

HAWKE'S BAY MASTERS OPEN

5th and 6th March 2022

Hastings Sports Centre
503 Railway Road, Hastings 4122



Dates: Saturday, 5th March – All events

Sunday, 6th March – All events

Time: 9am start, to approximately 5pm.

Event Organiser: Cici Xie (office@badmintonhb.co.nz)

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Venue: Hastings Sports Centre

503 Railway Road, Hastings 4122

Events: This is a Tier 9 – Group B1 sanctioned event

Men's Singles	Open35+, Open50+
Women's Singles	Open35+, Open50+
Men's Doubles	Open35+, Open50+, Div2 35+
Women's Doubles	Open35+, Open 50+ Div2 35+
Mixed Doubles	Open35+, Open 50+ Div2 35+,

See Conditions of Entry for grade descriptions.

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Entries: Entries are accepted online through the event link (<https://badminton.org.nz/event/hawkes-bay-masters-open-2022/>). Entries for all events close on **Friday 25th February**.

Entry fees: \$47 First Event (includes \$12 BNZ player levy), \$20 Additional Events. A compulsory BNZ player levy of \$12 per player will be charged.

Payment to be received by Badminton Hawke's Bay no later than Friday 25th February. Badminton Hawkes Bay Bank account: 03-0698-0976717-00 (ref: HBMasters + Player's name)

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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 or Badminton World Federation.
- 2.** 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.
 - 2.1.** 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.
 - 2.2.** 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.
- 3.** Where possible all matches will be the best of three games to 21 points with extension. This may be altered by the Event Director or Referee if necessary.
- 4.** Players will be required to umpire or line judge at the discretion of the Referee or Event Director.
- 5.** RSL Shuttles will be used.
- 6.** Players are entitled to a rest period of not less than 10 minutes between matches. This may be altered at the discretion of the Referee or event director.
- 7.** All events will be played on a round robin basis in the preliminary rounds followed by an elimination draw for play-offs, where numbers permit.
- 8.** Gold and silver medals will be awarded for all events that are contested.
- 9.** If there are fewer than four entries into an event, the Event Director may either cancel the event or combine age groups and/or divisions with the aim of having a competition. In this situation, the awarding of prizes/medals is at the discretion of the Event Director. A player can only win a medal for the age group in which they have entered.

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- 10.** The determinants of the winner of a pool will be as per the BWF competition regulations.
 - 10.1.** Ranking will be established by the number of matches won.
 - 10.2.** If two players/pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
 - 10.3.** If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be decided by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with the greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two players/pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the match between them.
 - 10.4.** If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be decided by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with the greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two players/pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the match between them.
 - 10.5.** If three or more players are still equal, then ranking will be determined by drawing lots.
- 11.** If illness, injury, disqualification or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a player/pair from completing all pool matches, all the results of that player/pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered as not completing all pool matches.
- 12.** A player/pair is entitled to prizes according to results obtained prior to any withdrawal due to injury.
- 13.** If there is only one pool, the winner of the event shall be the winner of the pool as per rule 10. There will not be a separate final.
- 14.** The Referee's decisions on all questions as to the Rules of Play and the Laws of Badminton will be final.
- 15.** Matches may be called up to 15 minutes ahead of the scheduled time. The Referee may default a player if they are not ready to play their match when called.
- 16.** Grading
 - 16.1.** Open Grade
 - **16.1.1.** If you played in the New Zealand Senior Division 1-3 or South Island Division 1 Inter Association in 2019, 2020 or 2021.

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- **16.1.2.** If you played in the New Zealand Masters Division 1-2, North Island Masters Division 1-2, South Island Masters Division 1, Veterans Division 1, or Super-Vets Division 1 in 2019, 2020 or 2021.
- **16.1.3.** If you have won a New Zealand Championships title in the last 10 years, including Masters' titles.

16.2. Division Two

- **16.2.1.** If none of the above in rule 16.1 apply.

