

# Waikato U17 Open

3-4 May 2025

## Badminton New Zealand Tier 12 Event

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

**Online Entry only,** via: [www.badminton.org.nz](http://www.badminton.org.nz) and [www.waikatobadminton.co.nz](http://www.waikatobadminton.co.nz)

**Entries close:** Wednesday 23rd April 11.59pm

**Entry fees:** One event - \$50

Two events - \$80

Three events - \$110

### **Tournament Organiser:**

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### **Referee:**

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### **Events:**

- Saturday:
  - 9am - Main events including Round of 64, Round of 32, Round of 16, and Quarterfinals.
- Sunday:
  - 9am - Semi-Finals and Finals in main events
- Plate Events
  - Will be played on both days.

### **Prize Pools**

- Singles winners will receive vouchers valued at \$120.00.
- Doubles winners will receive vouchers valued at \$60.00 each.
- Singles runner ups will receive vouchers valued at \$60.00.
- Doubles runner ups will receive vouchers valued at \$30.00 each.
- Plate winners will receive vouchers valued at \$20.00.

## 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. Any player entering must be a member of an association affiliated with Badminton New Zealand or the Badminton World Federation. All players must be in good standing with their member association and Badminton New Zealand.
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 held using 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 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.
7. All questions as to rules shall be resolved by the appointed Tournament Official.
8. All disciplines will be played in a knockout format using BWF scoring with plate events. Plate events will be played with one game to 31 points.
9. Any person coaching during a match, including intervals, must meet the requirements of the Badminton New Zealand Accredited Coaches 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.
10. The tournament will be seeded using the most recent national rankings available (in the U17 Age category) as at the closing date 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025.
11. The draw and schedule will be published by 11.59pm **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025**, 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, or if time does not permit a full competition to be held.
  - Change competition format if entries demand.
  - Change the scoring of plate events if time constraints are required.
  - Default a player who is not available to play at the scheduled time.

## Player Requirements

13. Players entering the Under 17 age group in 2025 will be born between 2009 and 2012, i.e., **under 17 at 31/12/2025.**
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. All players must act as umpires or line judges when requested. Failure to do so may result in the player being defaulted.
16. Players compete at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during the tournament.
17. 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

18. Entry can only be made online and must be received no later than 11.59pm on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025.** Online entry is available via: [www.badminton.org.nz](http://www.badminton.org.nz) and [www.waikatobadminton.co.nz](http://www.waikatobadminton.co.nz)
19. 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.
20. Players withdrawing after entries have closed will not be eligible for a refund unless a medical certificate is submitted at the time of withdrawal.
21. Players may withdraw from individual events without being required to withdraw from all events.
22. There will be no replacements for singles events.
23. Substitution is only allowed in the doubles events from players who have already entered the tournament and with the approval of the referee.
24. Only one player in each pair in the draw can be substituted.
25. 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.
26. There shall be at least ONE plate event for each discipline.
27. 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.
28. **A \$10 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds.**
29. A compulsory BNZ player levy of \$17 is payable by all players.

## Entry Fees

30. Entry fees are as follows:  
One Event: \$50 (Including BNZ player levy)



Two Events: \$80

Three Events: \$110

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.

*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.*

