



2022 College and Youth National Championships

April 8-10 - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The 2022 College and Youth National Championships (CYNC) will take place at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from April 8-10.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) shall be USA Team Handball in conjunction with University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Carolina Team Handball Club.

COMPETITION DATES: April 8, 9, & 10, 2022

COMPETITION VENUE: The competition venue is Fetzer Gym A & B.

101 Student Recreation Center #8610, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

PARKING: Parking is free around Fetzer Gym starting at 5 pm on Friday and both Saturday and Sunday. However, please check posted signs for exact locations and any exceptions. For parking before 5 pm on Friday and for any other parking questions, please refer to <https://move.unc.edu/parking/>



SAFESPORT: USA Team Handball, with the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the U.S. Center for SafeSport, is committed to building a sport community where Participants can work and learn together in an atmosphere free of emotional, physical, and sexual misconduct.

Participants, including athletes above the age of seventeen, team coaches, team managers, team officials, referees, certified medical trainers, and staff, will be required to have a current U.S. Center for SafeSport training certificate listed on their Sport:80 profile.

Anyone who has NOT completed the core SafeSport training, or any subsequent refresher course, must complete the appropriate course before being eligible to participate in the competition.

SafeSport is available through your USATH Membership Registration Page on <https://usateamhandball.sport80.com/>

BACKGROUND CHECKS: All participating team coaches, team managers, team officials, referees, certified medical trainers, and staff will be required to show proof that they have passed a background check through <https://usateamhandball.sport80.com/>

The background check generally takes 10 business days to complete.

The background check provider NCSI will contact you directly if there are any questions, problems, or issues related to your specific information. Please be sure to add ncsisafe.com to your list of acceptable domains in your email program to receive notifications.



If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact either Martin Branick (martin.branick@usateamhandball.org) or NCSI via Email: applicantsservices@ncsisafe.com or compliance@ncsisafe.com

Phone: (440) 542-9690 or toll free (866) 833-7100

NCISafe Background Check registration is available through your USATH Membership Registration Page on <https://usateamhandball.sport80.com/>.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS: According to the CDC COVID-19 is a respiratory disease caused by SARS-CoV-2, a coronavirus discovered in 2019. The virus spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. This event is required to follow local, University, county, and state health guidelines. USA Team Handball may implement additional guidelines and protocols to protect the health of all participants. Currently, there is a mask mandate in effect at UNC, requiring all participants, including athletes on the court, to wear a mask at all times. However, restrictions and guidelines are constantly changing, so event-specific COVID-19 guidelines and protocols will be communicated to all participating teams before the event.

CONCESSIONS: Concessions will not be available at the venue, but there are several options close to the venue for food, drinks, and snacks.



AIR TRAVEL: For those traveling by air, the most convenient airport is Raleigh/Durham Airport, located about 15 miles from UNC - CH campus.

HOTEL INFORMATION: A block of rooms has been set up at the following local area hotels.

Courtyard Chapel Hill

100 Marriott Way, Chapel Hill, NC 27517

A block of rooms has been set up at the Courtyard Chapel Hill with a rate of \$134.00. The rooms can be booked at the following link <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1642692964338&key=GRP>

Hampton Inn & Suites Chapel Hill

6121 Farrington Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517

A block of rooms has been set up at the Hampton Inn & Suites Chapel Hill with a rate of \$129.00. The rate includes a full deluxe hot breakfast and Wi-Fi. To reserve a room online, visit chapelhillsuites.hamptoninn.com and use Group Code "HAN". To reserve a room by phone, call the hotel at 919-403-8700, press 0, and provide the Group Name "Handball National". To receive the discounted rate, reservations must be made no later than March 9, 2022.

Holiday Inn Express – Chapel Hill

6119 Farrington Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517

A block of rooms has been set up at the newly renovated Holiday Inn Express Chapel Hill with a rate of \$119.00. The rate includes a full deluxe

hot breakfast and Wi-Fi. To reserve a room online, please click the link [Handball National](https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/chapel-hill/rdufr/hoteldetail?fromRedirect=true&qSrt=sBR&qIta=99502056&icd_v=99502056&qSIH=RDUFR&setPMCookies=true&qSHBrC=EX&qDest=6119%20Farrington%20Road,%20Chapel%20Hill,%20NC,%20US&sr_b_u=1) (https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/chapel-hill/rdufr/hoteldetail?fromRedirect=true&qSrt=sBR&qIta=99502056&icd_v=99502056&qSIH=RDUFR&setPMCookies=true&qSHBrC=EX&qDest=6119%20Farrington%20Road,%20Chapel%20Hill,%20NC,%20US&sr_b_u=1)

To reserve a room by phone, call the hotel at 919-489-7555 and provide the name **Group Code "HAT"**. To receive the discounted rate, reservations must be made no later than March 9, 2022

