

## LOCAL PLAYER VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE:

ONE SHIFT UMPIRING= 1 FREE WEEK OPEN GYM  
TWO SHIFTS UMPIRING= 2 FREE WEEKS OPEN GYM  
THREE SHIFTS OR MORE UMPIRING= 1 FREE MONTH OPEN GYM



### ***Midwest Regional Umpire Training Course***

**COURSE DATE:** Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>    **TIME:** 6:30 - 10 pm

**ON COURT TRAINING AND EVALUATION:** Saturday, May 28–Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

during the 2022 YONEX SPBA Midwest Open Regional (*time slots listed on application form*)

**INSTRUCTOR:** Ian Counter    **DEADLINE:** ASAP! May 21st to submit background checks for those 18 and up

**LOCATION:** Shannon Pohl Badminton Academy & Adversity Volleyball Center

700-720 Corporate Woods Pkwy, Vernon Hills, IL 60061

#### ***Why become an umpire?***

1. You get the best seat in the house for the best badminton matches!
2. You love this sport and you really want to help make more good badminton happen in your area.
3. Improve your own game:
  - a. You will really learn all the rules in detail and understand why, for example, your 'perfect' winning serve gets faulted when there's an umpire on court!
  - b. You will learn what umpires can and cannot do; when and how to ask for an umpire if you have a problem on the court; what to do if you disagree with an umpire's ruling; etc.
4. *You are a parent and your child needs you to travel for tournaments and then you are stuck in a gym and you are driving each other crazy!*
5. Umpires are *totally* cool (well, we like to think so).
6. There are definitely other reasons as well, but these are excellent ones to start. By the way, you likely will never learn the others until you become one ☺

This course is being held prior to the 2022 YONEX SPBA Midwest Open Regional (May 28-30), which will serve as an excellent opportunity for trainees to have full on-court training. It is an excellent opportunity to develop technical official skills while helping an important event run smoothly and to work with a corps of experienced court officials. **This is the biggest and highest level junior badminton event in the Midwest region, this year with 441 participants.** It should be a very exciting event with top Junior National players flying in. We have the potential to use up to 27 courts, depending on the number of entries. This will require a tremendous amount of coordination and help from regional and national umpires. We are asking for your help umpiring or scorekeeping at the event after the clinic. For those feeling sufficiently prepared, evaluations can be conducted as a part of this event and the written exam can be administered so that by the end of tournament weekend, you could become a fully accredited Regional Umpire.

While junior parents, junior players in 8th grade or older, and coaches are strongly encouraged to participate in this training, we are looking for others from the broader badminton community to participate as well –there will be many local opportunities to gain more experience in other junior and adult events in Illinois as well as in other parts of the Midwest Region.

Course Instructor will be National Level Referee Ian Counter. The \$25 Course fee has been waived. Participants will get dinner on the night of the clinic and meals on their assigned shifts as well as a tournament t-shirt, and 'tools of the trade' (official warning cards. . Please bring a stopwatch if you have one with you to the Training Course and to the SPBA Midwest Super Regional (May 28-30th). We will also have some to borrow.



## **REGIONAL UMPIRE TRAINING - OVERVIEW**

**Purpose:** Impart the necessary information about laws of badminton, role of umpires and other technical officials, required tools, use of scoresheet and training on proper language and other aspects of court management to those who wish to become certified USAB Regional Umpires.

**Program:** The clinic's four parts (below) may be conducted all in one session or in separate sessions. Anyone is eligible for the clinic but full certification is only available to current members of USA Badminton age 18 years or older.

