



North Island Wellington North Masters Open 2026



Sat 18th – Sun 19th April 2026

Wellington North Badminton Stadium
Taylor Park
Tawa, Wellington 5028

Tournament Organiser



Sanctioned by



A Badminton New Zealand sanctioned event (Tier 14)

Entries can only be made via **ONLINE ENTRY** at

Badminton New Zealand – www.badminton.org.nz

Wellington North Badminton – www.wnba.org.nz

Entries close 11.59pm Wednesday 1st of April 2026.

Late entries or entries without payment will not be accepted

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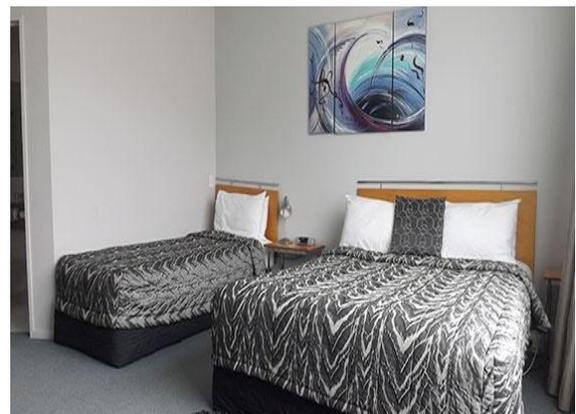
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Tournament Accommodation

Thanks to our accommodation partner Best Western Wellington, please take advantage of the special rate on offer:

- \$15 off per room per night
- Enter Promo code **WNBA**, on the top right corner of website booking page
- Cancellation- 48 hours Cancellation policy applies



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Website:

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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

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

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1.1. It is expected that players will have read and are familiar with the 'Conditions of Entry' prior to submitting an entry.
- 1.2. Any player entering must be a member of, and in good standing with an association affiliated with Badminton New Zealand or the Badminton World Federation.
- 1.3. This tournament will be played across two age-groups, unless insufficient entries.
 - 35+ (Masters): At the time of the event, must be 35 years of age or older, born 1991 or earlier.
 - 50+ (Veterans): At the time of the event, must be 50 years of age or older, born 1976 or earlier. The rules of play shall be the BWF Competition Regulations and Laws of Badminton.
- 1.4. The BWF scoring system is to be used. Best of 3 games to 21 with extension if required.
- 1.5. All questions as to the rules shall be resolved by the tournament Referee.
- 1.6. Feathered shuttles will be used.
- 1.7. The tournament organiser and/or Referee reserve the right to:
 - 1.7.1. Cancel any event in which fewer than 8 entries are received, or if time does not permit a full competition to be played.
- 1.8. Default a player who is not available to play at the scheduled time.
- 1.9. Players are entitled to a rest period of not less than 10 minutes between matches. This may be altered at the discretion of the Referee.
- 1.10. 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 an imaginary line around 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.

2. SEEDINGS, DRAW AND SCHEDULE

- 2.1. The tournament will be seeded as per the Badminton New Zealand National Rankings in the Masters category at the close of entries.
- 2.2. In the case of a combined event the Event Director may alter the seeding of entries as required, with the aim of playing matches within the original age group/division prior to any other matches.
- 2.3. All events will be played on a round robin basis in the preliminary rounds followed by an elimination draw for play-offs, where numbers permit.

- 2.4. The draw and schedule will be available on the Tournament Software on Monday, 13 April 2026.
- 2.5. Matches may be called 15 minutes earlier than the scheduled time.
- 2.6. Schedules of play are as following:

Saturday 18 April, from 8.30am	All singles and doubles events up to finals
Sunday 19 April, from 8.30am	All mixed doubles events and all event finals; Finals to start no earlier than 12pm

3. ENTRY DETAILS

- 3.1. Entry can only be made online and must be received no later than 23:59 on Wednesday 1st of April 2026. Online entry can be made through www.wnba.org.nz and/or www.badminton.org.nz
- 3.2. A player must be the age of or older than the age group they enter as of 31 December 2026. Proof of date of birth must be provided if requested.
- 3.3. 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 the tournament organiser to follow up on entries from nominated un-entered partners.
- 3.4. The following withdrawal criteria are applicable in all sanctioned event draws with eight (8) or more entries:
 - 3.4.1.1. 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.
 - 3.4.1.2. 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.
 - 3.4.1.3. **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.
- 3.5. Players withdrawing after entries have closed will not be eligible for a refund unless a medical certificate is submitted at the time of withdrawal.
- 3.6. There will be no refunds for players withdrawing after the draw has been published.
- 3.7. There will be no substitution in the singles events.
- 3.8. Substitution is only allowed in the doubles events from players already entered the tournament and must be approved by the Referee.
- 3.9. Only one Player in each Pair in the draw can be substituted.
- 3.10. 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 is seeded, or seeded in the same seeding group, the position shall be drawn by lot between the positions of the two original pairs.
- 3.11. A \$20 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds.

4. ENTRY FEE

- 4.1. The entry fee for all players is \$40 for first event and \$30 per additional event. Plus, the mandatory Badminton NZ Player Levy fee of \$17 per player.
- 4.2. All entries must be paid (via bank transfer) as part of your online entry.
 - 4.2.1 Please pay by direct credit to:
Wellington North Badminton Association INC
02-0500-0025167-00
Enter Particulars as 'NIMastersOpen2026'
Reference as 'Player's Initials and Surname' or bank account number does not identify the player – if your system does not allow entry of alpha characters then use your contact phone number as per your online entry.

5. PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1. Players must ensure that the tournament organizer is advised if they wish to leave the playing venue. Players who have lost matches may be required to umpire even after they have finished their events.
- 5.2. Matches may be called up to 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time; players must be ready to play when called to the court.
- 5.3. Players must wear regulation badminton clothing as per the Badminton New Zealand Approved Clothing regulations. Further details can be found here: [Clothing Code - Badminton New Zealand](#)
- 5.4. On Player clothing the Player's name, if used, shall be identical to the name registered as the Last Name in the Badminton NZ database, and if desired, the initial(s) of the name(s) registered as the First Name in the Badminton NZ Player Database. Last Name is defined as the family name, surname, or similar name under the naming protocol of New Zealand.
- 5.5. 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).
- 5.6. Players compete at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during this tournament.
- 5.7. 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 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.