



FINALS

AUCKLAND

11-13 September

NZ TOUR FINALS 2026

VENUE	Auckland Badminton Stadium 99 Gillies Ave, Epsom Auckland					
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TIMES OF PLAY	Friday 11 September 9am – All Events – Group Stage Saturday 12 September 9am – All Events – Group Stage 					

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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 and in good standing with an Association affiliated with Badminton New Zealand.
2. The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton adopted by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) and the BWF Competition Regulations, including the Alternate Service rule 9.1.6 *"The whole of the 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, and; the shaft and racket head of the server's racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction."*
3. All matches shall be the best of three games to 21 points with extension as per the current BWF scoring.
4. **Players must be born in 2011 or earlier.**
5. Clothing
 - a. All players must wear regulation badminton attire as per Badminton New Zealand Approved Clothing regulations.
 - b. Badminton New Zealand will issue a fine of \$30 including GST to players for each violation of the clothing code as reported by the event referee.
 - c. Doubles partners must wear shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) of the same colour and similar design throughout each match.
 - d. Opposing players/pairs must wear significantly different colours, with the player/pair ranked lower in the NZ Tour Ranking list required to change if there is a clash.
 - e. Non-marking shoes must be worn.

- f. A named playing shirt, if worn, must include the player's own name and/or the Association / Club that they represent or "New Zealand". Other named playing shirts are not permitted.
- 6. RSL Black Shuttles will be used.
- 7. There will be no plates in any events.
- 8. The Referees decision on all questions as to the Rules of Play and the Laws of Badminton will be final.
- 9. Entries
 - a. Entries are online only at: <https://badminton.org.nz/event/nz-tour-finals-2026/>
 - b. Phone, fax, text, email or hand-written entries will not be accepted.
 - c. Entries close Monday 31 August at 11:59pm. No late entries will be accepted.
 - d. A doubles entry is not confirmed until an entry is received from both players.
 - e. A maximum of 8 entries will be accepted in each event, with entries accepted in ranking order based on a player/pair's ranking in the NZ Tour Ranking as at the close of entries. Additional entries received will be held on a reserve list.
 - f. Where two or more players/pairs have an equal amount of points on the NZ Tour Ranking, their ranking shall be determined by drawing lots.
 - g. A confirmed list of entries will be published on <https://badminton.org.nz/event/nz-tour-finals-2026/> by Tuesday 1 September 2026.
- 10. Seeding and Draw
 - a. The draw will be made on Tuesday 1 September 2026 by Badminton New Zealand.
 - b. The seedings will be from the NZ Tour Ranking list as at the close of entries.
 - c. Each event shall consist of a group stage (2 groups of 4 players/pairs) followed by an elimination stage, featuring the top 2 players/pairs from each group.

- d. Rankings within a group shall be determined according to the BWF Competition Regulations.
- e. The groups shall be formed as follows:
 - i. Group A
 - 1. Seed 1
 - 2. Seed 3/4
 - 3. Seed 5/8
 - 4. Seed 5/8
 - ii. Group B
 - 1. Seed 2
 - 2. Seed 3/4
 - 3. Seed 5/8
 - 4. Seed 5/8
- f. The draw will be published on Friday 4 September 2026 and will be available on: <https://badminton.org.nz/event/nz-tour-finals-2026/>
- g. The schedule will be available by Monday 7 September 2026.

11. Withdrawals

- a. 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. A player may withdraw from individual events without being required to withdraw from all events.
- b. There will be no replacements in any event.
- c. In the event of a withdrawal, the Event Director may invite players/pairs from the reserve list to replace the withdrawn players/pairs.
- d. At the time of the withdrawal:
 - i. If the draw has been published, then any replacement player/pair will take the place of the withdrawn player/pair.
 - ii. If the draw has not been published, the seeding positions of all entries including the replacement player/pair shall be adjusted, and a new draw made as per 9.e.

12. Doping Control

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

13. Badminton Integrity

- a. Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code of the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions) relates to anti-corruption, and this code applies to all participants at this tournament.
- b. To protect the integrity of Badminton New Zealand sanctioned tournaments, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on badminton matches, must respect the principle of fair play, and shall not attempt to influence the course or result of a game or match.
- c. For clarification, a participant includes but is not limited to; all players, coaches, technical officials, event staff and volunteers who are connected to the tournament.
- d. Every person has an obligation to report to Badminton New Zealand any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of matches.
- e. For more information, please visit the BWF website:
<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/>

14. Media

- a. 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 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."

- b. Matches in this event may be live-streamed.
- c. Players must make themselves available for up to 30 minutes of media engagement, as requested, during the event. This may include photographs, interviews and any other reasonable requests of the organisers.

15. General

- a. All players enter at their own risk; no responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during the tournament.
- b. Matches may be called up to 10 minutes ahead of the stated time on the playing schedule.
- c. Players are entitled to a minimum of 30 minutes rest between matches.
- d. Players must abide and comply with all directions given by the Event Director and Referee.
- e. The Referee may default players not available when required to play.
- f. Trophies will be awarded to the Winner and Runners-Up in all events.
- g. The prize money won by any player with debt to Badminton New Zealand will first be allocated to clear that debt before any remaining balance is paid to the player.
- h. Submitting an entry represents your giving consent in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993 to the collection of your details by Badminton New Zealand for the purpose of entering this tournament. Your right to access and correct any information is acknowledged.