- Classroom Instruction & Discussion – This portion of the clinic is typically done first and may take from 1 to 3 hours, depending on the experience / preparation of the attendees.
- Written Test – One-hour test testing knowledge of basic laws, proper language, understanding of game situations, sequence of actions and use of scoresheet. Trainees arrange with instructor to take this when s/he feels prepared for it; this may be done either before or after On Court Practical Training but should be prior to On Court Evaluation. Test must be passed with a minimum score of 80%.
- Practical (On Court) Training – This generally involves demonstration, shadowing, support, observation and feedback as the instructor conducts training during actual matches covering language, calls, scoresheet markings, sequence of actions, use of stopwatch and skills needed for proper and effective observation of players and match situations. Initial matches may be recreational club play but training will proceed to actual tournament matches at the 2022 YONEX SPBA Midwest Open Regional May 28-30th
- On Court Evaluation – This takes place at the 2022 YONEX SPBA Midwest Open Regional May 28-30th with observation conducted by either course instructor or a Tournament Referee as trainee umpires during multiple singles and doubles matches.

Upon completion of all segments of the program and documentation of current USAB membership, the instructor shall notify the Technical Officials Committee and recommend certification. Upon certification, a new umpire's USAB membership card will be updated to reflect this. USAB Umpire shirts may be available for purchase in the future.

**Prerequisite/Fees: Free for all players under 18 years of age.**

**Everyone:** Participants should have basic knowledge about badminton, especially court layout, basic equipment and how the game is played and scored both in singles and doubles. Upon registering for a clinic, individuals will be expected to **read (prior to the clinic) the Laws of Badminton** as published by the Badminton World Federation <https://extranet.bwfbadminton.com/docs/document-system/81/1466/1470/Section%204.1%20-%20Laws%20of%20Badminton%20-%202023%20May%202021%20-%20Updated%207%20May%202022.pdf>

**Anyone 18 + must also do 3 things prior to the course:**

**1) Join USA Badminton for an annual membership (\$40) by 5/21**

**2) Do a background check through USAB for \$30 by 5/21**

**3) Take the online SafeSport course (free, takes a few hours). by 5/25**

These requirements are set by the United States Olympic Committee. Pending how much interest and how much sponsorship money the SPBA can get for the tournament, we hope to be able to reimburse some of these fees to new umpires.

To do these 3 items, follow the prompts and links on this website:

<https://usabadminton.org/membership/join-or-renew/>

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**Please add your name and fill in the information and shifts you are available on this document: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1B9WCwTbsTVkV1tDf0KYe6vPv8-Brr9dJ2TeiNrG2sF8/edit?usp=sharing> and if you are 18 or older, do your USAB Membership background check by 5/21 at the very latest.**

### Days and times available to Umpire at Open Regionals:

We understand that a three day commitment is a lot to ask, so we are looking to have two shifts each day. This means you could work the early shift one day and the late another day or both shifts in a day. Please choose your available for the entire tournament, one day, two days, or three days if you can!

There will be a hospitality room for umpires during your shift with snacks, coffee, lunch, dinner etc. This hospitality room can be used while you are on shift, but not while off shift so that we can provide enough food for everyone working.

The proposed times for the tournament and shifts are noted below. Many of you are parents and we know you want to watch your children's matches - we will accommodate this. You also know how critical it is to have the matches umpired and how important it is to making this event a success.

This is our 5th year hosting this event and we have always set the bar high with a very successful YONEX SPBA Midwest Open Regional Championship, and we will give a lot of effort again to create another high quality event! Thank you in advance for your participation and help.

#### **Saturday, May 25th - play begins at 9am and runs through to 9pm**

##### **Umpire Briefing - 8am**

Early Shift: 8:00 am - 3 pm (7 hours)

Late Shift: 2 pm - 9 pm (7 hours)

#### **Sunday, May 26th 9 am - play begins at 9am and runs through to 9pm**

##### **Umpire Briefing - 8am**

Early Shift: 8:00 am - 3 pm (7 hours)

Late Shift: 2 pm - 9 pm (7 hours)

#### **Monday, May 27th play begins at 8.30 and runs through to 4pm**

##### **Umpire Briefing - 8am**

Early Shift: 8:00 am - 4:00 p.m. (8 hours)