

SUSPENDED BUBBLE SUSPENDS PARA INVITATIONAL

New Zealand's highly anticipated inaugural para badminton event, the SKY SPORT Para Invitational Cup, due to take place in Christchurch in mid-September, has been postponed.

The event organisers made the decision to postpone the event in light of the current COVID-19 situation in the eastern states, and the New Zealand Government's suspension of the trans-Tasman travel bubble.

"We really believe this event will be a quality experience on the calendar for both Australian and New Zealand athletes," says Event Director Michelle Au.

"To ensure a healthy competition, we wanted as many athletes as possible to be able take up this opportunity. With the trans-Tasman travel bubble currently closed, we felt it was in the best interests of our players and the event to postpone. We are very grateful to our stakeholders and sponsors for supporting this change of date."

The SKY SPORT Para Invitational Cup, which was developed in partnership with Paralympics New Zealand, Badminton Canterbury and SKY Sport, will remain in Christchurch and take place on the new dates of 25th to 28th November 2021. The event will provide quality competition to both Kiwi and Australian para-athletes, along with offering national classification and a finals-day live stream.

Badminton New Zealand looks forward to welcoming para-athletes and spectators from around New Zealand and Australia in November.

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SKY SPORT NEW ZEALAND PARA BADMINTON INVITATIONAL CUP

25th – 28th November 2021

Badminton Canterbury Stadium – 220 Pages Road, Wainoni, Christchurch

<https://badminton.org.nz/event/para-badminton-invitational-cup/>