



Thames Valley U17 Open

22nd/23rd August 2026



Badminton New Zealand Tier 9 [Group B1] Event

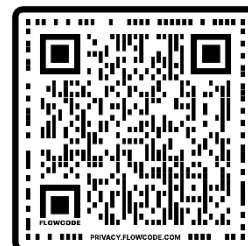
Venue: Morrinsville Events Centre, Ron Ladd Place, Morrinsville.

Online Entry only, via: <https://badminton.org.nz/event/thames-valley-u17-open-2026/>

Entries open: Friday 10th July

Entries close: Wednesday 12th August 11.59pm

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Entry Fees:

	ONE EVENT	TWO EVENTS	THREE EVENTS
Standard Rate	\$40.00 (includes BNZ Player Levy)	\$70.00	\$90.00
Discounted Rate (BTV Affiliated Players Only)	\$30.00 (includes BNZ Player Levy)	\$60.00	\$80.00

- Entry fees are to be paid via internet banking separate to the online entry. Entries will not be accepted into the draws until payment is made and received.
- Badminton Thames Valley Account - 03-1572-0036353-000
- Please use U17 & player name as reference.

Prize Pool:

- Total Prize Pool for this event is \$500.

Tournament Organisers:

- Jeremy Rout - 021901753 / Melissa Miers – 0273858145.
- Email: president.tvba@gmail.com

Events Played & When:

- Under 17 Boys Singles, Under 17 Girls Singles, Under 17 Boys Doubles, Under 17 Girls Doubles, Under 17 Mixed Doubles
- Saturday (9am start):
 - All Singles events & Mixed Doubles events (including finals & plate events, if required)
- Sunday (9am start):
 - All Doubles events (including finals & plate events, if required)
- Plate Events
 - Will be played pending the number of entries. Plate rounds will not be played if events are played with a boxed round robin qualifying format.



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

General

1. It is expected that players will have read and are familiar with the 'Conditions of Entry and Play' prior to submitting an entry.
2. Players entering must be a member of, and in good standing, with an Association affiliated to Badminton New Zealand.
3. The rules of play shall be those of the Badminton World Federation unless otherwise stated.
4. The BWF scoring system will be used.
5. All players will be entitled to a minimum of 15 minutes break between main draw matches.
6. This event will be played using the Alternative Service Law 9.1.6. a) 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 around the body, level with the lowest part of the server's bottom rib; b) 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. All questions as to rules shall be resolved by the appointed Tournament Official.
8. BWF approved shuttles will be used. RSL BNZ Gold Shuttles.
9. The tournament will be seeded using the most recent national rankings available (in the U17 Age category) as at the closing date 12th August 2026
10. The draw and schedule will be published **by 11.59pm Wednesday 19th August 2026**, on the Badminton New Zealand website.
11. The Tournament Committee and/or Referee reserve the right to:
 - a. Cancel any event due to Covid-19 related restrictions, insufficient entries, or if time does not permit a full competition to be played.
 - b. Change the scoring of plate events if time constraints require.
 - c. Default a player who is not available to play at the scheduled time.
12. Coaching Regulations:
 - a. 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.

Player Requirements

13. Players entering the Under 17 age group in 2026 will be born between 2010 and 2013.
14. Competitors must obtain permission to leave the hall.
15. Players may be defaulted if they are not on court ready to play within 5 minutes of being called. Note: Players may be called upon up to 10 minutes ahead of the scheduled time.
16. Players must wear regulation badminton clothing as per the BNZ Approved Clothing regulations.
17. All players must act as umpires or line judges when requested. Failure to do so may result in the player being defaulted.
18. Players compete at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during the tournament.
19. Following one warning for misconduct, the appointed Tournament Official shall have the authority to disqualify a player from further play if there is a repeat of misconduct.

Entry Details

20. Entry can only be made online and must be received no later than **11.59pm on Wednesday 12th August**. Online entry is available via: <https://badminton.org.nz/event/thames-valley-u17-open-2026/> or www.sporty.co.nz/tvbadminton
21. A doubles entry is not confirmed until the entry and the entry fee of both players is received (except for 'partner required' entries) prior to closing date. It is not the responsibility of Badminton Thames Valley to follow up entries from nominated, but un-entered partners.
22. Players withdrawing after entries have closed will receive a refund of entry fees, less a \$25 administration fee, only on the submission of a medical certificate. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after the tournament has commenced.
23. 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.
24. 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.
 - a. 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.
25. There will be no replacements in Singles events.
26. Substitution is only allowed in the doubles events from players already entered in the tournament and with the approval of the Referee.
27. Only one Player in each pair in the draw can be substituted.
28. 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.
29. Depending on entry numbers per event, each discipline will be played as:
 - a. A knockout main event with plate rounds for those knocked out in their first match.
 - b. Or will be played in a boxed round robin qualifying format with top qualifiers entered into the knockout main event. There will be no plate rounds if played in this format.
30. Plate entry is automatic for the losers of their first match. Players wishing to withdraw must advise the Tournament Official immediately after their first match loss. If a player defaults, withdraws or retires (does not complete) their first match, they are not eligible for the plate.
31. A compulsory BNZ player levy of \$17 is payable by all players (included in entry fee).
32. 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 limiting 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 user or purpose.

COVID-19

33. Badminton Thames Valley will follow the COVID-19 requirements as advised by the New Zealand Government, Ministry of Health and Sport New Zealand throughout this tournament. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to: contact tracing, physical distancing, face coverings and personal hygiene.
34. Badminton Thames Valley reserves the rights to suspend, postpone or cancel the tournament in line with these requirements.
35. If a player returns a positive test result for COVID-19, is awaiting on a test result or in self-isolation after the close of entries, this player shall be withdrawn from the tournament unless subsequently cleared by a medical professional. The player shall be entitled to a refund of entry fees (minus admin fee as stated in clause 26), and their partners shall receive a refund for the affected events if a suitable substitute is not available.
36. Badminton Thames Valley will provide players with a full refund of their entry fee if the tournament is suspended or canceled, however will not consider financial reimbursement of any other costs related to the tournament.
37. If the event is postponed Badminton Thames Valley will automatically transfer each participants entry and entry fee to the new date. If a player wants to withdraw their entry, they may do so following standard withdrawal processes online before the new closing date.
38. Badminton Thames Valley reserves the rights to disqualify any player from the tournament who are deemed to have disregarded any reasonable instruction related to the Badminton Thames Valley COVID-19 response. This includes but is not limited to: wearing of masks, contact tracing and social distancing. Further guidance is at: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>