



Hutt Valley Masters Open 2026

14th & 15th March 2026

at

Badminton Hutt Valley

25 Vogel Street, Naenae

This is a Tier 9 – Group B1 BNZ Sanctioned Event

Entries can be made online via

<https://badminton.org.nz/event/hutt-valley-masters-open-2026/>

and is considered complete upon payment

Entries close at 11.59pm on Friday 6th March 2026

*Draw will be available Wednesday 11th March 2026 on the
Badminton New Zealand Website*



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- Venue:** Badminton Hall
25 Vogel Street, Naenae
- Dates and Hours of Play:** Saturday 14th March 2026, 9am Start
Sunday 15th March 2026, 10.30am Start
The Hall will be open from 8am Saturday and 9.30am Sunday.
- Online Entry Only:** www.badminton.org.nz or www.bhv.org.nz
- Entries Close:** 11.59pm Friday 6th March 2026
No late entries will be accepted
- Entry Fees:**
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| First Event | \$60 |
| Second Event | \$25 |
| Additional | \$25 |
- Fees include \$17 Badminton New Zealand compulsory player levy***
- Entry Fee Payment:** Entry fees to be paid by direct credit to:
Hutt Valley Badminton Association
ANZ Bank
06-0561-0859800-00
Please use players name and HV Masters as a reference
- Tournament Controller:** Angelia Cao
Email: Office@bhv.org.nz
Phone: 021 965 774
- Referee:** TBC

Conditions of Entry

All players submitting entries for the tournament will be deemed to have read and accepted the conditions under which the tournament is conducted.

Rules and Regulations

- All players entering must be a member of an Association affiliated with Badminton New Zealand or the World Badminton Federation. All players must be in good standing with their member association and Badminton New Zealand.
- 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](#))
- Players will be entitled to a minimum break of 30 minutes between matches.
- All questions as to the rules shall be resolved by the tournament referee.
- RSL Tourney Shuttles will be used.
- The tournament organisers and/or referee reserve the right to:
 - Cancel any event in which fewer than 8 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.
- This tournament will be played using the Alternative Service Law 9.1.6
 - The whole of the shuttle shall be below the servers' waist at the instant of being hit by the servers' racket. The waist shall be considered an imaginary line round the body, level with the lowest part of the servers' bottom rib.
 - The shaft of the racket head of the servers' racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction.
- This tournament will be played across two age-groups, unless insufficient entries. Each player must play in one age-group:
 - **35+ (Masters):** At the time of the event, must be 35 years of age or older, born 1991 or earlier.
 - **50+ (Veterans):** At the time of the event, must be 50 years of age or older, born 1976 or earlier.

Seedings and Draw

- This tournament will be seeded as per the Badminton New Zealand rankings in the Masters category listing, as at the close of entry.
- Masters' events may elect to use a panel of selectors to conduct the seeding, with consideration given to the latest Badminton New Zealand rankings. (Note: this option may be removed in subsequent years as the Masters' ranking grows)
- The draw will be made available on Tuesday 10th March 2026 and will be available on the tournament within 24 hours of this date.

- The final schedule will be determined based on the number of entries for each event. If the matches are delayed over the course of the event, some disciplines may be played outside of their day.
- Schedules of play are as follows:

9am Saturday, 14 th March 2026	Group Stages & Initial Rounds
10.30am Sunday, 15 th March 2026	Play-offs, Semi-Finals & Finals

Entry Details

- Entry can only be made online and must be received no later than 11.59pm on Friday 6th March 2026. Online entry can be made through www.badminton.org.nz.
- Entries for doubles and mixed doubles will not be accepted unless full payment is received from both partners by the closing date and time. This excludes 'partner required' entries. It is not the responsibility of the tournament organiser to follow up entries from nominated un-entered partners.
- Players may withdraw from individual events without being required to withdraw from all events.
- Players withdrawing after the close of entries will receive a refund of entry fees, less any administration fees, only on the submission of a medical certificate. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after the tournament has commenced.
- There will be no refunds for players withdrawing after the draw has been published.
- 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.
- There will be no substitutions in the singles events.
- 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.

- A compulsory Badminton New Zealand player levy of \$17 is included in the pricing for the first event.
- Plates may be played in all events at the discretion of the tournament director or referee, if time allows Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles, depending on entry levels. Plate entry is automatic for losers of their first match played. Players wishing to withdraw must advise the referee 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.
- Plate events are not eligible for Player Points.
- **The entry fee for all players is \$60 for one event, \$25 for the second event and \$25 for any additional event. These fees include the \$17 Badminton New Zealand Player Levy that is required to play in sanctioned events.**
- **Players can choose to play up to three events.**
- All entries must be paid via Internet Banking immediately following online entry. Please make payment to: Hutt Valley Badminton Association, ANZ Bank **06-0561-0859800-00**. Please use **players name** and **HV Masters Open** as a reference.
- Entry is only accepted if full payment has been made prior to the entry closing date.

Player Requirements

- Players must ensure that the tournament controller 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.
- Players will be defaulted if they are not on court ready to play within five (5) minutes of being called.
- Players must wear regulation badminton clothing as per the Badminton New Zealand Approved Clothing regulations.
- 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 website prior to the session for player umpires (if needed).
- Players compete at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during this tournament.
- 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 other parties, 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 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.