

Otago Badminton 2026

Otago u17 TOURNAMENT



Otago Badminton Centre
Victoria Road, Dunedin

5th – 6th September 2026

Tier 7 – Group B Event

Play commences Saturday 5th September at 10.00am
& Recommences Sunday 6th September at 09.00am if required

Canteen will be operating on Saturday

**Entries close with:
Tournament Convener,
23.59pm Friday 28th August 2026**

Conditions of Entry Otago u17

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

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, and in good standing with an association affiliated to Badminton New Zealand or the Badminton World Federation.
3. The rules of play shall be those of the Badminton World Federation.
4. The BWF scoring system is to be used.
5. All questions as to the rules shall be resolved by an appointed tournament official.
6. Feather shuttles will be used for all matches.
7. The tournament organisers and/or Referee reserve the right to:
 - Cancel any event in which insufficient entries are received, or if time does not permit a full competition to be played.
 - Change the scoring of plate events if time constraints require.
 - Default a player who is not available to play at the scheduled time.
 - Amend reporting times, hours and order of play.NB – player points tier may change if event does not meet the tier requirement.

SEEDINGS AND DRAW

1. The tournament will be seeded as per the Badminton New Zealand National Rankings list in the under 17 categories as at the close of entries.
2. The draw will be made on 2nd September and will be available on the Badminton New Zealand and Otago Badminton Assn (OBA) websites.
3. The first day's schedule will be available by 2nd September on the above websites.

ENTRY DETAILS

1. Entry can only be made online and must be received no later than 23:59 on Friday 28th August. Online entry can be made through www.badmintonotago.org.nz and www.badminton.org.nz
2. Entries for doubles and mixed doubles will not be confirmed unless entries, with 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 entries from nominated un-entered partners.
3. Players competing in under 17 as at 31 December 2026 must be born between 2010 and 2013.
4. Players withdrawing after entries have closed will not be eligible for a refund unless a medical certificate is submitted at the time of withdrawal.
5. There will be no refunds for players withdrawing after the tournament has commenced.
6. There will be no replacements in the singles events.
7. 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.

8. Withdrawal Clause

The following withdrawal criteria are applicable in all sanctioned event draws with eight (8) or more entries:

- a. 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. ***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.
9. Players can withdraw from one event without being required to withdraw from all events.
10. A \$10 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds.
- 11.
- COACHING:** - 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.
12. Plates will be played in all events. Plate entry is automatic for 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.
13. Plate events are not eligible for Player Points.
14. 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 shuttles shall be pointing in a downward direction.
15. Players may only compete in one age group.

ENTRY FEES

1. **Please pay by direct credit or internet banking to Westpac account 03-0903-0380518-00**

Enter particulars as Otago u17 enter reference as player name.

NB – Parent name or bank account number does not identify the player – if your system does not allow entry of alpha characters then use your BNZ player number. Do not use your date of birth. When entering on-line indicate your payment date.

2. Allow at least two working days for payments to be processed through the banking system.
3. The entry fee must be in OBA bank account no later than 2nd September or the player will be withdrawn from the event, even if the on-line entry was received on-time.

Under 17

SINGLES:	\$25.00 per player
DOUBLES:	\$20.00 per player
MIXED DOUBLES:	\$20.00 Per player
BNZ PLAYER LEVY:	\$17.00 Per player

PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

1. Players must ensure that the tournament organiser is advised if they wish to leave the hall. Players who have lost matches will be required to umpire even after they have finished their events.
2. Players will be defaulted if they are not on court ready to play within two minutes of being called.
3. Players must wear regulation badminton clothing as per the Badminton New Zealand Approved Clothing regulations.
4. 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. Players compete at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during this tournament.

COVID-19

- 1.1. Otago Badminton 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. Otago Badminton reserves the rights to suspend, postpone or cancel the tournament in line with these requirements.
- 1.3. Otago Badminton 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 Otago Badminton or the referee of their withdrawal as per regulation 12.6. 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. Otago Badminton 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. Otago Badminton reserves the rights to disqualify any player from the tournament who are deemed to have disregarded any reasonable instruction related to the Otago Badminton COVID-19 response.

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.