



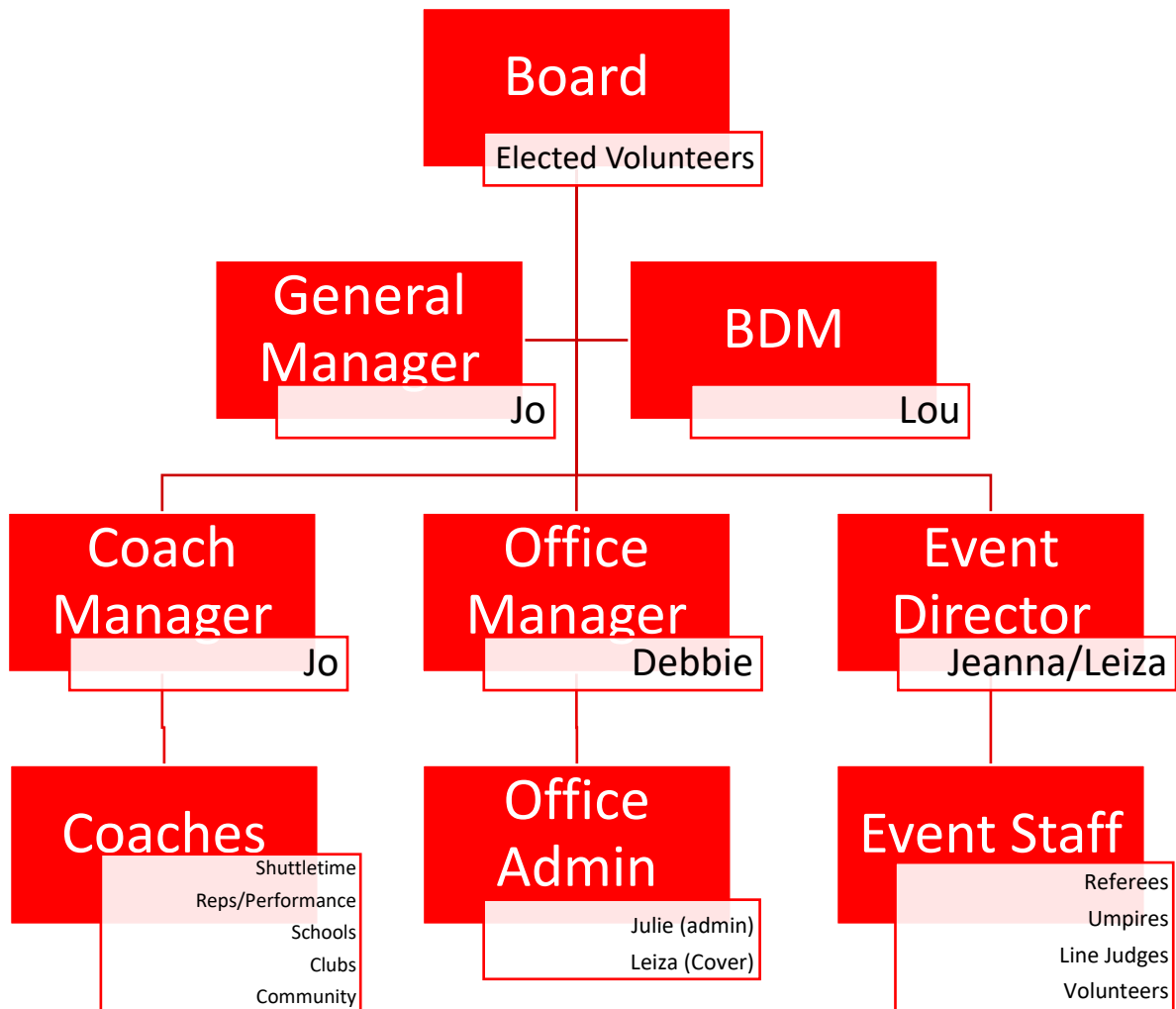
Badminton Canterbury

SENIOR HANDBOOK 2025

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ORGANISATION STRUCTURE



CONTACT INFORMATION

For all phone contacts, call our office on 03 389 8534 and leave a message. The office is open part time, so your message will be responded to next time it is open.

