

WAITAKERE U13 OPEN

28th-29th March 2026

VENUE	Waitakere Badminton Centre 155 Royal Road, Massey, Waitakere, Auckland Kitchen Open on both days.	
CONTACT DETAILS	Nicola Pitcher nic.pitcher@gmail.com 027 490 6610	
TIMES OF PLAY	Saturday Doubles and Mixed (Order to be determined upon entries) 9am Sunday Singles	
ENTRY FEES	BNZ Levy \$17 First event \$30 Second event \$30 Third event \$25	Payable to: NZBA <u>06 0193 0451712 01</u> Ref: Player name Particulars: WTK U13 Code: BNZ player number
ONLINE ENTRY	Only Online entries are accepted. Closing date: Wednesday 18th March 2026	

Regulations

2026 Waitakere U13 Open 28th-29th March - Conditions of Entry and Play

GENERAL

1. It is expected that players will have read, and are familiar with the "Conditions of Entry and Play" prior to submitting an entry
2. Players entering must be a member of, and in good standing, with an Association affiliated with Badminton NZ or the Badminton World Federation.
3. The rules of play shall be those of the Badminton World Federation, with the use of the Alternative Service Law 9.1.6. a of the service rule, which shall be as follows.
 - "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'.
4. This is a tier 12 Tournament. (relates to your player points).
5. All main draw events will be conducted according to current BWF regulations including scoring.
6. The Division 2 and Division 3 scoring system will be determined at the event by the tournament director, depending on time and number of entries.
7. All questions as to rules shall be resolved by an appointed tournament official.
8. Approved feather shuttles will be used.
9. The tournament seeding will be completed using the latest Badminton New Zealand National Rankings available at the date of entries closing.
10. The draw and schedule will be available on the Badminton NZ website on **Wednesday, 25th March by 9pm** prior to the tournament.
11. The Tournament Committee and/or Referee reserves the right to:
 - a) Cancel any event in which insufficient entries are received, or if time does not permit a full competition to be played.
 - b) Change the scoring of or format of plate events if time constraints require.
 - c) Default a player who is not available to play at the scheduled time.

PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

12. Players must be turning 9 or under 13 as at 31 December 2026, ie: must be born between 2014- 2017.
13. Competitors must obtain permission to leave the hall.
14. Players will be defaulted if they are not on court ready to play within 2 minutes of being called.



SANCTIONED EVENT



15. Players must wear regulation badminton clothing as per the BNZ Approved Clothing regulations. Tracksuits, jerseys etc must be removed before the start of a match. Non-marking footwear is to be worn.
16. **All players must act as umpires or line judges when requested.** Failure to do so may result in the player being defaulted.
17. Players compete at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during the tournament.
18. Following one warning for misconduct, the appointed tournament official shall have the authority to disqualify a player from further play if there is a repeat of misconduct.
19. Coaching: Under 13: *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.*

ENTRY DETAILS

20. Entry can only be made online and must be received with a **cleared full payment** no later than 23:59 Wednesday, 18th March. Online entry is available under the Events section at the Badminton NZ website – www.badminton.org.nz
21. Entries for Doubles and Mixed Doubles will not be confirmed unless entries, with full payment, are received from both partners by the closing time/date. This excludes 'partner required' entries. It is not the responsibility of Badminton Waitakere to follow up for entries from nominated, but un-entered partners.

Withdrawal Criteria-

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 player will be eligible for a refund after 8 am on the first day of the tournament.
23. If there are 8 or more entries in an event, during the round robin stage and/or before the quarter final stage, a player may withdraw or retire from an individual event without being required to withdraw from any other event.
24. Once a player has qualified for a 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. For this event, this does not apply to Division 2 and 3 events.
25. There will be no replacements in Singles events.
26. ***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.
27. *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.

28. Replacements in Doubles and Mixed Doubles events after the draw is published may be allowed only with the approval of the tournament director or referee, in line with BWF competition regulations. Replacement players can only be sought from players already entered in the tournament.
29. There will be at least ONE plate event in each event at this tournament if there are sufficient entries. Entry is automatic for plate qualifiers. 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.
30. A \$10 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds
31. A BNZ Compulsory Player Levy of \$17.00 is payable by all competitors.

ENTRY FEE PAYMENT

32. In addition to the player levy of \$17, entry fees are \$30 each event per person for the first two events entered and \$25 for the third event. Fees can be paid by Direct Credit or Internet Banking to **"NZBA" account# 06 0193 045 1712 01**. Therefore, all 3 events will cost \$102. Please enter Particulars as WTK U13 and Reference as the player's name.
Please note: the name of the player's parent or the bank account name does not identify the player. If your system does not allow entry of alpha characters, please use your BNZ player number.
33. You should allow at least two working days for the entry fee payment to be processed through the banking system. A **late payment fee will be charged (\$5) for any fees paid after the due date.**
34. 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."



The Kitchen will be open. Please support it. They are volunteers who give up their time all weekend to feed you great food with a big smile.

There will also be a lucky draw prize if you enter all 3 events drawn on Sunday morning of the tournament.