



# 2026 Wellington Open Championships



**10, 11 & 12 April**  
at

**Badminton Wellington Centre**  
1 Ruahine Street, Hataitai, Wellington

**Tier 9, Group B1 Player Point Event**

*Further Information and Online Entry:*

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

**ENTRIES CLOSE Monday 30 March (mid-night)**





## 2026 GOSEN Wellington Open Championships

**Venue:** Badminton Wellington Centre

**Entries close:** Monday 30 March 2026

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

**Tournament Director:** Jo Wanihi  
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**Referee:** Vaiola Vaeau  
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### Dates and Hours of Play:

Friday 10 April, from 9:00am for Local players	All Main-Draw Events
Friday 10 April, from 1:00pm for all other players	All Main-Draw Events
Saturday 11 April, from 8:30am	Plates and Main Draw
Sunday 12 April, from 8:30am	Semi finals & Finals

***The schedule is subject to change based on final entries.***

**Entry Fees:** One event (includes \$17.00 BNZ Levy): \$50.00  
Two events: \$85.00  
Three events: \$120.00

**Entry Fee Payment:** Via Internet banking with Player id number as Reference.

**Account name:** Badminton Wellington Inc  
**Account no:** 030502 0068494 00

**Entries and Payments need to be completed and received by 30 March 2026, 23:59**  
**If the entry fee is not showing in our account as per date above your entry will be removed from the event.**

**Please ensure you make payment at least 2 days in advance of the closing date to ensure it is showing in our account as per the closing date and time.**



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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. 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.
4. 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.
5. All Championship matches will be umpired.
6. Players entering this tournament must have been born in 2011 or earlier.
7. Players will be required to umpire or line judge at the direction of the Referee or Tournament Director.
8. All players must wear regulation badminton attire as per Badminton New Zealand Approved Clothing regulations. Clothing Code: <https://badminton.org.nz/events/clothing-code/>
9. Doubles partners are encouraged to wear the same colour clothing. Non-marking shoes must be worn.
10. All coaches seated in the Coaches seats shall also comply to BWF Approved Clothing regulations.
11. Yonex AS30 shuttles. All shuttles remain the property of the event.
12. There will be a plate events in singles and mixed doubles. On the assumption the Championship draw was not played as a Round robin. Plate events in Men's and Women's doubles will be at the discretion of the Event Director.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. \*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.
16. The decision of the Referee as to the rules of play and laws of badminton is final.



## 17. Entries

- a) Entries are on-line only at: <https://badminton.org.nz/event/wellington-open-2026/>
- b) Entries close Monday 30 March, 23:59pm
- c) **No late entries will be accepted.**
- d) Entries for Doubles and Mixed Doubles will not be accepted unless full payment is received from both partners by the closing date/time. This includes "partner required" entries, fees must be paid. A full refund will be made in the event you do not receive a "Partner". Tournament Controller will not follow up on entries from un-entered partners or unpaid partners.
- e) **Entries and Payments need to be completed and received by 30 March 2026, 23:59. If the entry fee is not showing in our account as per date above your entry will be removed from the event. Please ensure you make payment at least 2 days in advance of the closing date to ensure it is showing in our account as per the closing date and time.**
- f) **Account number: 030502 0068494 00**  
**Account name: Badminton Wellington Inc**
- g) An entry from both players of a doubles pair must be received
- h) 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 \$20 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds. No refunds will be given for withdrawals once the draw is published.
- i) There will be no replacements in singles.
- j) 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 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.
- k) 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.
- l) A confirmed list of entries will be published on [www.badminton.net.nz](http://www.badminton.net.nz) by Friday 03 April 2026.

## 18. Player Requirements

- a) Players must ensure that the tournament organiser 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.
- b) Matches may be called up to 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time; players must be ready to play when called to the court.



- c) Players must wear regulation badminton clothing as per the Badminton New Zealand approved Clothing regulation.  
Further detail: <https://badminton.org.nz/events/clothing-code/>
- d) On player clothing the Player's name if used shall be identical to the name registered in the Tournament.
- e) Players' travel arrangements should ensure plenty of time to arrive for their first match and completion of their last match. Booking return flights or other travel that is unrealistic is on the player. Tournament Control will schedule semi finals and finals on the assumption that all players are available till completion of the event.

## 19. Seedings and Draw

The draw and schedule will be published no later than Tuesday 07 April 2026 and will be available on: <https://badminton.org.nz/event/wellington-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.

## 20. General

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

- a) The Referee may default players not available when required to play.
- b) Competitors must abide by all decisions and directions of the Tournament Director and Referee.
- c) 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 Open 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. 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.
2. Badminton Wellington reserves the rights to suspend, postpone or cancel the tournament in line with these requirements.
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. A player utilising this clause to withdraw will receive a full refund and will be withdrawn from all events.
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.
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.
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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