

YONEX Bendigo International 2026

BWF Grade 3 International Challenge

7-11 October 2026

**BENDIGO EAGLEHAWK
BADMINTON ASSOCIATION**

**140 Victoria Street
Eaglehawk
Victoria, Australia**



Prize Money: US\$ 20,000

ONLINE ENTRIES CLOSE:

For International Players: 8th September 2026

For Australian Players: 28th August 2026



1. General Details

Host Member	Badminton Australia Level 2 Sports House, 375 Albert Road Albert Park, Victoria, Australia Phone: +613 8319 5717 Email: baadmin@badminton.org.au Website: www.badminton.org.au
Tournament Organiser	Badminton Australia In association with Bendigo-Eaglehawk Badminton Association
Sanctioned by	Badminton World Federation and Badminton Oceania
Tournament Date	7-11 October 2026
Competition Venue	Bendigo Eaglehawk Badminton Association 140 Victoria Street Eaglehawk, Victoria, Australia Venue website: https://bendigobadmintonassociation.weebly.com/
Referee Team	REFEREE: Name: Peter Cocker (AUS) Email: petercwa@iinet.net.au Phone: +61 438 286 238 DEPUTY REFEREE: Name: Ryan Nagle (NCL) Email: r.nagle@hotmail.fr Phone: +687 71 36 32
Contact Details	EVENT DIRECTOR: Name: Loke Poh WONG Email: poh@bigpond.net.au Phone: +614 1227 8118 EVENT MANAGER: Name: Oscar Yam Email: oscar.yam@baminton.org.au Phone: +614 3279 5525 BENDIGO EVENT HOST: Name: Sam Daykin Email: sam@brbelectrics.com.au ; bendigobaddy17@gmail.com Phone: +614 1251 3222



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 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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	Publication Date for M&Q Report		11 September 2026																									
	Last Date to Withdraw without Penalty		28 September 2026																									
	World Ranking & Publication Date for Seeding Report		29 September 2026																									
	Draw Date		29 September 2026																									
Draw	The draw will be made Tuesday 29 September 2026. 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																											
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Entry Fees	All players are required to pay entry fees. The entry fee for international players is USD 170.00 The fee for local players is AUD 170.00 Member Associations will be invoiced on Wednesday 30 September 2026 with payment due by Monday 5 October 2026. Players will not be able to take to the court until the 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 done by the Member Association using the BWF Online Group Entry system, using the following link: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/125120CF-C826-48FE-B519-4CD61FD916DB 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 8 September 2026 at 23:59, BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 hrs GMT). Late entries will not be accepted. 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 9 September 2026 at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time. If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday 10 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. <u>For Australian Entries Only:</u> Please note - All Australian entries can only be submitted by BADMINTON AUSTRALIA. Australia entries close Friday 28 August 2026 at 23:59 local time (AET). Australian entries must be submitted on Tournament Software: https://ba.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/E1BD0DCB-135A-4B74-8B23-98D84213E93A together with respective entry fee.
Withdrawals	Withdrawals will be managed according to the BWF regulations. Withdrawals after Monday 28th 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: Referee: Peter Cocker, email: petercwa@iinet.net.au Deputy Referee: Ryan Nagle, email: r.nagle@hotmail.fr Event Director: Loke Poh Wong, email: poh@bigpond.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 USD 20,000. Prize money distribution is shown in the Table below. Prize money will be paid to player's Member Association within two weeks of the conclusion of the tournament by Badminton Oceania.

Event	Winner	Runner-Up	Semifinalist	Quarterfinalist
MS/WS	USD 1,600	USD 960	USD 400	USD 160
MD/WD/XD*	USD 1,600	USD 960	USD 400	USD 160

*- per pair

Schedule

Day	Event	Round	Courts	Start
Wednesday 7 Oct	All Events	Q	4	9:00am
	MS & XD	64/32	4	12:00pm
Thursday 8 Oct	MS, WS, MD, WD	32	4	10:00am
Friday 9 Oct	All Events	16	4	12:00pm
Saturday 10 Oct	All Events	Quarterfinals	3	10:00am
	All Events	Semifinals	2	5:00pm
Sunday 11 Oct	All Events	Finals	1	10:00am

Note: The above schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Referee.

Shuttles

BWF approved YONEX AS50 shuttles will be provided. Two speeds will be available.

Practice & Competition Facilities

Practice Courts Information:

- Location: Bendigo-Eaglehawk BA, 140 Victoria Street, Eaglehawk, Victoria
- Number of Practice Courts: 11
- Schedule: Available from 10:00am – 6:00pm Monday 5 October 2026
4 courts available 9:00am – 7:00pm Tuesday 6 October 2026

Competition Courts Information:

- Location: Bendigo-Eaglehawk BA, 140 Victoria Street, Eaglehawk, Victoria
- Number of Courts: 4
- Schedule: Available from 10:00am – 6:00pm Monday 5 October 2026
Available from 9:00am – 7:00pm Tuesday 6 October 2026
- Court Mat Color: Green

For practice request, please complete Jotform no later than Tuesday 29 September 2026:
<https://form.jotform.com/261762154570861>