ANTI-DOPING: All athletes registered for any USATH event, regardless of competitive level, are subject to the World Anti-Doping Agency's Code. This includes both in and out of competition testing. The WADA code which all athletes must abide by can be found here: [World Anti-Doping Code | World Anti-Doping Agency \(wada-ama.org\)](https://www.wada-ama.org/en/who-we-are/our-work/anti-doping-code)

TECHNICAL MEETING: There will be a Technical Meeting at the Fetzer Gym (Meeting room TBD) at 3:00 pm, Friday, April 8. It is mandatory that each team has at least one (1) representative present at this meeting to coordinate final rules and details for this event, including uniform colors for first matches. Failure to send a representative will result in forfeiture of your Performance Bond. Missing the roll call of all registered clubs at the beginning of the meeting will constitute a formal absence and forfeiture of your bond. Youth teams traveling on Friday and therefore unable to attend the technical meeting can request an exception to this policy but will be required to coordinate **NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT** with the Competition Director to ensure that the team receives all information covered at the technical meeting.



A detailed agenda will be emailed to each club representative about a week before the event.

We will require all teams to provide student IDs at the Technical Meeting to verify identity and eligibility for this event.

COMPETITION: The 2022 USATH CYNC will be contested according to procedures outlined in the USATH Rule Book.

Based on the number of teams registered for both Men's and Women's College and Youth Divisions and their respective relative roster strength, results of matches played during the season, the Competition Committee reserves the right to make the decision on ranking, seeding, drawing, or any other way to place teams in appropriate preliminary pools at a date no later than 7 days prior to the first day of the 2022 CYNC.

COMPETITION FORMAT: To be determined based upon the final number of entered teams. Teams should be prepared to play by 4:00 pm on April 8. Every attempt will be made to complete the finals by 3:00 pm on April 10. Again, plan accordingly for possible anti-doping procedures if selected.

TABLE OFFICIALS: The LOC will work with the National Referee Committee to train and select table officials. In case this is not possible for all or any of the competition days, Carolina Team Handball Club will be responsible for staffing table officials (timekeeper and scorekeeper) for the first match of the day. Following that game, each team provides one player or coach, or staff member for the game following their game. Should only one player be needed for table duty following a game, the



individual who will serve in that capacity will come from the winning team. This will be covered during the Technical Meeting. Failure to satisfy a table duty assignment will result in forfeiture of your Performance Bond.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Please read this carefully.

The registration/participation fee for this event will be \$600 for college teams and \$350 for youth teams. Teams can register through the competition tab on <https://usateamhandball.sport80.com/>.

1. The fee (payable via Sport:80) is due in full to confirm your participation in the tournament. After March 15, 2022, a \$150 LATE FEE in full will be required if space is still available. No registrations will be allowed after March 27, 2022.
2. A refundable Performance Bond of \$300 and Discipline Bond of \$300 (separate checks) will be accepted at the Technical Meeting. Both bonds will be kept in escrow and destroyed post-event (unless a return request is provided in writing) after the event if no team member or team official is disqualified for any of the violations detailed in section 2.05 of the USATH Competition Rulebook. Please make checks payable to USA Team Handball.
3. A PRELIMINARY ROSTER is required as part of your event registration. This initial roster is due via Sport:80 by March 15, 2022. Please ensure it is as accurate as possible.



WITHDRAWAL: In the event of a withdrawal, contact martin.branick@usateamhandball.org However, once you register, your participation fee becomes non-refundable.

FORMS: All USATH athlete/coach/referee individuals, as well as team/club, membership registration, and dues, must be completed and paid online through Sport:80.

If a participant is under 18 years of age, parents or legal guardians must sign off on all forms. A coach or team official is NOT permitted to assume this authority for the underage athlete. This policy will be strictly enforced!

Registration may be completed at the Sport:80 page for this competition:

<https://usateamhandball.sport80.com/>

Onsite individual or team registration will not be available or accepted in 2022.

USA TEAM HANDBALL NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS: Members of the National Team Selection Committees may be present to observe the competition and screen new talent. The observations may be used if an athlete applies for selection to a team. The selection committee member can also provide a report to the national team coaching staff or high-performance division.

ROSTERS: A preliminary roster form is required to complete registration no later than March 15. Roster management will occur through Sport:80:



<https://usateamhandball.sport80.com/>

This will allow the USA Team Handball to review relative roster strength and prepare match report files. Final rosters are due in Sport:80 by Friday, April 1st. NO CHANGES may be made to rosters after this point.

Each team can bring a maximum of 16 players per team to compete in the championships.

A maximum of 16 players may play in each game and sit, dressed in team uniforms, on the bench plus up to four (4) officials (with completed Safe Sport/Background Check requirements) who also must be listed in the match report.

