

60th USHA National Collegiate Championships

Feb. 22-26 at Missouri State University, Springfield, Mo.

(All players must provide official verification of full-time student status in order to play)

- Eligibility:** Must be full-time college student and current USHA member. Also eligible are part-time students who are graduating and fall-semester graduates who have not completed collegiate handball eligibility (see USHA collegiate rules or contact Matt Krueger for information). Official verification of full-time status from fall or spring semester from the registrar or admissions office with the official school seal must accompany entry form. Class schedule slips are not valid.
- Site:** Plaster Sport Complex, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.
- Entry fee:** \$50 per player for singles, \$60 if also playing doubles. **USHA membership of \$15** may be paid at the tournament. Membership is required to compete.
- Entry form:** Make entry check payable to USHA. Make membership check payable to USHA. Mail entry fee, entry form and verification letter to USHA, 2333 N. Tucson Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716.
- Deadline:** Feb. 3. Deadline will be adhered to strictly.
- Rules:** USHA rules apply. Eyeguards are mandatory.
- Awards:** To all singles, doubles and team finalists. Also, male and female sportsmanship award winners.
- Lodging:** Ramada Oasis Convention Center, 2546 N. Glenstone, Springfield, Mo. 65804. Call (888)532-4338 or (417)866-5253 or visit www.ramadaoasis.com. Block of 90 double (2 double beds) rooms are being held. Reserve early and request a poolside room which opens up to the large indoor pool atrium for \$69 plus tax per night when reserved by Feb. 10, 2012. Rate includes a *hot* breakfast buffet daily.
- Local:** Teams are encouraged to rent vehicles or vans. Call the 888 number above to set up **Airport Shuttle reservations** for your team to the hotel, by **reservations only**. One should prudently consider renting a van for the week to make sure matches and flight schedules are maintained.
- Facebook:** "Like" the 60th USHA National Collegiate Championships on Facebook to get info and updates.
- Directions:** The handball facility is on the Missouri State campus under the west stands of the football stadium, **4.3 miles from the Ramada Oasis**. It has 12 glass courts with two championship courts. Another 5 courts are available at the Hammonds Rec. Center and will be utilized as needed.
- Information:** Contact **Tommy Burnett at 417-836-5411 or tommyburnett@missouristate.edu**.
- Seeding:** Seeding will be done with coaches via e-mail. Draws will be posted by Feb. 20
- Doubles:** Limit of two teams per school in open and B events. Each school may enter multiple teams, and multiple teams from the same school in the same division will be accepted if fewer than 16 schools enter. If a team has an open or A player, the team must play open doubles. B doubles is for B or lower-division players.
- Play begins:** Play will begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22. Finals will take place Sunday, Feb. 27. Departures should be scheduled accordingly. Coaches meeting is planned for Saturday morning before play begins. Tournament orientation and other special events are planned for Wednesday.

Name _____ School _____ Phone _____

Campus address _____ E-mail _____

Permanent address _____

Partner _____ (Note: Schools with more than one team on a space-available basis).

I want to enter: Singles () Open doubles () B doubles () Women's doubles ().
Seeding information: I played in this event last year and finished in the open (), A (), B (), C (), Intermediate (),
Challengers (), Contenders (), Novice (), Consolation (). Further, I finished in the round of 32 (),
round of 16 (), quarterfinals (), semifinals (), final (). This is my first collegiate tournament ().

List tournaments that you have played this year, with division and result (attach extra sheet if necessary):

Waiver and release: The undersigned, in consideration of this entry being accepted, hereby assumes all responsibility for any and all risk of damage or injury that may occur or arise from participation in this event. The undersigned specifically releases and discharges the USHA, Missouri State University, their agents, representatives or assigns for any and all injuries that may arise from participation. My signature also verifies that I will subscribe to all the provisions of the USHA Code of Conduct for this tournament. (**available at www.usahandball.org**).

Signature _____ Date _____

Intercollegiate rules

Rule I: Matriculation

A. Participation is permitted in any collegiate handball contest provided the player is a bona fide matriculated student at an accredited university or college (not a business or trade school, etc.), and is regularly enrolled, doing full-time work as defined by the regulations of the institution at which he or she is enrolled. *See note on Participation Rule II(D) below.*

B. Eligibility of participants shall be verified by letter, with school seal affixed, from the office of the dean of admissions or registrar before the tournament.

