



NEW ZEALAND

UNDER 15 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

HUTT VALLEY

14 – 17 October

NEW ZEALAND U15 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

VENUE	Hutt Valley Badminton Association 25 Vogel Street, Naenae Lower Hutt								
CONTACT DETAILS	<p>Jonathon Stone (Event Director) jonathon@badminton.org.nz 021 189 1960</p> <p>Linda White (Referee) whiterere1@gmail.com 027 264 8660</p>								
TIMES OF PLAY	<table data-bbox="534 1014 1085 1205"> <tr> <td>Thursday 14 October</td> <td>12pm – All Events</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday 15 October</td> <td>9am – All Events</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday 16 October</td> <td>9am – All Events 3pm – Semi-finals</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday 17 October</td> <td>9am – Finals</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>The schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the referee and event director based on final entries.</i></p>	Thursday 14 October	12pm – All Events	Friday 15 October	9am – All Events	Saturday 16 October	9am – All Events 3pm – Semi-finals	Sunday 17 October	9am – Finals
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ONLINE ENTRY	<p>All entries must be submitted online and paid for at the following link: https://badminton.org.nz/event/new-zealand-u15-national-championships-2021/</p> <p>Entries close Wednesday 29 September 2021 at 11:59pm</p>								

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

All players submitting entries for the tournament will be deemed to have read and accepted the conditions under which the tournament events are to be conducted.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Players entering must be a member of and in good standing with an Association affiliated with Badminton New Zealand.
2. Players must be a New Zealand Player which is defined as “a person who holds any of the following: A New Zealand Passport, Citizenship or Residency. In the case of Residency, a player must have resided continuously in New Zealand for a minimum of one year.” Badminton New Zealand may request documentation to confirm this status.
3. Players who have been granted eligibility by Badminton New Zealand to play in a New Zealand Inter-Association team as a New Zealand player are also eligible to compete in the competition.
4. All players must meet the following age requirements to be eligible to compete in the respective age group:
 - 4.1. Under 15s must be born in either 2007, 2008, 2009 or 2010
5. The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton adopted by the Badminton World Federation (BWF). This event will be played using the Alternative Service Law 9.1.6.
 - 5.1. The whole shuttle shall be below the server’s waist at the instant of being hit by the server’s racquet. The waist shall be considered to be an imaginary line round the body, level with the lowest part of the server’s bottom rib.
 - 5.2. The shaft and the racquet head of the server’s racquet at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction.
6. Players will be required to umpire or line judge at the discretion of the Referee or Event Director. There is an Umpire of the Championships to be determined by the Referee.
7. All players must wear regulation badminton attire as per Badminton New Zealand Approved Clothing regulations.
 - 7.1. Doubles partners are encouraged to wear the same colour clothing.
 - 7.2. Non-marking shoes must be worn.

- 7.3. Players may only wear playing shirts which display their own name and the Association which they represent. Playing shirts displaying a country other than New Zealand or an Association or Club other than their own are not permissible.
- 7.4. Event shirts produced and sold by Badminton New Zealand are permitted to be worn.
8. YONEX AS20 Shuttles will be used.
9. All Championship matches shall be the best of 3 games to 21 points with extension.
10. Division 2 and 3 will be offered in all events, subject to minimum entries.
 - 10.1. Players who do not win their first Championship match will progress to Division 3 group stage.
 - 10.2. Players who do not win their second Championship match will progress to Division 2 group stage.
 - 10.3. The draw and scoring format for Division 2 and Division 3 matches will be decided at the discretion of Badminton New Zealand. If a player defaults, withdraws or retires (does not complete) in any championship match, they are not eligible for Division 2 or Division 3.
11. The Referee's decision on all questions as to the Rules of Play and the Laws of Badminton will be final.
12. Entries
 - 12.1. Entries are on-line only at <https://badminton.org.nz/event/new-zealand-u15-national-championships-2021/>
 - 12.2. Phone, fax, text, email or hand-written entries will not be accepted.
 - 12.3. Entries close Wednesday, 29 September 2021 at 11:59pm. No late entries will be accepted.
 - 12.4. Only entries for which an entry fee has been paid can be accepted. Entry fees must be paid via PayPal at time of entering.
 - 12.5. A doubles entry is not confirmed until an entry and the entry fees are received from both players. (this excludes "partner required" entries).
 - 12.6. Notification of withdrawal(s) with reason must be given immediately to the Event Director by email. If withdrawal arises after players have arrived at the venue, notification of withdrawal must be made in person to the Referee. A player may withdraw from individual events without being required to withdraw from all events unless the player cites COVID-19 as the reason for their withdrawal.

