

This is a Tier 7 Tournament

Badminton Canterbury

U19 and U15

CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

23rd May and 24th May 2025

**Venue: VR SKELLERUP HALL, 220 PAGES ROAD,
WAINONI, CHRISTCHURCH**

Schedule of play: Saturday 23rd May and Sunday 24th May (9am Start both days)

Events: BS, GS, BD, GD and XD (plus plate events)

Fee: One Event \$54.00(includes BNZ Player Levy of \$17)

Two Events: \$74.00, Three Events: \$89.00

Entries can only be made via ONLINE ENTRY at:

<https://badminton.org.nz/event/canterbury-u15-u19-open-2026/>

Entries close: Thursday 14th May 2026 at 11.59pm. Late entries or entries without payment will not be accepted. The draw will be available on the Badminton Canterbury & Badminton New Zealand websites from Wednesday 20th May 2026.

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Badminton Canterbury U15 and U19 Championships 2026 - Conditions of Entry

GENERAL

1. It is expected that players will have read and agree with the 'Conditions of Entry' prior 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.
4. The BWF scoring system is to be used.
5. Service rule. 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.
6. All questions as to the rules shall be resolved by an appointed tournament official. In all instances if the shuttle hits the roof, it is a fault.
7. Yonex feather shuttles will be used or equivalent.
8. There will be one plate event in each event at this tournament if numbers are sufficient. Plate entry is automatic for the losers of their first match. Players wishing to withdraw must advise the Tournament Controller immediately after their first match loss. If a player defaults, withdraws, or retires (does not compete) their first match, they are not eligible for the plate.
9. The tournament will be seeded using the most recent Badminton NZ U19/U15 Player Ranking available as at the close of entries 14th May 2026
10. The draw will be made on Wednesday 20th May 2026 and will be available on the Badminton New Zealand and Badminton Canterbury websites. The first day's schedule will be available from Wednesday 20th May 2026. All draws will be knockout format except for where there are less than eight entries where there will be a round robin format used.
11. The tournament director and/or Referee reserve the right to cancel any event in which fewer than 4 entries are received, or if time does not permit a full competition to be played.

No matches will be played earlier than scheduled to accommodate flight bookings. Please ensure you allow sufficient time when you make your flight arrangements.

PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

12. Players must obtain permission to leave the hall.
13. Players will be defaulted if they are not on court ready to play within two minutes of being called and the scheduled time has lapsed.
14. Players must wear regulation badminton clothing as per the Badminton New Zealand Approved Clothing regulations as per link <https://badminton.org.nz/events/clothing-code/>
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 of misconduct, the Referee shall have the authority to disqualify a player from further play if there is a repeat of misconduct.
18. Under 15 Players must be born between 2012 and 2015 to participate.
Under 19 Players must be born between 2008 and 2011 to participate.

ENTRY DETAILS

20. Entry can only be made online and must be received no later than 11:59 on Thursday 14th May 2026. Online entry can be made through www.badmintoncanterbury.com and www.badminton.org.nz.
21. Entries for doubles and mixed doubles will not be accepted unless full payment is received from both partners by the closing time/date. This excludes 'partner required' entries. It is not the responsibility of Badminton Canterbury to follow up entries from nominated un-entered partners.
22. Players withdrawing after entries have closed will not be eligible for a refund unless a medical certificate is submitted at the time of withdrawal. No refunds will be made from withdrawals after the tournament has commenced.
23. The following withdrawal criteria are applicable in all sanctioned event draws with eight (8) or more entries:
 - During the round robin stage and/or prior to the quarter-final stage, a player may withdraw or retire from an individual event without being required to withdraw from any other event.
 - Once a player has qualified for the knockout stage of any event, or from the quarter-final stage (whichever occurs first), any retirement or withdrawal from one event shall require the player to be withdrawn from all other events in which the player is entered, including events still in group play.
 - ***Exception:** If a player withdraws or retires from an event with less than eight (8) entries, they are not required to withdraw from any other event in which they are entered.
24. There will be no replacements in the singles events.

25. Substitution is only allowed in the doubles events from players already entered in the tournament and must be approved by the Referee.
- Only one player in each pair in the draw can be substituted.
 - 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. A \$10 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds.
27. A BNZ player levy of \$17.00 is compulsory for each player.

ENTRY FEES

28. Entry fees are as follows:

One Event	\$54.00 (includes BNZ Player Levy of \$17.00)
Two Events	\$74.00
Three Events	\$89.00

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.

COACHING

- **UNDER 15:** Coaching is not permitted between points, but coaching is permitted at intervals (eg at 11 points and between games). Any person coaching during the 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.
UNDER 17 or 19: Any person coaching during the 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.

COVID-19

29. Badminton Canterbury 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.
30. Badminton Canterbury reserves the rights to suspend, postpone or cancel the tournament in line with these requirements.
31. Badminton Canterbury will allow players to withdraw from the tournament at any point up until their first match of the tournament due to concerns regarding COVID-19 by notifying BC of their withdrawal. A player utilising this clause to withdraw will receive a full refund and will be withdrawn from all events.

32. 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.
33. Badminton Canterbury will provide players with 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.
34. Badminton Canterbury reserves the rights to disqualify any player from the tournament who are deemed to have disregarded any reasonable instruction related to the Badminton Canterbury COVID-19 response.

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 limited 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 use or purpose."