Teams will follow BWF General Competition Regulations (Part III-Section 1A Section 16.3). This is based on no. of ties won, then difference between total ties won and total ties lost among three teams, then difference between total matches won and total matches lost and then difference between total games won and total games lost if records are the same. If at a stage two teams are equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher. If three or more teams are still equal after considering ties, matches and games, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.

A player may play no more than two matches per tie; each MS and each doubles pair must be different. Thus, a minimum of five men and three women are needed for a team to play all nine matches of each tie. A team of seven men and four women is recommended; however, there is no limit on number of players. **Players and teams may only play one Division.**

* Event named in honor of Frederick Coleman, former Chairman of the USAB Board of Directors and of its Junior Advisory Group. For over 10 years through 2016, he presided over the biggest growth period of badminton in the US which he personally fostered by working closely with all Regions.

III. Timeline

Entry deadline (registration, payment, proof of enrollment, waiver)	23 Feb
Last day for changes in team roster/ranking	25 Feb
Publishing of team roster with rankings in Tournament Software	26 Feb
Objections to team roster rankings must be lodged	1 Mar
Deadline to withdraw with Full refund	2 Mar
Publishing of draws and schedule in Tournament Software	3 Mar
Submit first "Team Match Line Up"	6 Mar

IV. Eligibility

All players must have been residents of the Northeast Region for at least 3 months immediately prior to the tournament. Each team is allowed **one invited former Region player** who no longer lives in the Northeast, but did so previously for at least 3 consecutive months in the last 2 years. Players should be prepared to provide proof of residency for inclusion on a team.

Teams based in the same Club are highly encouraged as one goal of this tournament is to foster camaraderie among local players and across the Region.

V. Tentative Schedule of Events

**** Subject to change based on number of team entries**

Saturday, Mar 9: Division B starts at 8:30 am; Division A starts after 1 pm.

Sunday, Mar 9: Tournament play starts at 8:30 am and ends at 5 pm for both Divisions.

VI. Procedures

Registration link forthcoming.

Each team must submit ranking of all players on roster, listed in order of strength (with strongest player ranked as #1) by Feb 25 for review by Tournament Directors and Team Captains. **Failure to comply may result in elimination from the tournament.** Objections to rankings as submitted by other teams must be submitted via email to Massbadtt@gmail.com by Mar 1.

First day's initial tie lineup due Mar 6. For subsequent ties, captains must complete a Match Record Sheet with the team's lineup for each match in the tie **1 hr prior** to the start of said tie.

Team lineups may differ for each tie. Of two men selected to play Men's Singles matches, the stronger player (i.e. lower number on ranked roster) must play 1st MS and weaker player (ie higher number) must play 2nd MS. Ranking order also applies to Men's Doubles,

Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles; rankings for doubles pairs are determined by a Notional Ranking, calculated by adding roster rankings of 2 players in the pair. Lower Notional Ranking Totals indicate stronger pairs. If two doubles pairs selected in the lineup have the same Notional Ranking, then Team Captain may place them in either order on the Match Record Sheet; this relative ranking position of the two pairs must be consistent from one tie to another. Officials will review lineups for compliance.

10 minute default time may be enforced. Walkovers due to lack of players will be scored as loss of match in lowest position. Player(s) must play up.

Order of play: MS1, MS2, WS, MD1, MD2, MD3, WD1, XD1, XD2 unless team captains agree to a different order of play.

VII. Officiating

Umpires and Line Judges may be available for individual team matches, particularly for Division A; however, not all matches are guaranteed to be officiated.

Line calls in matches without an Umpire are solely the responsibility of player(s) on their side of the court. The honor system should dictate all calls to afford full respect for opponents. Off court team members and spectators must not make calls. If players on court cannot resolve calls disputes (lines or faults), play 'Let' with no point scored (i.e. replay). For scoring, rules, or any other dispute, call for the Referee to intervene.

VIII. Entry Fee and Prizes

Entry fee: Division A & B \$650

Prizes: Trophies for top three positions in each Division.

Perpetual Coleman Cup shall be awarded to the Division A Champion

Division A Prizes: **will be announced soon**

Division B Prizes: **will be announced soon**

IX. Tournament Contact

For inquiries and questions about the tournament, contact Tournament Directors:

Elsa Belmont Flores and Sandeep Bonthu, massbadtt@gmail.com

For Massbad news and updates: Instagram @massbadtt

X. Tournament Hotel

Hampton Inn. 15 Connector Rd, Westborough, MA 01581 Ph: 508-329-5570

Reservations (\$129/night) should be made by **Mar 1, 2024 with a minimum 2 nights stay.** two queen beds; complimentary breakfast.

Booking Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/boswehx-90c-4e9a4d48-59d4-447f-911e-cd8f3b5f1f33/> Group: Coleman Cup Massbad