16.3. The Referee and/or Event Director may re-grade any player at their discretion, with the aim of ensuring a fair competition for all participants.

17. Open Grade Events

17.1. Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

17.2. Age Groups: 35+, 50+.

17.3. In singles, players may only enter one age group.

18. Division Two Events

18.1. Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

18.2. Age Group: 35+

18.3. Both players in a doubles pair must meet the criteria under 16.2 to be eligible.

18.4. Players may not enter a combination of Open Grade and Division Two events within the same discipline (i.e. a player cannot enter mixed doubles in Division Two and in the Open Grade).

18.5. Players may enter Open Grade events and retain their eligibility for Division Two.

19. Entries and Draws

19.1. A player must be eligible for 35+ players must be born in 1987 or earlier. To be eligible for 50+ players must be born in 1972 or earlier. Proof of date of birth must be provided if requested.

19.2. Late entries or entries without the correct entry fees will not be accepted. Entries must be by bank transfer to Badminton Hawke's Bay Bank account; 03-0698-0976717-00 (ref: HBMAsters + Player's name). Entries are not accepted until the entry fee is paid.

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19.3. A doubles entry is not confirmed until an entry and entry fees are received from both players. This excludes “partner required” entries.

19.4 A player may withdraw from individual events without being required to withdraw from all events.

19.5. If a player withdraws after the closing date, the entry fee will not be refunded unless a medical certificate is submitted to the Event Director or Referee at the time of withdrawing. A \$15 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds. Refunds will not be given for non-entry by a partner.

19.6. No refunds will be given for withdrawals once the draw is published.

19.7. Substitution will be allowed in doubles provided that all eligibility rules are met. The Referee must approve all substitutions and any substitute player must be already entered into the tournament before the closing date.

19.8. The seedings will be awarded by a panel appointed by Badminton Hawke’s Bay.

19.9. The draws will be made on or before Wednesday 2 March 2022 and will be published on Tournament Software.

19.10. The schedule will be published by Wednesday 2 March 2022.

19.11. 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.

20. General

20.1. All players enter at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during the event.

20.2. Competitors must abide by all decisions of the Event Director and Referee, and comply will all directions given.

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

20.4. Prizes will be presented at the conclusion of each session of play.

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21. COVID-19

21.1. Badminton Hawke's Bay will follow the COVID-19 requirements as advised by the New Zealand Government, Ministry of Health and Sport New Zealand throughout these Events. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to: contact tracing, physical distancing, face coverings and personal hygiene.

21.2. Badminton Hawke's Bay reserves the rights to suspend, postpone or cancel the Hawke's Bay Masters Open in line with these requirements.

21.3. 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.

21.4. Badminton Hawkes Bay will provide players with a full refund of their entry fee if the Hawkes Bay Masters Open is suspended, postponed or cancelled, however will not consider financial reimbursement of any other costs related to the Open.

21.5. Badminton Hawkes Bay reserves the rights to disqualify any player from the Hawkes Bay Masters Open who are deemed to have disregarded any reasonable instruction related to the Badminton Hawke's Bay COVID-19 response.

21.6. Everyone needs to scan the contact tracing QR code, or fill in your details on our contact tracing sheet as you enter the venue.

21.7 Everyone over the age of 12 years and 3 months entering the venue must have and a valid "My Vaccine Pass". We are required to scan your "My Vaccine Pass" prior to you entering the venue.

21.8 Other Conditions of Entry into the venue, include

21.8.1 You do not have any symptoms associated with COVID-19 (e.g. fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, sneezing/runny nose or loss of sense of smell)

21.8.2 You do not have COVID-19 nor are you awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test.

21.8.3 You have not been in contact with any known or suspected cases of COVID-19 in the past 14 days

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21.8.4 You have not returned, or been in contact with anyone else who has returned, from overseas in the past 14 days

21.8.5 Face masks are encouraged when you are not playing, eating, or drinking.