



2022
Australian National
Masters Championships
BALLARAT



Tournament Prospectus

Age and Competition Divisions:

- 35-44 Championship Division / Social Division
- 45-54 Championship Division / Social Division
- 55-64 Championship Division / Social Division
- 65+ Championship Division / Social Division

Friday 30 September – Sunday 2 October
Ken Kay Stadium (Ballarat Badminton Association)
Dowling Street, WENDOUREE VIC 3355)

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You're invited!



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Join us for a delicious 2-course dinner at the beautiful Ballarat Golf Club! Expect a joyous night with:

- **Live music / band**
- **Spot prizes, raffles and entertainment**
- **Dress-up theme for those feeling festive...**
- **Drinks from the bar available for purchase**

WHEN:

7:00 – 11:00 PM, Saturday 1 October

WHERE:

Ballarat Golf Course (1800 Sturt St, Ballarat VIC 3355)

DRESS THEME:

Orange and Navy Blue (optional but encouraged)

TICKETS:

\$65 per person (ordered with your tournament entry via Tournament Software by 16 September).

\$75 per person after Tournament entry closes (ordered via the Tournament Director). Family and friends may attend subject to ticket availability.

(Note: Images of food and beverages are shown for illustrative purposes only.)



Rules & Regulations

All players submitting entries for the tournament will be deemed to have read and accepted the conditions under which the tournament events are to be conducted.

1. Players entering must be a member of and in good standing with a club affiliated with their respective state or territory.
2. Players must be a citizen, permanent resident, or resident in Australia for a minimum of six (6) months prior to the start of the Championships. Badminton Victoria may request documentation to confirm this status.
3. The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton adopted by the Badminton World Federation (BWF). This event will be played using the Alternative Service Law 9.1.6.
4. Where possible all matches will be the best of three games to 21 points with setting. This may be altered by the Event Director or Referee if necessary.
5. Players will be required to umpire or line judge at the discretion of the Referee and/or Event Director.
6. All players must wear regulation badminton attire as per BWF Approved Clothing regulations. Non-marking shoes must be worn.
7. A referee approved shuttle will be used.
8. Subject to scheduling requirements, we will attempt to provide players with a rest period of no less than 30 minutes between matches. This may be altered at the discretion of the referee.
9. All events, where possible, will be played on a round robin basis in the preliminary rounds followed by an elimination draw for play-offs, where numbers permit.
10. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded for all events that are contested.
11. If there are fewer than four entries into an event, the Event Director may either cancel the event or combine age groups and/or divisions with the aim of having a competition. In this situation, the awarding of prizes/medals is at the discretion of the Event Director. A player can only win a medal for the age group in which they have entered.

12. The determinants of the winner of a pool will be as per the BWF competition regulations.

12.1. Ranking will be established by the number of matches won.

12.2. If two players/pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

12.3. If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be decided by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with the greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two players/pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the match between them.

12.4. If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be decided by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with the greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two players/pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the match between them.

12.5. If three or more players are still equal, then ranking will be determined by drawing lots.

13. If illness, injury, disqualification, or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a player/pair from completing all pool matches, all the results of that player/pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered as not completing all pool matches. BWF Section 5.1 General Competition regulations Regulation 14.1.4 shall not apply to the Australian Masters Badminton Championships.

14. A player/pair is entitled to prizes according to results obtained prior to any withdrawal due to injury.

15. If there is only one pool, the winner of the event shall be the winner of the pool as per rule 12. There will not be a separate final.

16. The Referee's decisions on all questions as to the Rules of Play and the Laws of Badminton will be final.

17. Matches may be called up to 10 minutes ahead of the scheduled time. The Referee may default a player if they are not ready to play their match when called.

Grading

18.1. Championship Division

18.1.1. Open to all players

18.2. Social Division

Players are NOT eligible to enter in the Social Division:

18.2.1. If they have ever represented an Australian state or territory in the open age group.

18.2.2. If they have played in any state or territory sanctioned Graded tournaments in A or B grade in the past 10 years.

18.2.3 If they have played in any state or territory sanctioned Open tournaments in the past 10 years.

18.2.4 If they have played in any of the state or territory Veterans events in A-Grade in the past 10 years.

18.3. The Referee and/or Event Director may re-grade any player at their discretion, with the aim of ensuring a fair competition for all participants.