Minimum roster to participate as a Team: 10 players, including a goalkeeper.

No player will be allowed to compete until clearance is received from the USA Team Handball Competition Director or designee during the Technical Meeting. His/her decision is final and not subject to any appeals. Participation of any ineligible player(s) in any game will result in the entire team being immediately disqualified from the CYNC.

ELIGIBILITY: All teams participating in the 2022 CYNC must adhere strictly to all rules set forth in the USATH Competition Rulebook. Specifically, all individual players and clubs must be registered/paid members of USA Team Handball and meet additional 2022 USATH CYNC Eligibility Standards. A player can only play for one team throughout the CYNC.

The USATH Competition Committee will review eligibility cases. Their decision is final.



College Divisions:

- a. Minimum Eligibility Requirements
 - Students currently enrolled in undergraduate coursework at the University of interest are eligible to play for that team.
- b. December Graduates and Transfer Students
 - Students that were enrolled in the fall of 2021 and were at the time active in their university team are eligible.
 - This includes December graduates and transfer students.
- c. Graduate Students
 - With the submission and approval of a written waiver request, graduate students will be allowed to compete for their school's club
 - Written waiver requests must be sent to the competition committee, illustrating their dedication and prior involvement in the club.
- d. Students from universities not participating in CYNC
 - Students enrolled in coursework at another university without a handball team participating in CYNC may be eligible to compete for another university if a written waiver request is submitted to USA Team Handball no later than thirty (30) days before the start of the CYNC.
 - The student shall demonstrate a connection to the team participating (eg. practicing with the team, have previously played for the university but have since transferred to a different institution, have previously competed with the participating team this season)
- e. 2021 Graduates



- Graduates from the class of 2021 are also granted a one-year eligibility extension for their university and will be allowed to play at the 2022 College National Championships.
 - Clubs will need to submit waiver requests for these athletes.
- f. Coaches will need to submit a roster with the signature of a university registrar along with contact information no later than Friday, March 27th, to be audited by the competition committee.
 - The university registrar will also certify that any athletes listed as 2021 graduates approved for waivers did graduate in either December 2020 or May 2021.
 - Teams that are unable to obtain this should contact the competition committee before the deadline to make accommodations. Failure to do so could result in players not being declared eligible for the 2022 CYNC.

Youth Divisions:

- Age Requirements
 - Men: Ages 15-19 (Athletes born from 1 January 2003 to 8 April 2007)
 - Women: Ages 15-18 (Athletes born from 1 January 2004 to 8 April 2007)
- Residency Requirements: Athletes must have resided in the U.S. for the previous six months (i.e., since 8 October

2021). Exceptions to this requirement will be reviewed by the Organizing Committee and approved on a case-by-case basis.

UNIFORMS: In accordance with section 5.10 of the USATH Competition Rulebook, all teams must follow IHF rules regarding uniforms. Failure to do so shall result in forfeiture of Performance Bond. Make sure that you become familiar with all related official rules and pay special attention to the following:

Rule 4:7 – All the court players on a team must wear identical uniforms. The combinations of colors and design for the two teams must be clearly distinguishable from each other. All players used in the goalkeeper position on a team must wear the same color, a color that distinguishes them from the court players of both teams and the goalkeeper(s) of the opposing team (17:3).

Note: Identical means identical, including uniform's fabrics, color, shade, pattern, and brand. We will fully enforce this detail.

Rule 4:8 – The players must wear numbers that are at least 20cm high in the back of the shirt and at least 10cm in the front. The allowable numbers are 1-99. The color of the numbers must contrast clearly with the color and design of the shirt.

Note: No numbers can be drawn or taped to the uniforms. Any and all violations of uniforms standards will be a Performance Bond issue and will result in forfeiture of part or all of your bond.

TICKETS: Entry to the matches will be free, and there will be spectator areas in each gym.



VOLUNTEERS: Individuals interested in participating as volunteers throughout the weekend are encouraged to register by emailing martin.branick@usateamhandball.org.

STICKUM/RESIN: The presence of resin will not be allowed in any gym – game balls will be provided by USATH. Warm-up balls may be provided for each team, and they may be accessed from the Officials Table. Leave any balls that may have residual stickum on them at **home**. This is a Performance Bond issue and will be strictly enforced.

ADVERTISING: USA Team Handball is the rights holder for all marketing, sponsorship, and broadcasting related to the 2022 USATH CYNC. Please be advised that we are planning for live streaming on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday – and teams may be asked to make accommodations for this aspect of the competition.

Additional information will be forwarded to you as it becomes available. A blank roster form and online membership registration information will follow in due time.

Thanks in advance for your attention to the details of this competition notice document. We look forward to your involvement in the next evolution of our College and Youth National Championships