



NZ Tour Opener/Waikato Open

27-29 March 2026

Badminton New Zealand Tier 13 Group A Event

Address: Eastlink Badminton Stadium, 60 Old Farm Road, Hamilton East, Hamilton.

Online Entry only via: [NZ Tour Opener-Waikato Open 2026](#)

Entries open: Monday 9th of February 00:00am

Entries close: Wednesday 18th March 11:59pm

Tournament Organiser:

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Recommended Accommodations:

Ulster Lodge Motel

<http://ulsterlodge.co.nz/>

Alcamo Hotel

<https://www.alcamohotel.co.nz/>

Events:

- Friday:
 - 12pm - Up to and including rounds of 64
- Saturday:
 - 9am - Rounds of 16 and QF.
- Sunday:
 - 9am - Semifinals followed by finals.

*These times may change at the close of entries at the discretion of the tournament organiser.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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. Any player entering must be a member of an association affiliated with Badminton New Zealand or the Badminton World Federation. All players must be in good standing with their member association and Badminton New Zealand.
3. The rules of play shall be those of the Badminton World Federation unless otherwise stated.
4. The BWF scoring system will be used.
5. All players will be entitled to a minimum of 30 minutes break between matches.
6. This event 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 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.
7. All questions as to rules shall be resolved by the referee or tournament organiser.
- 8. RSL Tourney No. 1 shuttles will be used.**
9. The tournament will be seeded using the most recent New Zealand National Rankings available as at the closing date 18th March 2026.
- 10. All draws will be knockout format . There will be no plate events in this tournament.**
11. The draw and schedule will be available on the Badminton New Zealand and Waikato Badminton websites from Tuesday 24 March 2026. The Tournament Committee and/or Referee reserve the right to:

- Cancel any event due to Covid-19 related restrictions, insufficient entries (less than 8), or if time does not permit a full competition to be played.
 - Default a player who is not available to play at the scheduled time.
12. Player points will be awarded in both the New Zealand National Rankings and the NZ Tour Rankings. For NZ Tour Rankings, points are awarded per pair for doubles and mixed doubles - players are recommended to compete with the same partner in each tour event to avoid splitting their points.
 13. Drug testing may be conducted at this event.

Player Requirements

14. Players may be defaulted if they are not on court ready to play within 5 minutes of being called. Note: Matches may be called up to 10 minutes ahead of the scheduled time.
15. All players must act as umpires or line judges when requested. Failure to do so may result in the player being defaulted.
16. Players compete at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during the tournament.
17. Following one warning for misconduct, the referee or tournament organiser shall have the authority to disqualify a player from further play if there is a repeat of misconduct.
18. All players must comply with BNZ clothing code- [BNZ Clothing Code Guide](#)

Entry Details

19. Entry can only be made online and must be received no later than 11.59pm on **Wednesday 18th March.**
20. Players must be eligible to play in senior events i.e. born in 2011 or earlier.
21. Entries for doubles and mixed doubles will not be accepted unless entries, with full payment, are received from both partners by the closing time/date. It is not the responsibility of Waikato Badminton to follow up entries from nominated, but un-entered partners.
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.
23. Prior to the quarter final stage, a player may withdraw from an individual event without being required to withdraw from other events in which they are entered in.
24. From quarter final stages onwards or the knockout stage after round robin, where a player is entered in more than one event, retirement from or withdraw in any one event shall require the player to be withdrawn from all other events in which the player is entered.
25. 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 group, the position shall be drawn by lot between the positions of the original pairs.
26. **A \$10 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds.**
27. A compulsory fee of \$17 per player is payable to BNZ. This is included in the entry fee.

Entry Fees



28. Entry fees are as follows:

One Event: \$70 (Including BNZ player levy)

2nd Event: \$50 (\$120 Total)

3rd Event: \$40 (\$160 Total)

Entry fees are to be paid via PayPal as part of your online entry. Entries will not be accepted into the draws until payment is made and received.

Prizes

29. \$2,000 prize money is offered split across all grades, subject to Waikato Badminton receiving a minimum of 60 unique player entries in the tournament. There will be medals for winners and runners-up for all main draw events. Prizegiving will be after each final has been completed, with the prize money being paid in cash.
30. Any reallocation of prizemoney will be advised to players prior to the draw being released.

	Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Men's Doubles (Pair)	Women's Doubles (Pair)	Mixed Doubles (Pair)
Winner	\$200	\$200	\$270	\$270	\$270
Runner-up	\$70	\$70	\$100	\$100	\$100
*Semi-finalists per player/pair	\$35	\$35	\$45	\$45	\$45

**Semi-finalists prize money will only be awarded in an event if there are 8 or more entries in the draw. This will be provided at the conclusion of the semi-finals.*

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 limiting 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 user or purpose.