Championship Division Events

19.1. Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

19.2. Age Groups:

35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+.

19.3. In singles, players may only enter one age group.

19.4. In doubles and mixed doubles, players may enter in maximum two age groups being either 35-44 and 45-54 OR 55-64 and 65+. Players may enter in their own age group and/or a lower age group. The age of the youngest player will determine the age group the pair needs to be entered in.

Social Division Events

- 20.1. Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
- 20.2. Age Groups: 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+.
- 20.3. In singles, players may only enter one age group.
- 20.4. In doubles and mixed doubles, players may enter in maximum two age groups being either 35-44 and 45-54 OR 55-64 and 65+. Players may enter in their own age group and/or a lower age group. The age of the youngest player will determine the age group the pair needs to be entered in.
- 20.5. Both players in a doubles pair must meet the criteria under 18.2 to be eligible.
- 20.6. Players may not enter a combination of Championship Division and Social Division events within the same discipline (i.e. a player cannot enter mixed doubles in Social Division and in the Championship Division).
- 20.7. Players may enter Championship Division events and retain their eligibility for the Social Division subject to 18.2.

Entries and Draws

Closing Date Friday 16 Sept

- 21.1. A player must be the age of or older than the age group they enter as at the 1st of January in the year of the event. Proof of date of birth must be provided if requested.
- 21.2. Late entries or entries without the correct entry fees will not be accepted. Entries must be paid for using PayPal. Entries are not accepted until the entry fee is paid.
- 21.3. A doubles entry is not confirmed until an entry and entry fees are received from both players. This excludes "partner required" entries.
- 21.4. If a player withdraws after the closing date, the entry fee will not be refunded unless a medical certificate is submitted to the Event Director or Referee at the time of withdrawing. A \$15 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds. Refunds will not be given for non-entry by a partner.

21.5. No refunds will be given for withdrawals once the draw is published.

21.6. Substitution will be allowed in doubles provided that all eligibility rules are met. The Referee must approve all substitutions and any substitute player must be already entered into the tournament before the closing date.

21.7. The seedings will be awarded by a panel appointed by Badminton Victoria. The panel may consult with other state and territories, clubs, and organisations. The decisions of the panel will be finalised in consultation with the referee and the referee's decision will be final. No correspondence or discussions will be entered into.

21.8. The draws will be made by Badminton Victoria no later than one (1) week prior to the start of the tournament and will be published on Tournament Software.

21.9. The schedule will be published no later than three (3) days prior to the commencement of the tournament.

General

22.1. All players enter at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during the event.

22.2. Competitors must abide by all decisions of the Event Director and Referee, and comply with all directions given.

22.3. The Referee may default players not available when required to play.

22.4. Trophies and prizes will be presented at the conclusion of each session of play.

22.5. Badminton Victoria will provide players with a full entry fee refund if the event is suspended, postponed, or cancelled, however will not reimburse any other costs related to the event.

22.6. The maximum liability is limited to the amount of entry fee a player has paid.

COVID-19

23.1. Badminton Victoria will follow the COVID-19 requirements as advised by the State Government and the Department of Health throughout the event.

23.2. Badminton Victoria reserves the rights to suspend, postpone or cancel the event in line with these requirements.

23.3. A player shall be entitled to a full refund in the case of a positive Covid19 test result 7 days or less prior to the start of the event.

23.5. Badminton Victoria reserves the rights to disqualify any player from the event who are deemed to have disregarded any reasonable instruction related to the Badminton Victoria COVID-19 response.

Privacy Statement

Submitting an entry represents you are giving consent in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 to the collection of your personal details by Badminton Victoria for the purpose of entering this tournament. Your right to access and correct any information is acknowledged.

Media

By entering this event, the player hereby agrees and acknowledges that any person shall have the right to photograph and/or record on video all and any games or practice conducted during the event. Such photographs or video recordings may be retained for their own use, distributed to any other party, displayed during the event or any time thereafter, in any form whatsoever, provided that no such photographs or video recordings shall be used or retained for any illegal, immoral, or unseemly use or purpose.