

BADMINTON EXPRESS

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BADMINTON EXPRESS AUCKLAND OPEN NZ TOUR EVENT

Friday 22 May – Sunday 24 May 2026

ABA BADMINTON STADIUM

99 Gillies Avenue Epsom Auckland

Schedule of Play: Friday from 12.00pm Men's & Women's Singles / Mixed Doubles
Saturday from 9.00am All events including quarter finals
Sunday from 9.00am Semifinals followed by finals

Entries can only be made via ONLINE ENTRY at:
Badminton New Zealand – www.badminton.org.nz
Badminton Auckland – www.aklbadminton.com

Entries close 23:59 Sunday 10 May 2026
late entries or entries without payment will not be accepted

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Badminton New Zealand Tier 13 Group A Event



Badminton Express Auckland Open NZ Tour - Conditions of Entry 2026

GENERAL

1. It is expected that players will have read and agree 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 laws of play and scoring should be as per the laws of badminton outlined by the Badminton World Federation ([overview of rules and scoring](#))
4. Players will be entitled to a minimum break of 30 minutes between matches.
5. All questions as to the rules shall be resolved by the referee.
6. YONEX AS30 or Ling Mei 80 Shuttles will be used.
7. There will be no plate events.

SEEDINGS AND DRAW

8. The tournament will be seeded using the latest Badminton New Zealand National Rankings available at the date of entries closing.
9. The draw and schedule will be available on Tuesday 19 May 2026. This and the first day's schedule will be available on the Badminton New Zealand and Auckland Badminton websites.

ENTRY DETAILS

10. Entry can only be made online and must be received no later than 23:59 on Sunday 10 May 2026. Online entry can be made through www.aklbadminton.com and www.badminton.org.nz
11. 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 Auckland Badminton to follow up entries from nominated un-entered partners.
12. 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 refunds will be made for withdrawals after the tournament has commenced.
13. There will be no replacements in the singles events.
14. 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. Replacement players can only be sought from players already entered in the tournament. 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 replacement 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.
15. A \$15 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds
16. A BNZ player levy of \$17.00 is compulsory and is included in the 'one event' entry fee
17. The following withdrawal criteria are applicable in all sanctioned event draws with eight (8) or more entries:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - ***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.

PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

18. Matches will be scheduled to time and may be called up to 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time. Players must be ready to play when called to court.



19. Players must report to the assembly point 10 minutes prior to the published start time of the first match of the day, following that players must be ready to go on court as soon as the match on court finishes or no more than 15 minutes after a retirement has occurred during a match.
20. Players must wear regulation badminton clothing as per the Badminton [New Zealand Approved Clothing](#) regulations.
21. If the player's name is on the player shirt it must comply with the BWF regulations including the size of the lettering and the name must match the Surname / Family name as shown in the draw.
22. All players must act as umpires or line judges when requested. Please check the websites prior to the session for player umpires (if needed).
23. Players compete at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during this tournament.
24. Following one warning of misconduct, the referee shall have the authority to disqualify a player from further play if there is a repeat of misconduct.
25. Players must be born in 2011 or earlier to participate in this event

SERVING

This tournament will be played using 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 servers bottom rib.
- b) The shaft of the racket head of the server's racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction.

ENTRY FEES

Please pay by direct credit to Auckland Badminton Account: 12-3045-0373701-00.

Enter Particulars as AKL OPEN and Reference as 'Player's Name'

Entries will not be accepted into the draws until payment is made and received. Entry fee includes \$17 BNZ compulsory player levy

ONE EVENT	TWO EVENTS	THREE EVENTS
\$60	\$110	\$150

PRIZES

A minimum of \$3,230.00 prize money will be offered subject to the event receiving a minimum of 80 unique entries into the tournament. Prize money may increase at the discretion of the Auckland Badminton Association.

Prizegiving will be held at the completion of the event.

Semi-finalists will only be awarded prize money if there is a minimum of 8 entries (pairs for doubles) in the event.

Players will be awarded this at the conclusion of the semi-finals.

Where prize money is not awarded due to a minimum entry not being reached, that prize money may be reallocated proportionately across all other events.

	MS#	WS#	MD#*	WD#*	XD#*
Winner	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Runner-up	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Semi-finalists	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00

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 organizers and / or the sponsors of the event or any similar event, social network internet sites, the website(s) of the organizers and/or sponsors of the event and of Auckland Badminton) PROVIDED THAT no such photographs or video recordings shall be used or retained for any illegal immoral or unseemly use or purpose."

