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NORTH HARBOUR

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

A BWF GRADE 3 INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

1 - 5 OCTOBER 2025

HARCOURTS COOPER & CO
BADMINTON NORTH HARBOUR CENTRE

47 BOND CRESCENT, FORREST HILL, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

1. General Details

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| Host Member | Badminton North Harbour Website: www.bnh.org.nz |
| Tournament Director | Lisa Schmidt |
| Sanctioned by | Badminton World Federation and Badminton Oceania |
| Tournament Date | 1 – 5 October 2025 |
| Competition Venue | HARCOURTS COOPER & CO Badminton North Harbour, Auckland, New Zealand |
| Referees | <p>Referee: Eugene Glazman (AUS) Email: euglazman@gmail.com Phone: +61 415 620499</p> <p>Deputy Referee: Julie Carrel (NZL) Email: julie.carrel.nz@gmail.com Phone: +64 21 760 327</p> |
| Contact Details | <p>Tournament Director: Lisa Schmidt Email: lisa@bnh.org.nz Phone: +64 21 477794</p> |
| Insurance coverage | Players and all members of the national delegation shall hold valid insurance for damages of any nature caused to third parties. Such insurance shall cover bodily injury, including medical and hospitalisation expenses incurred in the host country, as well as all expenses and costs associated to repatriating the injured party to its country of residence. |
| Indemnity | To the extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release the BWF, Badminton Oceania, the Tournament Organiser, and their respective officers, officials, employees, agents and representatives, from any and all liability, damage, loss, cost or expense that such players and members of the national delegation may incur as a result or in connection with their participation to the Tournament. |
| Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos | Players and all members of the national delegation shall agree to give the BWF, Badminton Oceania and the Tournament Organiser full picture rights, including permission to film players and members of the national delegation during all matches and activities around the Tournament, for any commercial, news or other purpose together with the right to transfer such right, including without compensation. |

2. Entry Details

| Regulations (Conditions of Play) | <p>This tournament will be conducted in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes and General Competition Regulations (GCRs) and the Badminton Oceania Grade 3 Tournament Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.</p> <p>Clothing and advertising are in accordance with the BWF General Competition Regulations (sections 20-24). The name of the player is MANDATORY on the back of all the players’ shirts. The country name is optional, however if it is on the shirt, it must comply with BWF regulations. Quarterfinals onwards GCR 21 regarding clothing colour will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In Singles matches opposing players must wear significantly different coloured clothing• In doubles matches both players must wear the same colour clothing and opposing pairs must wear significantly different coloured clothing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Scoring | Best of three games to 21 points, as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statute 4.1) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Draw | <p>The draw will be made Tuesday 23 September 2025.</p> <p>After the draw has been made, no alterations or substitutions are permitted except for the moving of entries in the main draw to fill positions of seeds who withdraw prior to the end of the team managers meeting as per BWF General Competition Regulations Clause 11.3</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Entry Fees | <p>All players are required to pay entry fees.</p> <p>The entry fee for international players is USD\$120.00 The fee for local players is NZD\$100.00 Member Associations will be invoiced on Wednesday 24 September with payment</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

due by Monday 29 September 2025.

Players will not be able to take to the court until their entry fee is paid.

The Member Association that enters a player into the tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player. Entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn by the time when the draw is made. Entry fees are due for all players including any who withdraw once the draw is made. Entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal.

Online Entry – International Entries

Entries for this tournament must be done by the Member Association using the BWF Online. Group Entry system, using the following link:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/396002C7-7CE7-462E-9F34-BCE0E65BA464>

If the Member Association requires a username and password to access the system, please contact the BWF at the following email address: technicalevents@bwf.sport

The entry deadline is **Tuesday 2 September 2025** at 23:59, BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 hrs GMT). Late entries will not be accepted.

New Zealand players to enter individually at <https://badminton.org.nz/event/north-harbour-international-2025/> submitting their entry and entry fee **by Tuesday 26 August 2025** at 23:59 local time.

