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SANCTIONED EVENT

## **2026 North Island/Bay of Plenty Under 13 & Under 17 Champs**

**A Tier 14 Event**

Sanctioned by Badminton New Zealand

to be held at

**The Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre  
Cnr Devonport Rd & 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tauranga**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (All events)**

Play starts at 12pm

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (All events)**

Play starts at 9am

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (All events)**

Play starts at 9am

**Entries can only be made via Badminton NZ website.**

<https://bnz.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/23E771AC-F6E9-4920-91D5-0D72907E4CB7>

**Tournament Organiser**

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**Entries Close 11.59 pm Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**

**Late entries or entries without the correct entry fee will NOT be accepted.**

The draw will be available on the Badminton NZ website prior to the tournament

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## Conditions of Entry

Take note:

***Please read and take a special note of entry fee payment requirements and coaching.***

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. It is expected that players will have read and are familiar with the 'Conditions of Entry' 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. All main draw events will be conducted according to current BWF regulations, including scoring.
4. Any alternative scoring or rules may be used in division 2 and 3.
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. All questions as to the rules shall be resolved by an appointed tournament official.
7. Tournament grade shuttles will be used.
8. The tournament organizer and/or Referee reserve the right to:
  - a) Cancel any event in which fewer than 8 entries are received, or if time does not permit full competition to be played.
  - b) Default a player who is not available to play at the scheduled time.

### COACHING RULES FOR U13 & U17

9. ***U13: Coaching is not permitted during any match, including intervals. Any person coaching during a match who refuses the request of the referee or tournament director to stop coaching may be referred to the Badminton New Zealand disciplinary panel***
10. ***U17: 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.***

## SEEDINGS AND DRAWS

11. Seedings will be completed using the latest Badminton New Zealand National Rankings available at the date of entries closing.
12. The draw and schedule will be published on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 by 11:59pm, and will be available at:  
<https://bnz.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/23E771AC-F6E9-4920-91D5-0D72907E4CB7>

## ETNRY DETAILS

13. A doubles entry is not confirmed until the entry and the entry fee of both players is received (except for 'partner required' entries) prior to the closing date. It is not the responsibility of the tournament organiser to follow up entries from nominated un-entered partners.
14. U13 - Born between 2014 and 2017.  
U17 - Born between 2010 and 2013.
15. Players withdrawing after entries have closed will receive a refund of entry fees, less any administration fees, only on the submission of a medical certificate. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after the tournament has commenced
16. ***The following withdrawal criteria are applicable in all sanctioned event draws with eight (8) or more entries:***
  - 16.1. ***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.***
  - 16.2. ***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.***
  - 16.3. ***\*Exception: If a player withdraws from 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.***
17. There will be no replacements for the singles events.
18. 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.
19. Substitution is only allowed in the Doubles events from players who have 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.
20. A compulsory BNZ player levy of \$17.00 is payable by all players (included in the first event).
  21. Division 3 will be offered, at the discretion of the tournament organisers, in all events. Participants who do not win their first match in the main draw will go into Division 3. If a player defaults, withdraws, or retires (does not complete game) in their first match, they will not be eligible for Division 3.
  22. Entry to Division 3 is automatic for losers of their first match in the main draw. Players wishing to withdraw must advise the tournament controller immediately after their loss.
  23. Division 2 will be offered, at the discretion of the tournament organisers, in all events. Participants who win their first match but lose their second match in the main draw will go into Division 2. If a player defaults, withdraws, or retires (does not complete game) in their second match, they will not be eligible for Division 2.
  24. Entry to Division 2 is automatic for losers of their second match in the main draw. Players wishing to withdraw must advise the tournament controller immediately after their loss.
  25. Division 2 & 3 is not eligible for player points.

## **PLAYER REQUIREMENTS**

26. Players must ensure that the tournament organiser is advised if they wish to leave the hall.
27. Players will be defaulted if they are not on court ready to play within 5 minutes of being called.
28. Players must wear regulation badminton clothing as per the Badminton New Zealand Approved Clothing regulations - <https://badminton.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Clothing-Code-2024.pdf>
29. All players must act as umpires or line judges when requested. Failure to do so may result in the player being defaulted. Please check the websites prior to the session for player umpires (if needed).
30. Players compete at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during this tournament.

## **ENTRY FEES**

31. The entry fee must be in the Bay of Plenty Badminton Association Bank Account no later than Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 or the player will be withdrawn from the event, even if the entry was received on time.
32. Please allow at least 2 working days for payments to be processed through the banking system.

33. One Event: \$60.00 (includes BNZ player levy of \$17) per player

Two Events: \$95.00 per player

Three Events: \$125.00 per player

34. Please pay by direct credit to:

Bay of Plenty Badminton account: 03-1552-0146571-00

Enter Particulars as '2026 NI/BOP U13 & U17 Open'

Reference as 'Player Name'

**Please Note: Bank Account number, date of birth and parents name does not identify the player. If your system does not allow entry of alpha characters, then use your BNZ player number. When entering online indicate your payment date.**

## **PRIVACY ACT**

*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. Such photographs or video recordings may be retained for their own use, distributed to any other party, displayed during the event or any time thereafter, in any form whatsoever, provided that no such photographs or video recordings shall be used or retained for any illegal, immoral or unseemly use or purpose.*