



EVENT CRITERIA 2026

INFORMATION

These criteria apply to NZ Tour events, in addition to the published Sanctioned Event criteria. Where there is a conflict, the NZ Tour criteria will be applied.

TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of \$2,000 total prize money
- Schedule:
 - Minimum of 2.5 days (e.g. all weekend plus Friday night).
 - Only Semi-Finals and Finals in the main draw can be played on the last day.
 - 30-min rest period following matches in main-draw events.
 - All matches scheduled to time.
- Technical officials:
 - Referee on-site during the event.
 - Local trainee referee on-site during the event *.
 - All main-draw matches umpired *^.
 - Service judge and two line judges per match from semi-finals onwards.
- Produce 20+ quality photos of the event, and at least three social media posts.

* Badminton New Zealand may agree to waive these requirements, if provided with a suitable alternative plan by the host (to be recorded in the MOU).

^ Umpires should be New Zealand Accredited Umpires or higher. Trainee umpires who have completed the theory course and have some practical experience within the last 12 months may be used provided the referee is informed of these umpires.

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

The New Zealand Technical Official Committee will recommend the appointment of a referee and two umpires for each event. Badminton New Zealand will then work with the host association to either confirm the recommendation or approve the appointment of technical officials of the host's choice.

The host will be responsible for meeting the following costs of the appointed officials:

- Referee (1) – travel, accommodation, all meals, and \$50/day allowance.
- Umpires (2) – travel, accommodation, and meals on-site.

Additional umpires will be required to fulfil the Tour criteria. The host may offer support to these umpires (e.g. accommodation, travel) at their discretion.

Note: An objective of the tour is to increase the quantity and quality of technical officials around the country. As such, the appointment of technical officials to the event will be on the basis of providing support and mentoring to other technical officials at the event. As per the MOU, part of Badminton New Zealand's financial support of Tour events is tagged to this objective.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The conditions of entry must meet all requirements of a sanctioned event. For NZ Tour events, include the following additional/enhanced items:

- NZ Tour / Host Association lockup logo.
- NZ Tour / National Rankings tier level:
 - Tier 14 – North Island Championships.
 - Tier 13 – Group A NZ Tour (Auckland Region and Waikato).
 - Tier 10 – Group B1 NZ Tour (Rest of North Island and Canterbury).
- That seeding will be completed using the latest Badminton New Zealand National Rankings available at the date of entries closing.

- Total prize money on offer, and a prize money distribution table (in dollar amounts).

per pair	Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles*	Mixed Doubles*
Champion	10.0%	10.0%	13.3%	13.3%	13.3%
Runner-Up	3.5%	3.5%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Semi-Finalist	1.5%	1.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%

- o Any special conditions regarding prize money, e.g. a minimum of 8 entries to award Semi-finalist prize money.
 - o Where prize money is not awarded due to a minimum entry not being reached, that prize money shall be reallocated proportionately across all other events. Entry number relates to the number of players/pairs in the draw.
- The following clauses to be included:
 - o *Player points will be awarded in both the New Zealand National Rankings and the NZ Tour Rankings. For NZ Tour Rankings, points are awarded per pair for doubles and mixed doubles – players are recommended to compete with the same partner in each tour event to avoid splitting their points.*
 - o *Drug testing may be conducted at this event.*

TOURNAMENT PLANNER

All sanctioned events must use Tournament Planner software, operating under the Host Association's own license.

- Tournament Properties:
 - o Info – ensure you have selected the *Tournament Type* that matches the tier level of your event
 - o Draws – a minimum of 30 minutes break after match

The screenshot shows a software window with several tabs: 'Times', 'Locations/Courts', 'Round Robins', 'Scheduling', 'Score', and 'Officials'. The 'Round Robins' tab is active. It contains the following settings:

- Show round numbers in round robins
- Balance home and away in round robins
- 30 minutes break after match (with up/down arrows next to the number)
- Mixed Doubles Order:
 - Unchanged
 - Women First
 - Men First

Thank you for being part of the NZ Tour in 2026. We look forward to hearing your feedback as we move forward to strengthen and improve the NZ Tour.