



BADMINTON
NEW ZEALAND

MASTERS

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHRISTCHURCH

17 - 19 SEPTEMBER

NEW ZEALAND MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

VENUE	Badminton Canterbury 220 Pages Rd, Wainoni, Christchurch																			
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ONLINE ENTRY	All entries must be submitted online and paid for at the following link: https://badminton.org.nz/event/masters-national-championships-2026/ Entries close Wednesday 2 September 2026 at 11:59pm																			

SOCIAL EVENTS

BNZ are working with the local Association to provide appropriate events for all participant players.

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

1. Any player entering must be a member of an association affiliated with Badminton New Zealand. All players must be in good standing with their member association and Badminton New Zealand.
2. Players must be a New Zealand Player, which is defined as "A person who holds any of the following: A New Zealand Passport, Citizenship, Residency, Study Visa, Work Visa, or a New Zealand BWF Number. In the case of Residency, Study Visa, or Work Visa, a player must have resided continuously in New Zealand for a minimum of six months." Badminton New Zealand may request documentation to confirm this status.
3. The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton adopted by the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
 - 3.1. This event will be played using the Alternative Service Law 9.1.6.
 - 3.1.1. The whole shuttle shall be below the server's waist at the instant of being hit by the server's racquet. The waist shall be considered to be an imaginary line round the body, level with the lowest part of the server's bottom rib. The shaft and the racquet head of the server's racquet at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction.
4. Where possible all matches will be the best of three games to 21 points with extension. This may be altered by the Event Director or Referee if necessary.
5. Players will be required to umpire or line judge at the discretion of the Referee or Event Director.
6. All players must wear regulation badminton attire as per Badminton New Zealand Approved Clothing regulations. Non-marking shoes must be worn.
7. RSL Black Shuttles will be used.
8. Players are entitled to a rest period of not less than 10 minutes between matches. This may be altered at the discretion of the Referee.

9. All events will be played on a round robin basis in the preliminary rounds followed by an elimination draw for play-offs, where numbers permit.
10. Gold and silver medals will be awarded for all championship events that are contested.
11. If there are fewer than four entries into an event, the Event Director and Referee may either cancel the event or combine age groups and/or divisions with the aim of having a competition. In this situation, the awarding of prizes/medals is at the discretion of the Event Director. A player can only win a medal for the age group in which they have entered.
12. The determinants of the winner of a pool will be as per the BWF competition regulations.
 - 12.1. Ranking will be established by the number of matches won.
 - 12.2. If two players/pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
 - 12.3. If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be decided by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with the greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two players/pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the match between them.
 - 12.4. If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be decided by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with the greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two players/pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the match between them.
 - 12.5. If three or more players are still equal, then ranking will be determined by drawing lots.
13. If illness, injury, disqualification or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a player/pair from completing all pool matches, all the results of that player/pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered as not completing all pool matches.
14. A player/pair is entitled to prizes according to results obtained prior to any withdrawal due to injury.
15. If there is only one pool, the winner of the event shall be the winner of the pool as per rule 12. There will not be a separate final.
16. The Referee's decisions on all questions as to the Rules of Play and the Laws of Badminton will be final.

17. Matches may be called up to 15 minutes ahead of the scheduled time. The Referee may default a player if they are not ready to play their match when called.

18. Grading

18.1. Championship

18.1.1. If you played in the New Zealand Senior Division 1-2, North Island Senior Division 3 or South Island Senior Division 3 Inter-Association in 2024, 2025 or 2026.

18.1.2. If you played in the North Island Masters Division 1-2, South Island Masters Division 1, any Veterans Division 1, or any Super-Vets Division 1 in 2024, 2025 or 2026.

18.1.3. If you have won a New Zealand Championships title in the last 10 years, including Masters' titles.

18.2. Division Two

18.2.1. If none of the above in rule 18.1 apply.

18.3. The Referee and/or Event Director may re-grade any player at their discretion, with the aim of ensuring a fair competition for all participants.

19. Championship Events

19.1. Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

19.2. Age Groups: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+.

19.3. In doubles, players may enter two age groups, the first being one of 35+, 45+, 55+ and 65+, and the second being one of 40+, 50+, 60+ and 70+.

19.4. In mixed doubles, players may enter two age groups, the first being one of 35+, 45+, 55+ and 65+, and the second being one of 40+, 50+, 60+ and 70+.

19.5. In singles, players may only enter one age group.

20. Division Two Events

20.1. Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

20.2. Age Group: 35+

20.3. Both players in a doubles pair must meet the criteria under 18.2 to be eligible.

20.4. Players may not enter a combination of Championship and Division Two events within the same discipline (i.e. a player cannot enter mixed doubles in Division Two and in the Championship).

20.5. Players may enter Championship events and retain their eligibility for Division Two in different disciplines.

21. Entries and Draws

21.1. A player must be the age of or older than the age group they enter as at 31 December 2026. Proof of date of birth must be provided if requested.

21.2. Late entries or entries without the correct entry fees will not be accepted. Entries must be paid for using PayPal. Entries are not accepted until the entry fee is paid by the entries closing date.

21.3. A doubles entry is not confirmed until an entry and entry fees are received from both players by the entries closing date. This excludes "partner required" entries.

21.4. Notification of withdrawal(s) with reason must be given immediately to the Event Director or Referee. If a player withdraws out of an event, they will be withdrawn from all other events of the same discipline playing on that day. They will not be required to withdraw from events played on different days.

21.5. If a player withdraws after the closing date, the entry fee will not be refunded unless a medical certificate is submitted to the Event Director or Referee at the time of withdrawing. A \$15 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds. Refunds will not be given for non-entry by a partner.

21.6. No refunds will be given for withdrawals once the draw is published.

21.7. Substitution will be allowed in doubles prior to the start of matches in that event provided that all eligibility rules are met. The Referee must approve all substitutions and any substitute player must be already entered into the tournament before the closing date.

21.8. The seedings will be awarded by a panel appointed by Badminton New Zealand.

21.8.1. The seedings will be guided by the New Zealand National Rankings in the Masters category at the date of entries closing.

21.8.2. In the case of a combined event (under clause 11), the Event Director may alter the seeding of entries as required, with the aim of playing matches within the original age group/division prior to any other matches.

21.9. The draws will be made by Badminton New Zealand on or before Monday 7 September 2026 and will be published on Tournament Software.

21.10. The schedule will be published by Wednesday 9 September 2026.

22. General

22.1. All players enter at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during the event.

22.2. Competitors must abide by all decisions of the Event Director and Referee and comply with all directions given.

22.3. The Referee may default players not available when required to play.

22.4. Trophies and prizes will be presented at the conclusion of each session of play.

22.5. Alcohol may only be consumed in specified areas and in accordance with the conditions of the liquor license.

22.6. Badminton New Zealand will provide players with a full refund of their entry fee if the Championships are suspended, postponed or cancelled, however will not consider financial reimbursement of any other costs related to the Championships.

22.7. Badminton New Zealand reserves the rights to disqualify any player from the Championships who are deemed to have disregarded any reasonable instruction related to the Badminton New Zealand COVID-19 response.

Submitting an entry represents your giving consent in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993 to the collection of the above details by Badminton New Zealand for the purpose of entering this tournament. 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. Such photographs or video recordings may be retained for their own use, distributed to any other party, displayed during the event or any time thereafter, in any form whatsoever, provided that no such photographs or video recordings shall be used or retained for any illegal, immoral or unseemly use or purpose.