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	Practice Shuttles Information: • 2 shuttlecocks per player will be issued for practice only to players who attend a practice session.
Player Facilities	YONEX Stringing Services: • Location: Bendigo-Eaglehawk Badminton Association 140 Victoria Street, Eaglehawk, Victoria • Schedule: Available from 2:00pm Tuesday 6 October 2026 • Cost: AUD40 including strings
Umpire Briefing	The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following: • Date: Tuesday 6 October 2026 • Time: 4:00pm • Location: Bendigo-Eaglehawk Badminton Association 140 Victoria Street, Eaglehawk, Victoria
Team Managers' Meeting	The Team Managers' Meeting will be held at the following: • Date: Tuesday 6 October 2026 • Time: 5:30pm • Location: Bendigo-Eaglehawk Badminton Association 140 Victoria Street, Eaglehawk, Victoria It is mandatory for all participating Member Associations (represented by the designated Team Manager) to attend the Team Managers' Meeting. Member Associations may 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 11 October 2026, immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals/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 a physiotherapist service 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, 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: <i>"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."</i>



4. Travel & Visa Details

Transport

Transport will ONLY be provided to players and officials staying at the official tournament accommodation providers listed in Section 5 below.

Transport includes airport pick-ups and airport drop-offs, with daily ground transfer to and from practice/tournament venue and official hotels.

Airport Pick-Ups

Airport pick-ups will ONLY be from:

1. Melbourne Tullamarine Airport
2. Bendigo Airport

Airport pick-up will be available between Sunday 4 October 2026 and Tuesday 6 October 2026 inclusive and will operate between 9:00am and 8:00pm daily. Players and officials arriving outside these periods will need to manage their respective transfers and/or arrange accommodation themselves until pick up is available.

Requests for a refund of taxi charges will not be entertained. Please note the travel time between Melbourne Tullamarine Airport and Bendigo by car is about 1.5hr.

For transport request, please complete Jotform no later than Friday 25 September 2026:
<https://form.jotform.com/261761467664063>

Requests submitted after this date cannot be accepted due to transport planning timelines.

Airport Departures

Airport departures will be from official hotels and from the tournament venue.

Airport departures will ONLY be available between Sunday 11 October 2026 and Monday 12 October 2026 inclusive. Those staying in the official hotels who wish to leave Bendigo early can request for drop off at the Bendigo Train & Bus stations.

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

Visas

If a visa is required to enter Australia, please complete and return the attached Visa Request Form, as soon as possible.

The tournament host and hosting Member Association accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications.



5. Accommodation Details

Accommodation	Official Hotels	Rooms Types	Beds per room/s	Rates
	Central Deborah Motel 177 High Street, Bendigo	Economy Twin, Family and Twin Kitchenette Rooms. Breakfast optional add-on.	1-3 beds	AUD240 – AUD280 per room, per night.
	The Heritage Bendigo 259 High Street, Golden Square	Twin and Family Rooms. Breakfast optional add-on.	2-4 beds	AUD199 –AUD315 per room, per night
	Quality Lakeside Hotel 286 Napier Street, Bendigo	1&2 Bedroom Apartments, Family & Executive Rooms. Breakfast optional add-on.	2-4 beds	AUD350 –AUD510 per room, per night
	City Centre Motel 26 Forest St, Bendigo	Double & Twin Rooms. Breakfast optional add-on.	1-2 beds	AUD158 –AUD249 per room, per night
	Alexandra Place 200 McCrae Street, Bendigo	Family Suite and Twin Rooms. Breakfast optional add-on.	1-4 beds	AUD175 –AUD220 per room, per night
	These rooms are being held by Bendigo Visitor Centre. To secure your booking, please contact: Bendigo Visitor Centre Address: 51-67 Pall Mall, Bendigo Freecall: 1800 813 153 Phone: 03 5434 6060 (International dialing +613 5434 6060) Email: tourism@bendigo.vic.gov.au Business Hours: Open every day 9:00am – 4:30pm Or use the accommodation booking link below: https://www.bendigoregion.com.au/explore-bendigo/the-YONEX-Bendigo-International-2026/ To inquire please use the link below: https://www.bendigoregion.com.au/explore-bendigo/badminton-international-2026-accommodation/ Note: Players and officials who have booked into the above official accommodation will receive airport pick up/drop off and will also be provided with ground transfers to competition/practice venue during the event.			



6. Key Dates

Key Dates To Note (2026)

Close of Entries - Local Players	Friday 28 August
Close of Entries - International Players	Tuesday 8 September
World Ranking Date for M & Q	Tuesday 8 September
M & Q Publication Date	Friday 11 September
Transport Request Due Date	Friday 25 September
Withdrawal without Penalty Date	Monday 28 September
World Ranking Date and Publication of Seeding	Tuesday 29 September
Draw Date	Tuesday 29 September
Practice Request Due Date	Tuesday 29 September
Entry Fee Payment Date	Monday 5 October
Last Day for Airport Pick-up	Tuesday 6 October
Umpire Briefing & Team Managers' Meeting	Tuesday 6 October
Competition Starts Date	Wednesday 7 October

