



Waikato Open / NZ Tour

17-19 March 2023

Badminton New Zealand Tier 13 [Group A] Event

Address: Eastlink Badminton Stadium, 60 Old Farm Road, Hamilton East, Hamilton.

Online Entry only, via: www.badminton.org.nz and www.waikatobadminton.co.nz

Entries close: Wednesday 8th March 11.59pm 2023

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Events:

- Friday:
 - 4pm - Main events rounds of 64* & 32*
- Saturday:
 - 9am - Main events rounds of 32* & 16
 - 2pm – Main events quarter finals
 - Plate events
- Sunday:
 - Semi-finals followed by Finals

*Rounds of 32 will be played either Friday or Saturday depending on entry numbers

*These times may change at the close of entries at the discretion of the referee



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

General

1. It is expected that players will have read and are familiar with the 'Conditions of Entry and Play' prior to submitting an entry.
2. Players 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 unless otherwise stated.
4. The BWF scoring system will be used.
5. All players will be entitled to a minimum of 30 minutes break between main draw matches.
6. 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 round 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. Service Judges will be used for Semi-Finals and Finals.
7. All questions as to rules shall be resolved by the Referee.
8. Victor shuttles will be used.
9. The tournament will be seeded using the most recent New Zealand National Rankings available as at the closing date 8th March 2023.
10. All draws will be knockout format with the exception of where there are less than eight entries where there will be a round robin format used.
11. The draw and schedule will be published by 11.59pm **Tuesday 14th March 2023**, on the Badminton New Zealand and Waikato Badminton websites.
12. The Tournament Committee and/or Referee reserve the right to:
 - Cancel any event due to Covid-19 related restrictions, insufficient entries (less than 8), 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.
13. Waikato Badminton Association reserves the rights to suspend, postpone or cancel the tournament.
14. Waikato Badminton will provide players with a full refund of their entry fee if the tournament is suspended or cancelled, however will not consider financial reimbursement of any other costs related to the tournament.
15. Player points will be awarded in both the New Zealand National Rankings and the NZ Tour Rankings. For NZ Tour Rankings, points are awarded per pair for doubles and mixed doubles – players are recommended to compete with the same partner in each tour event to avoid splitting their points.

Player Requirements

16. Players may be defaulted if they are not on court ready to play within 5 minutes of being called. Note: Matches may be called up to 10 minutes ahead of the scheduled time.
17. Players must wear regulation badminton clothing as per the BNZ Approved Clothing regulations: <https://badminton.org.nz/events/clothing-code/>
18. All players must act as umpires or line judges when requested. Failure to do so may result in the player being defaulted.



19. Players compete at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during the tournament.
20. Following one warning for misconduct, the Referee shall have the authority to disqualify a player from further play if there is a repeat of misconduct.

Entry Details

21. Entry can only be made online and must be received no later than 11.59pm on **Wednesday 8th March**. Online entry is available via: www.badminton.org.nz and www.waikatobadminton.co.nz
22. Entries for Doubles and Mixed Doubles will not be accepted unless entries, with full payment, are received from both partners by the closing time/date. This excludes 'Partner required' entries. It is not the responsibility of Waikato Badminton to follow up entries from nominated, but un-entered partners.
23. Players withdrawing after entries have closed will not be eligible for a refund unless a medical certificate is submitted at the time of withdrawal. Players may withdraw from individual events without being required to withdraw from all events
24. Substitution is only allowed in the doubles events from players already entered in the tournament and with the approval of the Referee
25. Only one Player in each pair in the draw can be substituted.
26. If two Players from two different pairs in the same event are put together, the placement of the new pair shall be at the position of the pair seeded in the highest seeding group. If none of the pairs are seeded, or seeded in the same seeding group, the position shall be drawn by lot between positions of the two original pairs.
27. There shall be ONE Plate event for each discipline.
28. Plate entry is automatic for the losers of their first match. Players wishing to withdraw must advise the Tournament Official 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.
- 29. A \$20 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds.**
30. A compulsory BNZ player levy of \$15 is payable by all players.

Entry Fees

31. Entry fees are as follows:
 - One Event: \$50 (Including BNZ player levy)
 - Two Events: \$75
 - Three Events: \$100

Entry fees are to be paid via PayPal as part of your online entry. Entries will not be accepted into the draws until payment is made and received.



Prizes

32. \$2,000 prize money is offered, subject to Waikato Badminton receiving a minimum of 70 unique player entries in the tournament. There will be medals for winners and runners-up for all main draw events. Prizegiving will be after each final has been completed, with the prize money being paid in cash.
33. Any reallocation of prizemoney will be done in conjunction with the Referee and BNZ and will be advised to players prior to the draw being released.

	Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Men's Doubles (Pair)	Women's Doubles (Pair)	Mixed Doubles (Pair)
Winner	\$200	\$200	\$266.60	\$266.60	\$266.60
Runner-up	\$70	\$70	\$100	\$100	\$100
*Semi-finalists per player/pair	\$30	\$30	\$40	\$40	\$40

**Semi-finalists prize money will only be awarded in an event if there are 8 or more entries in the draw. This will be provided at the conclusion of the semi-finals. In the situation semi-finalist prizemoney is not awarded it will be reallocated to other events as in clause 33.*

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 limiting 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 user or purpose.

