



BADMINTON
NEW ZEALAND

UNDER 19

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

WELLINGTON NORTH

16 – 18 JULY

2026

NEW ZEALAND U19 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

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| VENUE | Wellington North Badminton Taylor Park, 24 Tawa Street, Tawa, Wellington | | | | | | |
| CONTACT DETAILS | <p>James Veitch (Event Director) James@badminton.org.nz 020 4097 0530</p> <p>Richard Skarott (Referee) skarottrj@hotmail.com 021 664823</p> | | | | | | |
| TIMES OF PLAY | <p>Thursday 16 July 9am* – All Events Friday 17 July 9am – All Events Saturday 18 July 9am – Finals</p> <p><i>*The exact start time will be decided after close of entries.</i></p> <p><i>The schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the referee and event director based on final entries.</i></p> | | | | | | |
| ENTRY FEES | <table data-bbox="534 1368 949 1473"> <tr> <td>One Event</td> <td>\$70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Two Events</td> <td>\$100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Three Events</td> <td>\$130</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Entry fees must be paid via PayPal at the time of entering.</i></p> | One Event | \$70 | Two Events | \$100 | Three Events | \$130 |
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| ONLINE ENTRY | <p>All entries must be submitted online and paid for at the following link: https://badminton.org.nz/event/new-zealand-u19-national-championships-2026/</p> <p>Entries close Wednesday 1 July 2026 at 11:59pm</p> | | | | | | |

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. 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. 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 19s must be born between 2008 and 2011.
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 referee or tournament 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 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.
 - 6.2. 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.
7. Players will be required to umpire or line judge at the discretion of the Referee or Event Director. There is an Umpire of the Championships to be determined by the Referee.
8. Clothing
 - 8.1. All players must wear regulation badminton attire as per Badminton New Zealand Approved [Clothing regulations](#).
 - 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, speed 78, 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 in that event.
 - 11.4. Players in the New Zealand Under 19 National Squad who lose in the main draw will be eliminated from the event and are not eligible to play in Division 2 or Division 3. This does not apply to doubles pairings where only one player is in the New Zealand U19 National Squad.
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/new-zealand-u19-national-championships-2026/>. Phone, fax, text, e-mail or hand-written entries will not be accepted.
 - 13.2. Entries close **Wednesday 1 July 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 by **Friday 3 July 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.

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

14.4.1. 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.

14.4.2. 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.

14.4.3. **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 3 July 2026** by Badminton New Zealand. The seedings will be from the New Zealand Under 19 National Rankings respectively as of **Tuesday 30 June 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 7 July 2026** and will be available on <https://badminton.org.nz/event/new-zealand-u19-national-championships-2026/>

15.4. The schedule will be available by **Friday 10 July 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 Championships matches. For Division 2 and Division 3 matches, the organisers will endeavour to provide rest periods, but these are not guaranteed.

18.4. The Referee 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 Referee and comply with all the directions given.

18.7. 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.