



2026 Wellington U17 Championships



28 & 29 March 2026

at

Badminton Wellington Centre
1 Ruahine Street, Hataitai, Wellington

Group B1 Player Point Event

Further Information and Online Entry:

<https://badminton.org.nz/event/wellington-u17-open-2026/>

ENTRIES CLOSE Monday 16th March (mid-night)



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NEW ZEALAND**

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Venue: Badminton Wellington Centre

Entries close: Monday 16th March 2026

On-line entry only: <https://badminton.org.nz/event/wellington-u17-open-2026/>

Entries are not accepted until the entry fee is paid which must be showing in our bank account as at 16th March, not deposited or internet banked on 16th March.

Tournament Director: [Jo Wanihi](#)

Email: events@badminton.net.nz

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Referee: Vaiola Vaeau

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Dates and Hours of Play:

Saturday 28th March from 10.00am

Sunday 29th March, from 8:30am

Singles only to conclusion

All Doubles to conclusion

The schedule is subject to change based on final entries and discretion of the Event Director.

Entry Fees:	One event (includes \$17.00 BNZ Levy)	\$50.00
	Two events	\$80.00
	Three events	\$110.00

Entry Fee Payment: All entry fees to be paid by direct credit or internet banking to:
Badminton Wellington Inc
Westpac
030502-0068494-00

If using internet banking, please use your name as the reference.

If paying at a bank, please use your BNZ Player Number as the reference.

Ensure your payment is received and showing in our account on or prior to 16 March 2026.

**Entries and Payments need to be completed, received and showing in our account by
16 March 2026, 23:59pm**



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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

All players submitting entries for the tournament will be deemed to have read and accepted the conditions under which the tournament events are to be conducted.

Rules and Regulations

1. Players entering must be a member of and in good standing with an Association affiliated with Badminton New Zealand
2. The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton adopted by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) and the BWF Competition Regulations.
3. Players entering must be born no earlier than 2010 and no later than 2013.
4. The BWF scoring system is to be used for all matches. All matches shall be best of three games to 21 points with extension as per the current BWF scoring system.
5. 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."
6. Players will be required to umpire or line judge at the direction of the Referee or Tournament Director.
7. All players must wear regulation badminton attire as per Badminton New Zealand Approved Clothing regulations. Doubles partners are encouraged to wear the same colour clothing. Non-marking shoes must be worn
8. Yonex AS20 Shuttles will be used. All shuttles remain the property of the event.
9. There will be a plate events in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. On the assumption the Championship draw was not played as a round robin. It is our intention to have 3 plates in Singles and 2 plates in Doubles subject to the size of the draws, this can be altered at the discretion of the Referee or Tournament Controller
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. *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.
13. 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.
14. The decision of the referee as to the rules of play and laws of badminton is final.
15. **Entries**
 - a) Entries are on-line only at: <https://badminton.org.nz/event/wellington-u17-open-2026/>
Phone, text, email or hand-written entries will not be accepted, strictly on-line only.
 - b) Entries close **Monday 16th March, 23:59pm**
 - c) **No late entries will be accepted.**



- d) Entries are not confirmed until the entry fee is paid – this must be done prior to the closing date. Entries for which an entry fee is not received and showing in the Badminton Wellington Incorporated bank account by the 16th of March 2026 will automatically be withdrawn.
- e) An entry from both players of a doubles pair must be received.
- f) If a player withdraws after the closing date the entry fee will not be refunded unless a medical certificate is submitted to the Tournament Director or Referee at the time of withdrawing. A \$15 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds. No refunds will be given for withdrawals once the draw is published.
- g) There will be no replacements in singles. 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 submitted. If two Players from two different pairs in the same Event are put together, the placement of the new pair shall 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.
- h) A player may withdraw from individual events without being required to withdraw from all events
- i) 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 complete) their first match they are not eligible for the plate.
- j) A confirmed list of entries will be published on www.badminton.net.nz by Friday 20th March 2026.

16. Seedings and Draw

The draw and schedule will be published no later than Wednesday 25th March 2026 and will be available on: <https://badminton.org.nz/event/wellington-u17-open-2026/>

- a) Seedings will be based on the latest Badminton New Zealand National Rankings available at the *date of entries closing*.
- b) Badminton Wellington will make the draw in accordance with the Competition Rules of the BWF.

11. General

All players enter at their own risk; no responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during the tournament.

- a) Competitors must be ready to start their matches at the stated time on the playing schedule. Matches can be called up to 20 minutes early.
- b) Players should not leave the hall during play without the prior consent of the tournament director or referee.
- c) The Referee may default players not available when required to play.
- d) Competitors must abide by all decisions and directions of the Tournament Director and Referee.
- e) Local Rule: Should a shuttle strike a grey girder during a rally, a let is to be played only if the umpire is satisfied the shuttle would have, in all likelihood, landed in play had it not struck the girder. Striking any other area of the ceiling is deemed to be a fault.



Note that submitting an entry represents your giving consent in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993 to the collection of the above details by Badminton Wellington and Badminton New Zealand for the purpose of entering the 2026 Wellington U17 Championships. Your right to access and correct any information is acknowledged.

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 or Badminton New Zealand and Badminton Wellington)

PROVIDED THAT no such photographs or video recordings shall be used or retained for any illegal immoral or unseemly use or purpose."

COVID-19

- 1.1. Badminton Wellington 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.
- 1.2. Badminton Wellington reserves the rights to suspend, postpone or cancel the tournament in line with these requirements.
- 1.3. Badminton Wellington 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 Badminton Wellington or the referee of their withdrawal as per regulation 10.f. A player utilising this clause to withdraw will receive a full refund and will be withdrawn from all events.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. Badminton Wellington 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.
- 1.6. Badminton Wellington reserves the rights to disqualify any player from the tournament who are deemed to have disregarded any reasonable instruction related to the Badminton Wellington COVID-19 response.



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