

# **2022 SOUTHLAND OPEN**

A Badminton New Zealand Tier 7 Sanctioned Event

## Friday 13 / Saturday 14 May 2022

The tournament may also play Sunday 15 May if required

### Entries Close Thursday 5th May 11:59pm

Tournament Organiser:

Badminton Southland

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SANCTIONED EVENT

#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 1. It is expected that players will have read, and are familiar with the 'Conditions of Entry' prior to submitting an entry.
- 2. Any player entering must be a member of, and in good standing with an association affiliated to Badminton New Zealand or the Badminton World Federation.
- 3. The rules of play shall be those of the Badminton World Federation.
- 4. The BWF scoring system is to be used.
- 5. All questions as to the rules shall be resolved by an appointed tournament official.
- 6. RSL Tournament shuttles will be used.
- The tournament organisers and/or Referee reserve the right to: Cancel any event in which fewer than 8 entries are received, or if time does not permit a full competition to be played.

Change the scoring of plate events if time constraints require.

Default a player who is not available to play at the scheduled time.

- 8. This event will be played using the Alternative Service Law 9.1.6.
  - a. the whole shuttle shall be below the server's waist at the instant of being hit by the server's racket. The waist shall be considered to be an imaginary line around the body, level with the lowest part of the server's bottom rib;
  - b. the shaft and the racket head of the server's racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction
- 9. COVID-19
  - a. Badminton Southland 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: capacity limits, contact tracing, physical distancing, face coverings and personal hygiene.
  - b. Badminton Southland reserves the rights to modify, suspend, postpone or cancel the Championships in line with these requirements.
  - c. Badminton Southland 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 Southland or the referee of their withdrawal as per regulation. A player utilising this clause to withdraw will receive a full refund and will be withdrawn from all events.
  - d. 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.
  - e. Badminton Southland will provide players with a full refund of their entry if the Championships are suspended, postponed or cancelled, however will not consider financial reimbursement of any other costs related to the Championships.
  - f. Badminton Southland reserves the right to disqualify any player from the Championships who are deemed to have disregarded any reasonable instruction related to the Badminton Southland COVID-19 response.

#### SEEDINGS AND DRAW

- 1. The tournament will be seeded using the most recent Badminton New Zealand National Rankings as at the close of entries.
- The draw will be made on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May and will be available on the Badminton New Zealand and Southland Badminton websites.
- 3. The first day's schedule will be available by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May on the above websites.

#### ENTRY DETAILS

- 1. Entries can only be made online and must be received no later than 23:59 on Thursday 5th May 2022. Online entry can be made through tournament software, and www.badminton.org.nz.
- 2. Entries for doubles and mixed doubles will not be accepted unless full payment is received from both partners by the closing time/date. This excludes 'partner required' entries. It is not the responsibility of the tournament organiser to follow up entries from nominated, un-entered partners.
- 3. Players withdrawing after the close of entries will receive a refund of entry fees, less any administration fees, only on the submission of a medical certificate. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after the tournament has commenced.
- 4. A player may withdraw from individual events without being required to withdraw from all events.
- 5. There will be no replacements in the singles events.
- 6. Replacements in doubles and mixed doubles events after the draw is published may be allowed only with the approval of the tournament organiser or referee. Replacement players can only be sought from players already entered in the tournament.
- 7. A \$10 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds.
- 8. A compulsory BNZ player levy of \$12.00 is payable by all players.
- 9. Plates will be played in all events; Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. Plate entry is automatic for losers for their first match. Players wishing to withdraw must advise the Tournament Controller immediately after their first match loss. If a player defaults, withdraws or retires (does not complete) their first match they are not eligible for the plate.
- 10. Plate events are not eligible for Player Points.
- 11. Players compete at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during this tournament.

#### **ENTRY FEES**

- NB: Bank account number does not identify the player if your system does not allow entry of alpha characters then use your BNZ player number. Do not use your date of birth. When entering online indicate your payment date.
  - 1. Allow at least two working days for payments to be processed through the banking system.

- 2. The entry fee must be in the Southland Badminton Association's bank account no later than Monday 9th May 2022 or the player will be withdrawn from the event, even if the entry was received on-time.
  - 1 Event: \$40 per player (includes \$12 BNZ compulsory player levy)
  - 2 Events: \$60 per player (includes \$12 BNZ compulsory player levy)
  - 3 Events: \$75 per player (includes \$12 BNZ compulsory player levy)

Please pay by direct credit to Southland Badminton account: 03-1746-0061197-00.

Enter Particulars as 'BNZSOPEN' and Reference as 'Player's Name'

#### PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Players must ensure that the tournament organiser is advised if they wish to leave the hall. Players who have lost matches may be required to umpire even after they have finished their events.
- 2. Players will be defaulted if they are not on court ready to play within two minutes of being called.
- 3. Players must wear regulation badminton clothing as per the Badminton New Zealand Approved Clothing regulations.
- 4. All players must act as umpires or line judges when requested. Failure to do so may result in the player being defaulted. Please check the websites prior to the session for player umpires (if needed).
- 5. Players compete at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during this tournament.

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. Such photographs or video recordings may be retained for their own use, distributed to any other party, displayed during the event or any time thereafter, in any form whatsoever, provided that no such photographs or video recordings shall be used or retained for any illegal, immoral or unseemly use or purpose.