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NORTH HARBOUR INTERNATIONAL

30 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER

2026



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COMPETITION**



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Badminton North Harbour



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1. General Details

Host Member	Badminton North Harbour Website: www.bnh.org.nz
Tournament Director	Lisa Schmidt
Sanctioned by	Badminton World Federation and Badminton Oceania
Tournament Date	30 September – 4 October 2026
Competition Venue	HARCOURTS COOPER & CO Badminton North Harbour 47 Bond Crescent, Forrest Hill, Auckland, New Zealand
Referees	Referee: Simon Lin (NZL) Email: slinsg@hotmail.com Phone: +64 21 170 0688 Deputy Referee: Peter Cocker (AUS) Email: petercwa@iinet.net.au Phone: +61 438 286 238
Contact Details	Tournament Director: Lisa Schmidt Email: lisa@bnh.org.nz Phone: +64 21 477794
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 with repatriating the injured party to its country of residence.
Indemnity	To the fullest 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	By entering the Tournament, Players and all members of the national delegation grant the BWF, Badminton Oceania and the Tournament Organiser full rights to use their images and likenesses in photographs, television footage, and other recordings taken during matches or tournament-related activities. These rights include use for any commercial, news, promotion, or other purpose, together with the right to transfer such right without compensation.

2. Entry Details

Regulations (Conditions of Play)	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. 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: • 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 Players should ensure that they read these regulations and that their clothing complies with these regulations.																								
Scoring	Best of three games to 21 points, as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statute 4.1)																								
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Entry Fees

All players are required to pay entry fees.

The entry fee for all players is USD\$170.00

The entry fee for local players is NZD\$200.00

Member Associations will be invoiced on Wednesday 23 September with payment due by Monday 28 September 2026.

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 Last Date to Withdraw without Penalty. Entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal after the Last Date to Withdraw without Penalty.

Online Entry – International Entries

Entries for this tournament must be made by the Member Association using the BWF

Online. Group Entry system, using the following link:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/1B95960C-1C1B-41E2-B7CF-120E8CA38CE3>

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 1 September 2026** at 23:59, BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 hrs GMT). Late entries will not be accepted.

Online Entry – New Zealand players

New Zealand players to enter individually at

<https://badminton.org.nz/event/maxx-north-harbour-international-2026/>

submitting their entry and entry fee **by Tuesday 25 August 2026** 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 2 September 2026 at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time.

If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday 3 September 2026 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 BWF GCR 13 & 14 regulations. Withdrawals after **Monday 21 September 2026** 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: Simon Lin: slinsq@hotmail.com

Deputy Referee: Peter Cocker: petercwa@iinet.net.au

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

Prize Money	Total prize money is USD20,000. Prize money will be paid to player’s Member Associations within two weeks of the conclusion of the tournament by Badminton Oceania.					
		WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SEMIFINALIST	QUARTER FINALIST	
	Singles	\$1,600	\$960	\$400	\$160	
	Doubles (per pair)	\$1,600	\$960	\$400	\$160	
Schedule		Day	Event	Round	Courts	Start
	Wednesday 30 September		All events	Q	4	9am
			MS	64	4	12pm
			XD	32		
	Thursday 1 October		MS, WS, MD, WD	32	4	11am
	Friday 2 October		All Events	R16	4	12pm
	Saturday 3 October		All Events	Quarterfinals	3	10am
				Semifinals	2	5pm
Sunday 4 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:					
	• Location: Badminton North Harbour • Number of Courts: 6 • Available: Monday 28 September & Tuesday 29 September • Booking/Reservation information: To complete Practice Form attached by Wednesday 16 September					
	Competition Courts Information:					
	• Location: Badminton North Harbour • Number of Courts: 4 • Available: Tuesday 29 September • Booking/Reservation information: To complete Practice Form attached by Wednesday 16 September					
	Practice will be available on Monday 28 September & Tuesday 29 September. 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:						
• 2 shuttlecocks per player will be issued for practice only to players who attend a practice session						

	Stringing Services: • An on-site stringing service will be provided • Cost: NZD\$30.00 own string; NZD\$35.00 shop string
Umpire Briefing	The Umpire Briefing will be held: • Tuesday 29 September • Time: 6pm • Location: Badminton North Harbour, 47 Bond Cres, Forrest Hill
Team Managers' Meeting	The Team Managers' Meeting will be held at the following: • Tuesday 29 September • Time: 4.30pm • Location: Badminton North Harbour, 47 Bond Cres, Forrest Hill 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 Member Associations are allowed to request representation by another Member Association, provided that the Tournament Referee is notified in advance and approves.
Presentation Ceremonies	All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday 4 October immediately after the conclusion of each final. Trophies will be presented to all champions and finalists. 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.
Medical Services	First aid and physiotherapist services will be available during the tournament.
Anti-Doping	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. 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). 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, 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 – Ramada Hotel and Maxim Hotel.

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 Ramada Hotel and the Maxim Hotel upon request. Please complete and submit the flight details form no later than Wednesday 16 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 by Wednesday 2 September and email to lisa@bnh.org.nz. Please ensure you allow sufficient time for the Visa/s to be processed.

[Sports Events Visitor Visa » Immigration New Zealand](#)

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>

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

5. Accommodation Details

Accommodation



MAXIM HOTEL

11 Davies Drive, Albany, Auckland 0632

www.themaximhotel.co.nz

Ph: +64 9 600 6188

Book via this website using the booking code: www.themaximhotel.co.nz

Booking Code: **NHIN26** (must be used for advertised rates & tournament transport)

Use the following email for enquiries: reservations@themaximhotel.co.nz

Room Rates:

Essential Room: NZD\$182.00 (room only) can be twin – indicate when booking

Urban Room: NZD\$192.00 (room only) can be twin – indicate when booking

Buffet breakfast: NZD\$27.00 per person when using the booking code **NHIN26**

RAMADA HOTEL

9 Kaipiho Lane, Albany, Auckland 0632

<https://www.marsdenhotels.co.nz/ramadaalbany>

Ph: +64 9 974 4568

Room Rates:

Studio Apartment: NZD\$189.00 night

One Bedroom: NZD\$209.00/night

Two Bedroom: NZD\$395.00/night

Continental Breakfast available upon request for \$16.00 per person

Booking Code: **MAXX2026** (must be used for advertised rates & tournament transport)

Use the following email for bookings & enquiries: reception@ramadaalbany.co.nz

All accommodation options are being held at the advertised tournament rates until Wednesday 16 September 2026. There is no guarantee of availability after this date.

Key Dates

Tuesday 1 September 2026	Entries Close
Tuesday 1 September 2026	WR date for M & Q
Wednesday 2 September 2026	Last day for visa request forms to be submitted
Friday 4 September 2026	M & Q Published
Wednesday 16 September 2026	Last day for the transport form to be submitted
Wednesday 16 September 2026	Last day for the practice request form to be submitted
Wednesday 16 September 2026	Last day for accommodation bookings
Monday 21 September 2026	Last day for withdrawal without penalty
Tuesday 22 September 2026	WR date for seeding & seeding published
Tuesday 22 September 2026	Draw
Monday 28 September 2026	Entry fee payment due
Tuesday 29 September 2026	Umpire Briefing
Tuesday 29 September 2026	Team Managers' meeting