After the entry deadline, the BWF Online Group Entry System will send notification to all participating Member Associations confirming receipt of final entries. Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline.

Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by Wednesday 3 September 2025 at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time.

If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday 4 September 2025 at 23:59 hrs BWF Headquarters time, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections will be entertained after this point.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals will be managed according to the BWF GCR 13 & 14 regulations. Withdrawals after **Monday 22 September 2025** shall automatically attract withdrawal fees as per BWF regulations.

Withdrawals until this date must be initiated through the online entry system by logging onto the tournament link used for lodging the entry.

Withdrawals after that date must be informed by email to all people as listed:

Tournament Director: Lisa Schmidt: lisa@bnh.org.nz

Referee: Eugene Glazman: euglazman@gmail.com

Deputy Referee: Julie Carrel: julie.carrel.nz@gmail.com

After the player/s arrive at the venue, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager and/or player to the Referee in person.

3. Tournament Details

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| Prize Money | Prize money will be paid in USD at the tournament directly to players. | | | | | |
| | | WINNER | RUNNER-UP | SEMIFINALIST | QUARTER FINALIST | |
| | Singles | \$1,400 | \$840 | \$350 | \$140 | |
| | Doubles - per pair | \$1,400 | \$840 | \$350 | \$140 | |
| Schedule | | | | | | |
| | | Day | Event | Round | Courts | Start |
| | Wednesday 1 October | All events | | Q | 4 | 9am |
| | | MS XD | | 64 32 | 4 | 12pm |
| | Thursday 2 October | MS, WS, MD, WD | | 32 | 4 | 11am |
| | Friday 3 October | All Events | | R16 | 4 | 12pm |
| | Saturday 4 October | All Events | | Quarterfinals | 3 | 10am |
| | | | | Semifinals | 2 | 5pm |
| Sunday 5 October | All events | | Finals | 1 | 11am | |
| Note: The above schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Referee | | | | | | |
| Shuttles | MAXX Super Series BWF approved shuttles will be used, two speeds will be available. | | | | | |
| Practice Facilities | Practice Facility Information: | | | | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: Badminton North Harbour• Number of Courts: 6• Available Monday 29 September & Tuesday 30 September• Booking/Reservation information: To complete Practice Form attached | | | | | |
| | Practice courts will not be available once the tournament begins | | | | | |
| | Competition Courts Information: | | | | | |
| | Practice will be available on Monday 29 September & Tuesday 30 September | | | | | |
| Player Facilities | Practice on the competition courts will be allocated on a fair and equitable basis based on arrival times and number of players per country | | | | | |
| | There is no separate venue for practice courts once the tournament begins, however the competition courts will be available up until 1 hour before the start of play (NB: transport cannot be provided for these practice sessions) | | | | | |
| | Practice Shuttles: | | | | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 shuttlecocks per player will be issued for practice only to players who attend a practice session | | | | | |
| | Stringing Services: | | | | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An on-site stringing service will be provided• Cost: TBC | | | | | |

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| Umpire Briefing | <p>The Umpire Briefing will be held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 30 September • Time: 6pm • Location: Albany Executive Motor Inn |
| Team Managers' Meeting | <p>The Team Managers' Meeting will be held at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 30 September • Time: 4.30pm • Location: Albany Executive Motor Inn <p>It is mandatory for all participating Member Associations (represented by the designated Team Manager) to attend the Team Managers' Meeting. Member Associations will be penalised for failing to attend as per the BOC Grade 3 regulations</p> <p>Member Associations are allowed to request representation by another Member Association, provided that the Tournament Referee is notified in advance and approves.</p> |
| Clothing and Advertising Regulations | <p>Clothing and advertising are in accordance with the BWF General Competition Regulations (sections 19-23). The name of the player is MANDATORY on the back of all the players' shirts. The country name is optional, however if it is on the shirt, it must comply with BWF regulations.</p> <p>Quarter finals onwards GCR 21 regarding clothing colour will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Singles matches opposing players must wear significantly different coloured clothing • In doubles matches both players must wear the same colour clothing and opposing pairs must wear significantly different coloured clothing <p>Players should ensure that they read these regulations and that their clothing complies with these regulations.</p> |
| Presentation Ceremonies | <p>All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday 5 October immediately after the conclusion of each final. Trophies will be presented to all champions and finalists.</p> <p>No equipment, including rackets and flags, is allowed to be brought onto the podium. Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the BWF GCR.</p> |
| Medical Services | <p>First aid and physiotherapist services will be available during the tournament.</p> |
| Anti-Doping | <p>Doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, is conducted out- of-competition and in-competition with the collection of urine and/or blood samples.</p> <p>Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before an athlete takes any medication, they should check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).</p> |