12.7. There will be no replacements in singles. Replacements in doubles and mixed doubles events after the draw is published may be allowed only with the approval of the Referee. Replacement players can only be sought from players already entered in the tournament.

12.8. A confirmed list of entries will be published on by Friday 1 October.

13. Seeding and Draw

13.1. The draw will be made on Monday 4 October by Badminton New Zealand. The seedings will be from the New Zealand Under 15 National Rankings as at Tuesday 28 September. The Badminton New Zealand seeding policy will apply to this event.

13.2. Badminton New Zealand will make the draw in accordance with the Competition Rules of the BWF.

13.3. The draw will be published on Wednesday 6 October and will be available on <https://badminton.org.nz/event/new-zealand-u15-national-championships-2021/>

13.4. The schedule will be available by Friday 8 October.

14. General

14.1. All players enter at their own risk; no responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during the tournament.

14.2. Drug Testing may be conducted during the Tournament.

14.3. Matches may be called up to 10 minutes ahead of the stated time on the playing schedule.

14.4. Players will be entitled to a 20-minute rest period between Championships matches. For Division 2 and Division 3 matches, the organisers will endeavour to provide rest periods, but these are not guaranteed.

14.5. Competitors must abide by all decisions of the Event Director and Referee and comply with all the directions given.

14.6. The Referee may default players not available when required to play.

14.7. Trophies will be awarded to the Winner and Runner-Up in all championship events.

15. COVID-19

15.1. Badminton New Zealand will follow the COVID-19 requirements as advised by the New Zealand Government, Ministry of Health and Sport New Zealand throughout these

Championships. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to: contact tracing, physical distancing, face coverings and personal hygiene.

- 15.2. Badminton New Zealand reserves the rights to suspend, postpone or cancel the Championships in line with these requirements.
- 15.3. Badminton New Zealand will allow players to withdraw from the Championships at any point up until their first match of the Championships due to concerns regarding COVID-19 by notifying Badminton New Zealand or the referee of their withdrawal as per regulation 12.6. A player utilising this clause to withdraw will receive a full refund and will be withdrawn from all events.
- 15.4. If a player returns a positive test result for COVID-19 after the close of entries, this player shall be withdrawn from the tournament unless subsequently cleared by a medical professional. The player shall be entitled to a full refund of entry fees, and their partners shall receive a refund for the affected events if a suitable substitute is not available.
- 15.5. Badminton New Zealand will provide players with a full refund of their entry fee if the Championships are suspended, postponed or cancelled, however will not consider financial reimbursement of any other costs related to the Championships.
- 15.6. Badminton New Zealand reserves the rights to disqualify any player from the Championships who are deemed to have disregarded any reasonable instruction related to the Badminton New Zealand COVID-19 response.

Submitting an entry represents you giving consent in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993 to the collection of the above details by Badminton New Zealand for the purpose of entering this tournament. Your right to access and correct any information is acknowledged.

By entering this event, the player hereby agrees and acknowledges that any person, shall have the right to: photograph and/or record on video all and any games or practice conducted during the course of the event, retain such photographs or video recordings for their own use of whatsoever nature, distribute such photographs or video recordings to any other party, display such photographs or video recordings during the event or any time thereafter, in any form whatsoever (including, but not limited to: promotional displays of the organisers and/or the sponsors of the event or any similar event, social network internet sites, the website(s) of the organisers and/or sponsors of the event and of Badminton New Zealand) PROVIDED THAT no such photographs or video recordings shall be used or retained for any illegal immoral or unseemly use or purpose."