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WAIKATO INTERNATIONAL 2017
HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND
9-12 August 2017

- National Association:** Badminton New Zealand
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Phone: +64 (0)6 8459333
Website: www.badminton.org.nz
- Event Organiser:** Waikato Badminton Association
Website: www.waikatobadminton.co.nz
- Event Director:** TJ Weistra
Email: events@waikatobadminton.co.nz
Phone: +64 21 464 229
- Event websites:** www.badminton.org.nz and www.waikatobadminton.co.nz
- Dates:** **Wednesday 9 – Saturday 12 August 2017**
- Venue:** Eastlink Badminton Stadium
30 Old Farm Rd, Hamilton East, New Zealand
- Sanctioned by:** Badminton Oceania and Badminton World Federation – International Series
- Prize Money:** The prize money will be paid directly to players at the completion of the event in New Zealand dollars
- Referee:** Sandra David – Australia
Email: sgd@vic.chariot.net.au
Phone: +61 419 545614
- Deputy Referee:** To be confirmed.
- Entries close:**
International entries close Tuesday 11 July 2017, 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time, (+8:00 hours GMT)
New Zealand Player entries close Thursday 6 July 2017, 23:59 local time

Entries:

All players in the tournament will be deemed to have read and accepted the conditions under which the tournament events are to be conducted. The competition regulations of the BWF shall apply.

The organisers will NOT be responsible for any injury sustained, at any time, by any player or official arising from their participation in this Tournament. Any costs incurred for medical treatment and/or hospitalisation shall be borne by the Member Association of the player/official concerned.

All International entries are to be submitted online by the competitors National Badminton Association (M.A)

Member Associations are to log onto Waikato International 2017:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=3FC42EB5-0CFF-4821-BC96-4C0515E09D30> and submit the entries online.

A username and password is required to submit entries. This can be obtained from the BWF.

Please contact Shan Ramachandran at s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org

The online entry page will automatically close on TUESDAY 11 July 2017 at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT) and you are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.

After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send a 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. The Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by the Wednesday (next day of the entries closing date) by noon BWF Headquarters time (+08.00h GMT) following close of entries.

If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday (second day after the entries closing day) 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08.00h GMT) following the close of entries, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained after this point.

Events:

Event	Entries		Qualifying Round Maximum entries
	Main Draw	Qualifiers	
Men's Singles	56	8	16
Women's Singles	28	4	8
Men's Doubles	28	4	8
Women's Doubles	28	4	8
Mixed Doubles	28	4	8

Entry Fees:

All players are required to pay entry fees

The entry fee is \$85NZD per player

MA's will be invoiced after entries close with payment due by 23 July

No refunds for withdrawals will be given after 23 July



Seedings and Draws:	Entries Close	11 July 2017
	World Ranking date for M & Q	13 July 2017
	Publish M & Q	14 July 2017
	World Ranking date for Seeding	20 July 2017
	Publish Seeding Report	21 July 2017
	Last Date for Withdrawal without penalty	23 July 2017
	Draw Date	25 July 2017

Prize Money: \$8000USD – prize money will be paid in NZD at the event

	MS	WS	MD (Pair)	WD (Pair)	XD (Pair)
Winner	\$880	\$880	\$880	\$880	\$880
Runner-up	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Semi-finalist – per player/pair	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160

Hours of Play:

Wednesday 9 August	Qualifying Rounds followed by Championship Events	From 9am From 10am	10 courts 5 courts
Thursday 10 August	Championship Events	From 10am	5 courts
Friday 11 August	Quarter Finals	From 10am	3 courts
	Semi Finals	From 5pm	2 courts
Saturday 12 August	Finals	From 11am	1 court

*****The above times and schedule may be changed at the discretion of the Referee and Event Organiser*****

All matches will be scheduled to time.

Players must be available to play 10 minutes before their scheduled time.

Practice Courts:

Practice courts at the tournament venue will be available as from 7 August.

Bookings to be made directly with the Event Director: events@waikatobadminton.co.nz

Meeting Times:

The Managers meeting will be held at Novotel Tainui on Tuesday 8 August – 7pm

All countries to ensure they have a representative at this meeting

It is compulsory that all team managers must attend the team managers meeting. Failing to attend the meeting a Member Association may be fined USD\$250 by Badminton Oceania. Member Associations can make a request someone to represent them at the meeting as long as the Referee is advised in advance.



Withdrawals:

Will be managed according to the BWF regulations.

Withdrawals after **Sunday 23 July 2017** shall automatically attract withdrawal fees as per BWF regulations.

Withdrawals until this date must be initiated through online entry system by logging on to the tournament link used for sending the entry. Withdrawals after that date must be informed by e-mail to events@waikatobadminton.co.nz and the Referee: Sandra David - sgd@vic.chariot.net.au as soon as possible.

Withdrawals after players arrive at the venue, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager and/or Player to the Referee in person

Transport:

The closest airport is **Hamilton International Airport**. Pick up from **Auckland International Airport** can be requested but will incur a fee. This fee will be advised when transport is requested. Following the close of entries, a transport form will be emailed to team managers requesting flight details. Details must be provided no later than July 26th 2017 for pick-up to be arranged. Any request after this date will not be accepted. Requests for a refund of taxi charges will not be entertained.

Transport will **ONLY** be provided to players and officials staying at the one of official Hotels:

- 1) Novotel (<http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-2159-novotel-hamilton-tainui/index.shtml>)
- 2) Ibis Hotel (<http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-6690-ibis-hamilton-tainui/index.shtml>)

This includes airport pick-up and drop-off, transport to practice and the tournament venue

FREE transport from Auckland to Hamilton is available on Monday 7 August for players participating in the SKY CITY NZ Open the week prior!!!

Visas:

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

Competition Rules and Regulations:

The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the BWF General Competition Regulations

Shuttles:

BWF approved shuttles will be used, 2 speeds will be available. Brand to be advised at the Managers Meeting.

Clothing and Advertising:

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 player's shirts, the country name is optional Players should ensure that they read these regulations and that their clothing complies with these.

Doping Control:

The BWF Anti-Doping Regulations apply.

Players competing in this tournament are subject to drug testing under BWF Anti-Doping Regulations and the regulations and the provisions of Drug Free Sport New Zealand – www.drugfreesport.org.nz

The BWF Anti-Doping Regulations can be viewed at www.bwfbadminton.org



Accommodation Information

1) Novotel Tainui – Hamilton City Centre

<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-2159-novotel-hamilton-tainui/index.shtml>

- Single Room Incl. Breakfast \$195 per room / night
- Double Room Incl. Breakfast \$215 per room / night

To book a room at this hotel please contact:

Reservations | Novotel & Ibis Tainui Hamilton

Email: H2159-RE2@accor.com

Phone: +647 838 1366

2) Ibis Tainui Hotel – Hamilton City Centre

<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6690-ibis-hamilton-tainui/index.shtml>

- Single Room Incl. Breakfast \$145 per room / night
- Double Room Incl. Breakfast \$160 per room / night

To book a room at this hotel please contact:

Reservations | Novotel & Ibis Tainui Hamilton

Email: H2159-RE2@accor.com

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Transport to and from the airport and Badminton Stadium will only be available to players staying at one of the 2 official tournament hotels

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