



Taranaki U15 Open 2024

Badminton NZ Tier 9/Group 1 Event

Venue	Star Gymnasium, 39 Tukapa Street, Westown, New Plymouth
Events	BS, GS, BD, GD, XD
Dates	Sat 24 August - play starts 9am (BS, GS, BD, GD, XD) Sun 25 August - play starts 9am (All events)
Entry	https://bnz.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/44EB4E47-A107-4C6A-9990-8FC25183BBD6 There will be a limit to 50 entries for this tournament.
Fees/Payment	One Event - \$30 Two Events - \$45 Three Events - \$55 Taranaki Badminton Account number: 15-3948-0266798-02 If using internet banking, please use name as the reference.
Deadline	Wed 14 August at 11:59pm Payments must be received and showing on Taranaki Badminton account on the 14 August for entries to be accepted.
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Conditions of Entry

1. All events are open only to members of Associations affiliated to Badminton NZ and the BWF.
2. The Rules of play shall be those of the BWF. This event will be played using the Alternative Service Law 9.1.6. The whole of the 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, and the shaft and racket head of the server's racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction. The Referee or Tournament Controller shall decide all questions regarding Rules of the game.
3. This event will be played as a knockout, unless the number of entries dictates that it be played as a round robin. The decision to play round robin matches is at the discretion of the Tournament Controller.
4. Open matches shall be the best of three games to 21 as per the BWF regulations. Round robin scoring will also follow BWF regulations if round robin matches are held.
5. Seeding as per latest U15 National Rankings as at close of entries.
6. Players entering the U15 age group in 2024 will be born between 2010 and 2013, i.e. Under 15 as at 31/12/2024
7. Competitors must act as Umpires and Linesmen when called upon to do so.
8. Feather shuttles will be used in all events.
9. The Tournament committee reserves the right to:
 - a) Amend the hours of play.
 - b) Cancel any event for which there are less than 8 entries.
 - c) Default any players not present when called for.
10. All players must wear regulation badminton attire as per the BNZ Approved Clothing Regulations. Non-marking shoes must be worn.
11. Play will commence at 9:00am on Saturday and 9:00am on Sunday.
12. Plate events will be dependent on entries and time. The Tournament Controller will make the decision for each event. Players losing their first match played will be automatically entered into the plate. Please let the Tournament controller know if you do not wish to enter the plate.
13. All players enter at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury suffered during the tournament.
14. Players withdrawing after entries have closed will not be eligible for a refund unless a medical certificate is submitted at the time of withdrawal. A \$10.00 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds. A player may withdraw from one event without being required to withdraw from all events.
15. A doubles entry is not confirmed until an entry and the entry fees are paid by the closing date, by both players. (This excludes "partner required" entries.)

16. 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.
17. Only online entries will be accepted. Online entry is available on the BNZ website listed under Events at www.badminton.org.nz . Payment for entries is to be made directly to our bank account 15-3948-0266798-02, using the player name and number as reference no later or on 14 August at 11.59pm Payments must be received and showing on Taranaki Badminton account on the 14 August for entries to be accepted.
18. The entry fee includes the Badminton NZ player levy of \$16.00.
19. Draw and schedule will be published on Wed 21 August and available on the tournament software website.
20. 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 at any time thereafter, in any form whatsoever (including but not limited to: promotional displays of the organisers and/or the 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.
21. Players are not permitted on the courts between matches unless they are warming up for the next scheduled match on that court.
22. All players must report to the Tournament Controller on arrival and before leaving the hall for any reason before the end of the day's play.
23. By entering the Taranaki U15 Open 2024, players give their consent under the Privacy Act 1993 to the collection of personal details by Taranaki Badminton Association and for it to retain, use and disclose these to Badminton NZ. We acknowledge players right to access and correct any information held.
24. Any person coaching during a match, including intervals, must meet the requirements of the Badminton New Zealand Accredited Coaches Policy. <https://badminton.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Association-Accredited-Coach-Policy.pdf>
25. Any person not meeting these criteria who refuses the request of the referee or the tournament controller to stop coaching may be referred to the Badminton New Zealand disciplinary panel.
26. Entry into the venue for any persons (including players, coaches, and spectators) is subject to the following COVID-19 protocols:
 - a) Taranaki Badminton will follow the COVID-19 requirements as advised by the New Zealand Government, Ministry of Health and Sport New Zealand throughout this tournament. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to contact tracing, physical distancing, face coverings and personal hygiene.
 - b) Taranaki Badminton reserves the rights to suspend, postpone or cancel the tournament in line with these requirements.
 - c) Players may withdraw from the tournament at any point up until their first match of the tournament due to concerns regarding COVID-19 by notifying Taranaki Badminton or the

referee of their withdrawal. 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) All players will receive a full refund of their entry fee if the tournament is suspended, postponed or cancelled, however will not consider financial reimbursement of any other costs related to the tournament.

f) Taranaki Badminton reserves the rights to disqualify any player from the tournament who are deemed to have disregarded any reasonable instruction related to the Taranaki Badminton COVID-19 response.