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27 - 30 SEPTEMBER
2026

NEW ZEALAND U13 & U17 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

VENUE	Auckland Badminton 99 Gillies Ave Epsom, Auckland									
CONTACT DETAILS	Alec Huang (Event Director) Alec@badminton.org.nz 022 150 2369 Lisa Connell (Head Referee) lisamaynz@gmail.com 021 315 322 Linda White (Referee) whiterere1@gmail.com 027 264 8660									
TIMES OF PLAY	<table><tr><td>Sun 27 Sept</td><td>9am – All Events (U17s only)</td></tr><tr><td>Mon 28 Sept</td><td>9am – All Events (U13s and U17s)</td></tr><tr><td>Tue 29 Sept</td><td>9am – All Events (incl. Semi-Finals and U17 Finals)</td></tr><tr><td>Wed 30 Sept</td><td>9am – All Events (Semi-Finals and Finals)</td></tr></table> <i>U17 Finals, consisting of players competing in the North Harbour International, may be played on Tuesday, 29th Sept.</i> <i>The schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the referees and event director based on final entries.</i>		Sun 27 Sept	9am – All Events (U17s only)	Mon 28 Sept	9am – All Events (U13s and U17s)	Tue 29 Sept	9am – All Events (incl. Semi-Finals and U17 Finals)	Wed 30 Sept	9am – All Events (Semi-Finals and Finals)
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ONLINE ENTRY

All entries must be submitted online and paid for at the following link: <https://badminton.org.nz/event/nz-u13-u17-championships-2026/>

Entries close **Wed 9 September 2026 at 11:59pm**

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 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." **Additionally**, a player must have resided continuously in New Zealand for a minimum of six months **prior to the close of entries, unless an exemption is granted by Badminton New Zealand.** Badminton New Zealand may request documentation to confirm this status.
3. Players who have been granted eligibility by Badminton New Zealand to play in a New Zealand Inter-Association team as a New Zealand player are also eligible to compete in the competition.
4. All players must meet the following age requirements to be eligible to compete in the respective age group:
 - 4.1. Under 13s must be born between 2014 and 2016.
 - 4.2. Under 17s must be born between 2010 and 2013.
5. Any person coaching during a match, including intervals, must meet the requirements of the Badminton New Zealand Accredited Coaches policy. Any person not meeting these criteria who refuses the request of the referees or

event director to stop coaching may be referred to the Badminton New Zealand disciplinary panel.

6. The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton adopted by the Badminton World Federation (BWF). This event will be played using the Alternative Service Law 9.1.6.
 - 6.1. 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 server's bottom rib.
 - 6.2. 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. Players will be required to umpire or line judge at the discretion of the referees or event director. There is an Umpire of the Championships to be determined by the referees.
8. Clothing
 - 8.1. All players must wear regulation badminton attire as per Badminton New Zealand Approved Clothing regulations: <https://badminton.org.nz/b/uK>.
 - 8.2. Doubles partners are encouraged to wear the same colour clothing.
 - 8.3. Non-marking shoes must be worn.
 - 8.4. A player who wears a shirt that displays a name, club, association, or country must display their own name and the club, association, or country they represent. Playing shirts displaying a country other than New Zealand are not permissible.
 - 8.5. Event shirts produced and sold by Badminton New Zealand are permitted to be worn.
9. RSL Gold Shuttles will be used.
10. All Championship matches shall be the best of 3 games to 21 points with extension.
11. Division 2 and 3 will be offered in all events, subject to minimum entries.
 - 11.1. Players who do not win their first Championship match will progress to Division 3.
 - 11.2. Players who do not win their second Championship match will progress to Division 2.

- 11.3. The draw and scoring format for Division 2 and Division 3 matches will be decided at the discretion of Badminton New Zealand. If a player defaults, withdraws or retires (does not complete) in any Championship match, they are not eligible for Division 2 or Division 3.
12. The referee's decision on all questions as to the Rules of Play and the Laws of Badminton will be final.
13. Entries
- 13.1. Entries are online only at <https://badminton.org.nz/event/nz-u13-u17-championships-2026/> Phone, text, email or hand-written entries will not be accepted.
- 13.2. Entries close **Wed 9 September 2026 at 11:59pm**. No late entries will be accepted.
- 13.3. Only entries for which an entry fee has been paid can be accepted. Entry fees must be paid via PayPal at time of entering.
- 13.4. A doubles entry is not confirmed until an entry and the entry fees are received from both players (this excludes "partner required" entries).
- 13.5. A confirmed list of entries will be published on **Friday 11 September 2026**.
14. Withdrawals
- 14.1. Notification of withdrawal(s) with reason must be given immediately to the Event Director by email. If withdrawal arises after players have arrived at the venue, notification of withdrawal must be made in person to the Referee.
- 14.2. 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. No refunds will be given for withdrawals once the draw is published.
- 14.3. There will be no replacements in singles. Replacements in doubles and mixed doubles events after the draw is published may be allowed only with the approval of the Referee. Replacement players can only be sought from players already entered in the tournament. Only one player in each pair can be replaced. 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.

The following withdrawal criteria are applicable in all events draws with eight (8) or more entries:

- 14.4. 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.
- 14.5. 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.
- 14.6. **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.

15. Seeding and Draw

- 15.1. The draw will be made on **Friday 11 September 2026** by Badminton New Zealand. The seedings will be from the New Zealand Under 13 and Under 17 National Rankings respectively as at Tue 8 September 2026. The Badminton New Zealand seeding policy will apply to this event.
- 15.2. Badminton New Zealand will make the draw in accordance with the Competition Rules of the BWF.
- 15.3. The draw will be published on **Tuesday 15 September 2026** and will be available on <https://badminton.org.nz/event/nz-u13-u17-championships-2026/>
- 15.4. The schedule will be available by **Friday 18 September 2026**.

16. Doping Control

- 16.1. Badminton New Zealand works in partnership with the Sport Integrity Commission to promote and manage compliance with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules maintained by the Sport Integrity Commission, and any amendments to or replacements of those Rules.

16.2. Doping control in badminton is conducted out-of-competition and in-competition with the collection of urine and/or blood samples and may be undertaken at this event.

16.3. For more information about anti-doping, please visit the Sport Integrity Commission website: <https://sportintegrity.nz/integrity/anti-doping>.

17. Media

17.1. 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 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."

17.2. Matches in this event may be live-streamed.

18. General

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

18.2. Matches may be called up to 10 minutes ahead of the stated time on the playing schedule.

18.3. Players will be entitled to a 20-minute rest period between Championship matches. For Division 2 and Division 3 matches, the organisers will endeavour to provide rest periods, but these are not guaranteed.

18.4. The referees may default players not available when required to play.

18.5. Trophies will be awarded to the Winner and Runner-Up in all Championship events.

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

18.7. Submitting an entry represents your giving consent in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993 to the collection of your personal information by Badminton New Zealand for the purpose of entering this tournament. Your right to access and correct any information is acknowledged.