



BADMINTON MANAWATŪ

Manawatū u17 Open 2026

Badminton NZ Tier 9 Event

Venue B&M Centre, CET Arena 4, 61 Pascal St., Palmerston North

Events BS, GS, BD, GD, XD events (sanctioned)
Plate events (non-sanctioned)

Dates Sat 16 May - play starts 9am (BS, GS, BD, GD events)
Sun 17 May - play starts 9am (All events)

Entry <https://badminton.org.nz/event/manawatu-u13-u17-open-2026/>

Fees One Event - \$50
Two Events - \$75
Three Events - \$95

Prize Money u17 Total prize pot - \$500

Entry Closes Fri 8 May at 11:59pm

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Conditions of Entry

1. All events are open only to members of Associations affiliated to Badminton NZ and the BWF. 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.
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. 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.
4. 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.
5. Seeding as per latest u17 National Rankings as at close of entries.
6. For u17 events competitors must be born between 01/01/2010 and 31/12/2013 (inclusive).
7. Competitors must act as Umpires and Linesmen when called upon to do so.
8. Feather shuttles will be used in all events.
9. 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.
10. All players must wear regulation badminton attire as per the BNZ Approved Clothing Regulations. Non-marking shoes must be worn.
11. Play will commence at 9:00am on Saturday and 9:00am on Sunday.
12. 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.
13. All players enter at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury suffered during the tournament.
14. The close of entries is Friday 8 May at 11:59pm. Late entries will not be accepted.
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.
16. A player may withdraw from one event without being required to withdraw from all events.
17. The following withdrawal criteria are applicable in all sanctioned event draws with eight (8) or more entries:
 - a) 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 events.

b) 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.

c) ***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.

18. A doubles entry is not confirmed until the entry and the entry fee of both players is received (this excludes “partner required” entries) prior to the closing date.
19. Substitution is only allowed in the doubles events from players already entered in the tournament and must be approved by the Referee. 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 group, the position shall be drawn by lot between the positions of the original pairs.
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 06-0996-0833204 -00, using the player name and number as reference.
21. The entry fee includes the Badminton NZ player levy of \$17.00.
22. Draw and schedule will be published on Wednesday 13 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 inform the control desk before leaving the hall for any reason before the end of the day’s play.
26. By entering the Manawatū u17 Open 2026, players give their consent under the Privacy Act 1993 to the collection of personal details by Manawatū 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. Prize money will be distributed as per the table below:

per pair	Boys Singles	Girls Singles	Boys Doubles	Girls Doubles*	Mixed Doubles*
Champion	\$60	\$60	\$80	\$80	\$80
Runner-up	\$25	\$25	\$30	\$30	\$30
Total prize money: \$500					

- a) Prize money will be paid in cash at the conclusion of the tournament.

28. Badminton Manawatū reserve the right to adjust the prize money offered subject to receiving a minimum of 40 unique player entries for the Manawatū u17 Open 2026.
29. 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.