For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website:

<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/>

Badminton Integrity

Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code on The Prevention of The Manipulation of Competitions) relates to anti-corruption and anti-match manipulation, and this code applies to all participants at this tournament.

To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournaments, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on badminton matches, shall respect the principle of fair play, and shall not attempt to influence the course or result of a game or match.

Every person has an obligation to report to the BWF any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of a match(s).

For more information, please refer to BWF's website:

<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/>

Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9

GCR 7.9:

"In making or authorising entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF's regulations and Disciplinary processes."

4. Travel & Visa Details

Transport

Transport will ONLY be provided to players and officials staying at the official tournament accommodation providers – The Albany Executive Motor Lodge.

Transport includes airport pick-up and drop-off, to and from practice and the tournament venue.

Airport transfers will be provided from Auckland International Airport to the Albany Executive Motel upon request. Please complete and submit the flight details form no later than Wednesday 17 September. Requests after this date cannot be accepted. Requests for a refund of taxi charges will not be entertained.

Departure flight details must be confirmed at least two (2) days in advance to the tournament organisers.

Visas

Visa:

If a visa is required to enter New Zealand, please complete the Visa Form and email to lisa@bnh.org.nz. Please ensure you allow sufficient time for the Visa/s to be processed.

Note: all visitors to New Zealand, with the exception of New Zealand and Australian citizens, must apply for either a Visa or a New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA) prior to travelling to New Zealand.

NZeTA – All Visa Waiver countries (excluding Australia) must apply for a NZeTA prior to travelling to New Zealand. Please see the following link for more details.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/nzeta>

Visa – if a Visa is required to enter New Zealand, please complete the Visa form and email to lisa@bnh.org.nz

Badminton North Harbour Association accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications.

5. Accommodation Details

Accommodation

ALBANY EXECUTIVE MOTOR INN

15 Corinthian Drive, Albany, Auckland 0632

www.albanyhotel.co.nz

Ph: +64 9 414 1156



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MOTOR INN

Booking Reference: **NHIN25** (must be used for advertised rates)

info@executivemotorinn.co.nz

Room Rates:

Single Room: NZD\$135.00 – one pax

Twin Room: NZD\$140.00 – two pax

Triple Room: NZD\$160.00 – three pax

Note: These rates exclude breakfast

Key Dates

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| Tuesday 2 September 2025 | Entries Close |
| Tuesday 2 September 2025 | WR date for M & Q |
| Wednesday 3 September 2025 | Last day for visa request forms to be submitted |
| Friday 5 September 2025 | M & Q Published |
| Wednesday 17 September 2025 | Last day for the transport form to be submitted |
| Wednesday 17 September 2025 | Last day for the practice request form to be submitted |
| Monday 22 September 2025 | Last day for withdrawal without penalty |
| Tuesday 23 September 2025 | WR date for seeding |
| Tuesday 23 September 2025 | Seeding released |
| Tuesday 23 September 2025 | Draw |
| Monday 29 September 2025 | Entry fee payment due |
| Tuesday 30 September 2025 | Umpire Briefing |
| Tuesday 30 September 2025 | Team Managers' meeting |