



Taranaki U15 Open 2026

Badminton NZ Tier 9/Group B1 Event

Venue	Star Gymnasium, 39 Tukapa Street, Westown, New Plymouth
Events	BS, GS, BD, GD, XD
Dates	Sat 23 rd May - play starts 9am (BS, GS, BD, GD, XD) Sun 24 th May - play starts 9am (All events)
Entry	Weblink(attached here) There will be a limit to 50 entries for this tournament.
Fees/Payment	One Event - \$55 Two Events - \$80 Three Events - \$100 Taranaki Badminton Account number: 15-3948-0266798-02 If using internet banking, please use name as the reference.
Deadline	Wed 13 May at 11:59pm Payments must be received and showing on Taranaki Badminton account on the 13 May for entries to be accepted.
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Conditions of Entry

1. All events are open only to members of Associations affiliated to Badminton NZ and the BWF.
2. The Rules of play shall be those of the BWF. This event will be played using the Alternative Service Law 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. The Referee or Tournament Controller shall decide all questions regarding Rules of the game.
3. Any player entering must be a member of an association affiliated with Badminton New Zealand or the Badminton World Federation. All players must be in good standing with their member association and Badminton New Zealand
4. This event will be played as a knockout, unless the number of entries dictates that it be played as a round robin. The decision to play round robin matches is at the discretion of the Tournament Controller.
5. Open matches shall be the best of three games to 21 as per the BWF regulations. Round robin scoring will also follow BWF regulations if round robin matches are held.
6. Seeding as per latest U15 National Rankings as at close of entries.
7. Players entering the U15 age group in 2026 will be born between 2012 and 2015, i.e. Under 15 as at 31/12/2026
8. Competitors must act as Umpires and Linesmen when called upon to do so.
9. Feather shuttles will be used in all events.
10. The Tournament committee reserves the right to:
 - a) Amend the hours of play.
 - b) Cancel any event for which there are less than 8 entries.
 - c) Default any players not present when called for.
11. All players must wear regulation badminton attire as per the BNZ Approved Clothing Regulations. Non-marking shoes must be worn.
12. Play will commence at 9:00am on Saturday and 9:00am on Sunday.
13. Plate events will be dependent on entries and time. The Tournament Controller will make the decision for each event. Players losing their first match played will be automatically entered into the plate. Please let the Tournament controller know if you do not wish to enter the plate.
14. All players enter at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury suffered during the tournament.
15. Players withdrawing after entries have closed will not be eligible for a refund unless a medical certificate is submitted at the time of withdrawal. A \$10.00 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds. A player may withdraw from one event without being required to withdraw from all events.

16. 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.
17. Substitution: 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.
18. A doubles entry is not confirmed until an entry and the entry fees are paid by the closing date, by both players. (This excludes “partner required” entries.)
19. Replacements in doubles and mixed doubles events after the draw is published may be allowed only with the approval of the tournament organiser or Referee. Replacement players can only be sought from players already entered in the tournament.
20. Only online entries will be accepted. Online entry is available on the BNZ website listed under Events at www.badminton.org.nz . Payment for entries is to be made directly to our bank account 15-3948-0266798-02, using the player name and number as reference no later or on 13 May at 11.59pm Payments must be received and showing on Taranaki Badminton account on the 13 May for entries to be accepted.
21. The entry fee includes the Badminton NZ player levy of \$17.00.
22. Draw and schedule will be published on Wed 20 May and available on the tournament software website.
23. 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 at any time thereafter, in any form whatsoever (including but not limited to: promotional displays of the organisers and/or the 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.
24. Players are not permitted on the courts between matches unless they are warming up for the next scheduled match on that court.
25. All players must report to the Tournament Controller on arrival and before leaving the hall for any reason before the end of the day’s play.
26. By entering the Taranaki U15 Open 2026, players give their consent under the Privacy Act 1993 to the collection of personal details by Taranaki Badminton Association and for it to retain, use and disclose these to Badminton NZ. We acknowledge players right to access and correct any information held.

27. Any person coaching during a match, including intervals, must meet the requirements of the Badminton New Zealand Accredited Coaches Policy.
28. COACHING REGULATIONS
 - a) U15 event: Any person coaching during a match, including intervals, must meet the requirements of the Badminton New Zealand Accredited Coaches policy.
 - b) Coaching is not permitted between points, but coaching is permitted at intervals (e.g. at 11 points and between games). Any person coaching must meet the requirements of the Badminton New Zealand Accredited Coaches policy. Any person coaching during a match who refuses the request of the referee or tournament director to stop coaching may be referred to the Badminton New Zealand disciplinary panel.