Rule II: Participation

A. Participation in collegiate handball will be limited to four national collegiate tournaments over a period of five consecutive college years. This rule is intended to allow full-time undergraduates, part-time seniors and full-time graduate students to play in four national collegiate tournaments within five years from the time they played in their first such tournament as an undergraduate. Exceptions to this rule must be appealed to the national collegiate commissioner. (The intent of this rule is to encourage participation of new handball players at the collegiate level; it is not for veteran players who may have returned to graduate school.)

B. In the event of a student's regular attendance being interrupted by military service in any of the armed forces, the period of eligibility shall be five years exclusive of time in military service, except the years in which, during the player's military service, he or she may have represented an educational institution.

C. Transfer students or graduates from a junior college may continue handball competition without complying with the one-year residence rule. Total years of competition shall not exceed four.

D. Senior students requiring less than a full-time academic curriculum to graduate will be allowed to participate. Individuals who graduate during the fall semester who have not used up their eligibility (played 3 years or less) will be allowed to participate.

Rule III: Tournament play

A. Players may participate in only one singles event.

B. Members of a doubles team must be from the same institution.

C. Players are permitted to participate in both singles and doubles.

Rule IV: Scoring

A. Each school represented at the national tournament will be awarded points based on the achievements of its players. There is no limit to the number of participants from any school, but a maximum of six men and six women scorers will count toward the men's, women's and combined championships.

Players entering both singles and doubles can earn points in only one event. The determinant in awarding points to players competing in both singles and doubles will be the event in which most points are won, i.e., combined singles points or doubles points.

Special note

Tournament host has the option to shorten matches by using best two-of-three to 15 points and 11-point tiebreaker for first two rounds.

USHA CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct shall serve as a guideline for how individuals are expected to behave when participating in USHA-sponsored or -endorsed activities. Guidelines of conduct include but are not limited to the examples outlined on this page.

Code of Conduct for All Players

- Players shall refrain from possessing or using drugs (except for medical use) while traveling, competing, socializing and/or using host facilities.
- Players shall refrain from consuming alcohol while traveling, competing or spectating.
- Players shall refrain from excessive arguing with referees, tournament officials, coaches or other players.
- Players shall treat other players with respect.
- Players shall adhere to the rules of the game, as stated in the USHA rulebook.
- Players shall adhere to the rules and regulations of the host facility and hotels.
- Players shall demonstrate good citizenship and good sportsmanship and shall exemplify the spirit of handball at all times.

Code of Conduct for All Parents

- Parents shall support players, coaches, tournament officials and referees in a positive manner.
- Parents shall adhere to the rules and regulations of the host facility and hotels.
- Parents shall refrain from arguing with players, coaches, other parents, tournament officials or referees.
- Parents shall demonstrate good sportsmanship and exemplify the spirit of handball.

Code of Conduct for All Coaches

- Coaches shall support players in a positive manner.
- Coaches shall refrain from using alcohol, tobacco or drugs while coaching.
- Coaches shall adhere to the rules and regulations of the host facility and hotels.
- Coaches shall refrain from arguing with players, other coaches, parents, tournament officials or referees.
- Coaches shall adhere to the rules of the game as stated in the USHA rulebook.
- Coaches shall treat participants, spectators and officials with fairness and respect.
- Coaches shall ensure, as much as possible, the safety of each player.
- Coaches shall model good sportsmanship and exemplify the spirit of handball.

Violation of the Code of Conduct may result in:

- Ejection from the game or match.
 - Ejection from the tournament.
 - Forfeiture of any individual or team awards.
 - Ejection from the tournament if ejected from the tournament hotel(s).
 - Forfeiture of all games or matches won and possible team elimination from current and future USHA-sponsored or -endorsed events.
- Jurisdiction over violations rests with the USHA Infractions Committee. For collegiate events, the USHA Collegiate Disciplinary Committee has the authority to make on-site decisions regarding violations. For all other events, the tournament director and/or USHA representative has the authority to make on-site decisions regarding violations.