



# Thames Valley U17 Open

17-18<sup>th</sup> August 2024

## Badminton New Zealand Tier 9 [Group B1] Event



**Address:** Waihi Events Centre, 28 Haszard Street, Waihi.

**Online Entry only**, via: [www.badminton.org.nz](http://www.badminton.org.nz) or [www.sporty.co.nz/tvbadminton](http://www.sporty.co.nz/tvbadminton)

**Entries close:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 11.59pm

### **Tournament Organiser:**

Jeremy Rout - 021901753 / Melissa Miers - 0273858145

**Email:** secretary.tvba@gmail.com

### **Referee: TBA**

### **Events Played & When:**

- Under 17 Boys Singles, Under 17 Girls Singles, Under 17 Boys Doubles, Under 17 Girls Doubles, Under 17 Mixed Doubles
- Saturday (9am – 4.30pm):
  - All Singles events (including plate events) and Doubles Round Robin OR 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> round main event games.
- Sunday (9am – 4.30pm):
  - Doubles Quarter Finals/Semi Finals/Final and all Mixed Doubles Events (including plate events, if required)
- Plate Events
  - Will be played pending the number of entries. Plate rounds will not be played if events are played with a boxed round robin qualifying format.



## 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 15 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 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.
7. All questions as to rules shall be resolved by the appointed Tournament Official.
8. BWF approved shuttles will be used.
9. The tournament will be seeded using the most recent national rankings available (in the U17 Age category) as at the closing date 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024.
10. The draw and schedule will be published by 11.59pm **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024**, on the Badminton New Zealand website.
11. The Tournament Committee and/or Referee reserve the right to:
  - Cancel any event due to Covid-19 related restrictions, insufficient entries, 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.

### Player Requirements

12. Players entering the Under 17 age group in 2024 will be born between 2008 and 2011, i.e. **under 17 at 31/12/2024**
13. Competitors must obtain permission to leave the hall.
14. Players may be defaulted if they are not on court ready to play within 5 minutes of being called. Note: Players may be called upon up to 10 minutes ahead of the scheduled time.
15. Players must wear regulation badminton clothing as per the BNZ Approved Clothing regulations.
16. All players must act as umpires or line judges when requested. Failure to do so may result in the player being defaulted.
17. Players compete at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during the tournament.
18. Following one warning for misconduct, the appointed Tournament Official shall have the authority to disqualify a player from further play if there is a repeat of misconduct.

### Entry Details

19. Entry can only be made online and must be received no later than 11.59pm on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August**. Online entry is available via: [www.badminton.org.nz](http://www.badminton.org.nz) or [www.sporty.co.nz/tvbadminton](http://www.sporty.co.nz/tvbadminton)



20. 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 Badminton Thames Valley to follow up entries from nominated, but un-entered partners.
21. Players withdrawing after entries have closed will not be eligible for a refund unless a medical certificate is submitted at the time of withdrawal.
22. Players may withdraw from individual events without being required to withdraw from all events.
23. There will be no replacements in Singles 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. Depending on entry numbers per event, each discipline will be played as:
  - a. A knockout main event with plate rounds for those knocked out in the first two rounds of the main knockout event.
  - b. Or will be played in a boxed round robin qualifying format with top qualifiers entered into the knockout main event. There will be no plate rounds if played in this format.
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 \$16 is payable by all players.

### Entry Fees

31. Entry fees are as follows:
  - One Event: \$40 (Including BNZ player levy)
  - Two Events: \$70
  - Three Events: \$90

Please pay by direct credit to: Badminton Thames Valley account: 03-1572-0036353-000  
Enter Particulars as '2024 BTV U17 Open'  
Reference as 'Player Name'

Entries will not be accepted into the draws until payment is made and received.

### Coaching:

32. **Under 17:** Any person coaching during a match, including intervals, must meet the requirements of the Badminton New Zealand Accredited Coached policy. Any person not meeting these criteria who refuses the request of the referee or tournament director to stop coaching may be referred to the Badminton New Zealand disciplinary panel. Coaches must be wearing approved coaches accreditation.

### COVID-19



30. Badminton Thames Valley 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.

31. Badminton Thames Valley reserves the rights to suspend, postpone or cancel the tournament in line with these requirements.

32. If a player returns a positive test result for COVID-19, is awaiting on a test result or in self-isolation 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 refund of entry fees (minus admin fee as stated in clause 26), and their partners shall receive a refund for the affected events if a suitable substitute is not available.

33. Badminton Thames Valley will provide players with a full refund of their entry fee if the tournament is suspended or canceled, however will not consider financial reimbursement of any other costs related to the tournament.

34. If the event is postponed Badminton Thames Valley will automatically transfer each participants entry and entry fee to the new date. If a player wants to withdraw their entry, they may do so following standard withdrawal processes online before the new closing date.

35. Badminton Thames Valley reserves the rights to disqualify any player from the tournament who are deemed to have disregarded any reasonable instruction related to the Badminton Thames Valley COVID-19 response. This includes but is not limited to: wearing of masks, contact tracing and social distancing. Further guidance is at: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

*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.*

