

PUBLIC NOTICE

“To address any misunderstandings or misinformation regarding Tosszone, the company has decided to present the facts transparently to the public. We earnestly request the badminton community to cease attributing any wrongdoing to Tosszone and to refrain from making disparaging remarks about the company. Please note, Tosszone reserves the right to take appropriate action against individuals or entities who persist in defaming the company despite this public clarification.”

Series of events with timeframe :-

1. **06/25/2021** - Tosszone CEO meets with USAB CEO and proposes to explore any potential collaboration opportunities.
2. **10/25/2021** - Tosszone CEO followups with USAB CEO about building the software through Tosszone.
3. **10/31/2021** - USAB CEO responds back to Tosszone CEO saying that USAB needs help with Rankings and the NDA (Non Disclosure Agreement and not a Financial contract) is signed.
4. **11/01/2021** - USAB CEO introduces Tosszone CEO with the board members and team already working on the ranking issue.

“Tosszone dedicated a skilled team to develop the Ranking Engine and the User Interface, while USAB played a key role in providing requirements and testing the results of the ranking engine. It is a testament to their joint efforts from Tosszone and USAB teams working diligently to complete the project in just over two months and successfully publishing the rankings.”

5. **~01/01/2022** - Tosszone published rankings which included all tournaments from November 2021
6. **~02/01/2022** - Published rankings to include January 2022 tournaments
7. **~03/01/2022** - Published rankings to include February 2022 tournaments

“After February Tournaments Tosszone did not receive any tournament result files from USAB, nor was a contract signed.”

8. **06/01/2022** - A 5 month contract was signed between USAB and Tosszone. Contract Start Date - 06/01/2022, Contract End Date - 10/31/2022
9. **~06/14/2022** - Backfilled the rankings for the previous months (1st April 2022, 1st May 2022) and published for 01 Jun 2022.

- 10. ~08/01/2022 - Published rankings after US Junior Nationals.
- 11. ~08/15/2022 - Provided data exports needed to migrate data to Club Locker.
- 12. ~09/01/2022 - Published rankings and provided data.
- 13. ~10/01/2022 - Published rankings and provided data.

“The contract concluded in October 2022, and for the next four months, USAB provided no communication regarding its renewal. Tosszone began facing unwarranted criticism from the Junior community for not publishing rankings.”

- 14. 01/29/2023 - USAB and Tosszone signed a 6 months contract. Start Date - 02/01/2023, Contract End Date - 08/01/2023
- 15. ~02/01/2023 - Backfilled and Published the rankings for the previous months (1st Nov 2023, 1st Dec 2023, 31st Dec 2023, 1st Jan 2024, 1st Feb 2024)
- 16. ~03/01/2023 - Published rankings and provided data.
- 17. ~04/01/2023 - Published rankings and provided data.
- 18. ~05/01/2023 - Published rankings and provided data.
- 19. ~06/01/2023 - Published rankings and provided data.
- 20. ~08/01/2023 - Published rankings and provided data.

“The contract officially ended in August 2023 after the rankings were published. Despite multiple follow-ups from Tosszone's CEO to the USAB CEO, the contract was not renewed.”

Summary of USAB Junior Rankings publishing timelines for 2 years when Tosszone was intermittently involved.

Nov 2021	Jan 2022	Mar 2022	Jun 2022	Oct 2022	Feb 2023	Aug 2023	Dec 2023
Tournaments after Covid	No Rankings	Rankings Published	No Rankings	Rankings Published	No Rankings	Rankings Published	No Rankings
USAB started hosting the Junior tournaments around Nov 2021.	There were no Rankings till 1st Jan 2022 and Ranking engine was getting developed.	Rankings were published around 1st of each month till Mar 2022.	Rankings were not published for 3 months due to no contract.	Updated and backfilled the rankings for the past 3 months. Published rankings around 1st of each month till Oct 2022 for 6 months.	Rankings were not published for 4 months due to no contract.	Updated and backfilled the rankings for the past 4 months. Published rankings around 1st of each month till Aug 2023 for 6 months.	Rankings were not published for 3 months due to no contract.

Key Points to Note :-

- Tosszone was awarded two contracts with durations of 5 months and 6 months respectively. Even though the total contract length was 11 months Tosszone calculated rankings for tournaments starting from November of 2021 to July of 2023 which is 21 months in total and considering 28 tournaments.
- Tosszone never delayed publishing the rankings after receiving the tournament files from USAB, consistently releasing them without holding back and within a reasonable timeframe.
- To support graduating U19 players and to provide them with their final ranking as they concluded their junior careers, we published two additional rankings: one as of December 31, 2022, and another as of January 1, 2023.
- During the contract period, Tosszone dedicated significant time to address around 240 community inquiries through the portal. Responses ceased only after the contract ended.
- Tosszone assures the community that it has never requested nor received full birthdate information of any USAB member. The only data provided by USAB included Member ID, First Name, Last Name, Gender, and Year of Birth.
- Tosszone affirms that no personal monetary favors were ever given to nor received from anyone in USAB, either directly or indirectly. All interactions were conducted within the bounds of professional relationships and the terms of the agreement.