

2026 WA STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS



07 - 09 AUGUST



KINGSWAY INDOOR STADIUM



TOURNAMENT PROSPECTUS

EVENT DETAILS



Sanctioned by	Badminton Australia – “Open Premier” Level
Host	The Badminton Association of Western Australia (Inc) Email: bawa@badmintonwa.org.au Phone: +61 8 9409 4433
Venue	Kingsway Indoor Stadium 130 Kingsway, Madeley WA 6065
Referees	Referee: Eugene Glazman Deputy Referee: Yang Li Email: referee@badmintonwa.org.au
Event Director	Christine Ferguson bawa@badmintonwa.org.au
Entries	Each player must complete and submit their entry and pay the entry fee using the Tournament Software website. https://ba.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/2798B862-2812-4171-9EEF-39BD0EF36A21 Entries closing date: Wednesday 22 July 2026, 11:59pm (AWST). No late entries shall be accepted.

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Entry Fees	Open division: \$45 singles / \$37 doubles (per player). Graded divisions: \$38 singles / \$34 doubles (per player). Wheelchair Events: \$29 singles/\$24 doubles (per player) 45+ events: \$34 doubles (per player) Entry fees must be paid at the time of entry using the Tournament Software website.
Divisions & Disciplines	The following divisions are available: • Open • A Reserve • B Grade • C Grade • D Grade • 45+ Masters • Wheelchair Divisions from A Reserve through to D are collectively referred to as Graded divisions. The following disciplines are available in all divisions: • Men's Singles • Women's Singles • Men's Doubles • Women's Doubles • Mixed Doubles In the 45+ Masters Division (players born in 1980 or earlier), the following disciplines are available: • Mens doubles • Womens Doubles • Mixed Doubles In the Wheelchair division, Singles and Doubles are available. Players entering these events can be of either sex. This division can be entered by any player willing to play in a wheelchair, regardless of physical impairment or classification.

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Entry Restrictions	Each player may enter no more than 3 events in total. Each player may only enter events across no more than 2 grades. For example, a player can enter Men's Singles C Grade, Men's Doubles B Grade and Mixed Doubles B Grade as these are only across two grades (B and C). A player CAN NOT enter Men's Singles C Grade, Men's Doubles B Grade and Mixed Doubles A Reserve as these are across THREE grades (C, B and A Reserve).
Grading	Players may not enter into events lower than their grade. The same applies to doubles entries with the pair's grade determined as described below. Players are to check their Badminton WA grade on www.badmintonwa.org.au/grading If they do not have a Badminton WA grade, they should consider the following: • A Grade (Open events) = International player, National player, State player, top club player • A Reserve Grade = Good club player • B Grade = Sound competitive player • C Grade = Social, but competitive player • D Grade = Adult social player (entry level / recreational) Any downgrade requests must be forwarded to grading@badmintonwa.org.au prior to the entries closing date. In doubles events, the grade of a pair is determined by the grade of the player with a higher personal grade (for example, if one player is graded "A Reserve" and their partner is graded "B", then the grade of the pair is "A Reserve").

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Tournament Member ID	Players are to enter their correct Tournament Member ID (note that a Tournament Member ID is different from the 5-digit Badminton WA membership number and from the Tournament Software website login). If a player doesn't have a Tournament Member ID or doesn't know it, they should enter their date of birth (MMDDYYYY) in the Member ID field when creating an online entry for the tournament, and Member ID will be issued. If a player has been issued a BWF number and a WA or other Australian number, the BWF number should be used.
State Association Membership	All Australian players who are not current registered members of Badminton WA (or the badminton association in another state / territory) are required to pay an additional \$40 event membership fee.



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Prize Money

Prize money in the Open division: \$10,000

	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist
Singles	\$900	\$600	\$250
Doubles (per pair)	\$900	\$600	\$250

Prize money in all Graded divisions: \$120 per event

	Winner
Singles	\$120
Doubles (per player)	\$60

Please note that in the Wheelchair Division only players who have been classified or potentially eligible for a WH para-badminton classification due to their physical impairment will be awarded prize money if they win a Wheelchair event.

Prize Money will be paid in cash to eligible players at the conclusion of the tournament.

Note: This may be subject to change.

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Shuttles	RSL Classic, two speeds will be available.
Seeding	Seeding will be done based on the BWF General Competition Regulations (section 11.7) and the Australian Ranking Regulations. Ranking date for seeding: 29 July 2026.
Draws	Draws in the Open division will be Elimination format. Draws in Graded divisions will be Elimination with a consolation draw, unless the number of entries is less than 6. Draws will be published no later than Wednesday 5 August 2026.
Consolation Draw	In Graded divisions, the players / pairs losing their first match in the main draw will be automatically entered into a Consolation draw. If a player or pair does not wish to proceed to play in the Consolation draw, they should advise the Referee as early as possible. Declining to play in the Consolation draw shall not be considered a withdrawal from the event and will not result in a "forced withdrawal" from other events into which the player or pair is entered.

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Withdrawals	Withdrawals up until the entries closing date can be submitted by the players via Tournament Software. If a player withdraws an entry before or on the entries closing date, a full refund of the entry fee will be issued. If a player withdraws an entry after the entry closing date, or in case of a no-show, refunds will not be issued unless a doctor's certificate is provided. If a player's entry has been cancelled by the organisers (for example if a player could not be allocated a doubles partner, or their double partner withdraws, or an event has been cancelled due to insufficient entries, the entry fee for such events will be refunded. The players will be advised of the cancellation via the published draw on the Tournament Software website. A no-show for a match shall be treated as a withdrawal. Should a player be entered in more than one event, by retiring or withdrawing from that one event (including a no-show), the player must be withdrawn from all other events in which the player is entered (known as "forced withdrawal").
Scoring	For the main draws of all divisions, the scoring system will be best of three games to 21 points, as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statute 4.1). For the Consolation draws in Graded divisions, the scoring system will be one game to 30 points, no setting.

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Schedule

The tournament may commence on Friday night 7 August subject to the number of entries in the Championships. If play commences on Friday night the events likely to be scheduled for Friday night will be the MS D and MS C. If not available, players should note this on their entry.

The schedule will be published no later than Thursday 6 August.

Saturday 8 August 2026: preliminary rounds (up to quarterfinals) of all events, first match commencing at 8:30am.

Sunday 9 August 2026: semi-finals and finals of all events, first match commencing at 8:30am. Open division finals are planned to commence at 2:00pm on a "followed by" basis.

The above schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the referee team.

Player time exemptions will not be granted. By entering the event the player agrees to be available to play on both days of the tournament from the first until the last match.

All players must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to their scheduled match time.

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Laws

The event will be conducted in accordance with BWF Laws of Badminton, BWF General Competition Regulations, BWF Codes of Conduct, and Badminton Australia and Badminton WA's Codes of Conduct and relevant policies.

The event will be conducted using BWF ALTERNATIVE SERVICE RULE:

9.1.6 (a) the whole 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 around the body, level with the lowest part of the server's bottom rib;

(b) the shaft and the racket head of the server's racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction.

In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Referee will be final.

The organisers will not be liable for any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred as a result of any error, omission, misrepresentation, or change, in any aspect of the tournament.

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Clothing	All players shall wear acceptable badminton sports clothing and non-marking indoor sports shoes while on court. In the Open division only, BWF Clothing rules (BWF GCR sections 22-24) shall apply regarding designs, lettering and advertising on players' clothing. The player's name is mandatory on the back of the shirt (in Roman capital letters, 6-10 cm height, in a single colour contrasting with that of the shirt). The player's name on the shirt must match the player's last name and, if desired, the initial of the first name as per the tournament entry. State, country or club are optional on the back of the shirt but if present, it must be below the player's name, in Roman capital letters of 5 cm height. In Graded divisions, BWF Clothing rules on designs, lettering and advertising shall not apply and any badminton or similar sports clothing is acceptable. However, if there is a name on the back of the shirt, it must be the name of the player and not anyone else; if there is a state or country name on the back of the shirt, it must be the state or country of the player's usual residence.
Umpiring and Line Judging	Any player participating in the tournament must act as an umpire or line judge if called upon. If a player is umpiring a match and is unsure of how to deal with a particular situation, they should raise their right hand and the referee will approach and assist them.

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Stringing Service	TBC
Awards Ceremony	Awards ceremony for all divisions will take place between the respective matches of the Open division finals (for example, all Men's Singles trophies will be awarded after the Men's Singles Open final).
Check-in and Player Identification	Players will be required to provide Photo ID at the Match Desk when they check in for their first match of the tournament. Players under 18 y.o. are exempt from this requirement.
Photography	Photos and videos of participants, guests and spectators may be taken during the event, and may be subsequently used in Badminton WA publications and online resources. By entering the event the players agree to such use of the photos / videos. Due to the way events are run it is not possible to guarantee that any one individual is never captured in any of the photos / videos taken.



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