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PLAYER PATHWAY

EVENTS PARTICIPATION PATHWAY

<p>NZ National Squad NZ U17/19 Squad NZ U15 Development Squad</p>	<p>Wisden/Stanger Cup NZBL NZ Individual Age Group Championships NZ U13/U15/U17/U19 Team Championships NZ Secondary Schools Championships Other Association Age Group Championships</p>
<p>Mainland Teams to compete at NZJTC Mainland Development Programme • U15 or U17/19 squad • New – U17 Development Programme BNZ</p>	<p>South Island Associations Senior Division Team Championships Neil Cup Regional Derby – Under 17's Other South Island Tournaments South Island Age Group Team and Individual Championships South Island Associations Individual Age Group Championships</p>
<p>Association Senior Representative Programme Association Junior Representative Programme Term 2 – Development Programme/Training for NZJTC Term 3 – Development Programme/Training for SJTC</p>	<p>BC Senior Tournaments • St Patricks Day Tournament (Open and B Grade), Canterbury Open, B or C Grade Championships, super series, Canterbury Closed Champs BC Junior Tournaments • Abilities Tournament, BC Individual Age Group Championships</p>
<p>Development Programmes • Regional Coaching Days • School of Badminton • BAPN</p>	<p>South Island Secondary School Teams Event Canterbury Secondary School Teams Event (held bi annually) AIMS Games B Grade Local Junior Club nights and any tournaments they run BC Junior Teams Competition @ ZBC Canterbury AIMS Tuesday Sport – Primary Sport Canterbury BC After School Shuttle Time Programmes Koru Games – Selwyn Sports Trust Holiday Programmes BC In School Coaching Programmes</p>
<p>Club badminton/ School of Badminton/BAPN</p> <p>SHUTTLE TIME NEW ZEALAND</p>	
<p>Badminton in Schools</p>	

INTER-ASSOCIATION TEAM FORMATS

NZ DIVISION 1 (WISDEN) & 2 (SLAZENGER) CUPS

- All 12 teams (pending entries) will be seeded based on their previous years finishing positions with a single tie qualification round i.e. 1 v 12, 2 v 11, 3 v 10.
- All winners will progress to playing off for the Wisden Cup (division 1), losers progress to playing off for the Slazenger Cup (division 2)
- Last place from Slazenger Cup will play in a promotion/relegation round robin alongside first from North Island Division 3 and first from South Island Division 3.
- The winner of the promotion/relegation will compete in Wisden/Slazenger Cup for the following year, and the two other teams will compete in their respective Division 3 competitions.

SOUTH ISLAND DIVISION 3

- Is played on a rotational system in the South Island at a location decided by the Mainland committee.
- Exact tie structure is decided by Mainland in conjunction and with approval from Badminton NZ.
- The winning SI div 3 team will need to be available to play in the relegation match with the losing Slazenger team and winning North Island Div 3 team. Note: An association is not allowed more than 2 teams represented in Division 1 and 2, so potentially division 3 winner may not be eligible to compete in the play offs.
- There is {currently} no playoff or relegation to the Mainland Badminton League.

MAINLAND BADMINTON LEAGUE

- This is a stand-alone event – i.e. there is currently no promotion/relegation with SI div 3 or play off with North Island teams.
- Is played on a rotational system in the South Island at a location decided by the Mainland committee.
- Exact tie structure is decided by Mainland.
- Tie format may be amended by Mainland at the start of the year to help more teams enter this competition (i.e. less matches per tie so smaller teams required)
- The event caters to players who sit outside of BC Representative Badminton, who still want the opportunity to travel and compete against other provinces around the South Island.

NEILL CUP

- The premiere inter-association event in the South Island – while it's not a BNZ event, it sets the best of the South against each other.
- Played on rotation between the participating associations.
- Round robin format

REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAMME:

October

- BC will call for and appoint coaches
- Those interested in playing senior reps 2025 required to register their interest

November

- BC will call for and appoint senior selectors for 2025
- Summer training block starts 18 Nov

December

- Summer training block continues

January

- BNZ Entries for Division 1 & 2 Close
- Super Series starts
- Tier 1 training squad named remaining players attend Tier 2
- Block 2 training starts (Mondays and Wednesdays)
- Senior Trials - 26th Jan (Division 1 & 2)

February

- Division 1 and Division 2 teams named
- Neill Cup team named
- Super series continues
- Block 2 training continues

March

- Block 3 training starts (Mondays and Wednesdays)
- St Paddy's Tournament
- Super Series Continues
- Senior Trials - 9th March (Division 1 & 2)

April

- Block 3 training continues
- Neill Cup - Canterbury
- NZ Tour - Manawatu
- Senior Trials - 27th (Division 3)

May

- Block 3 training continues
- NZ Tour - North Harbour

June

- Block 4 training starts (Wednesdays)
- Wisden and Slazenger Cup
- Mainland Badminton League Team/s formed and training commence
- NZ Tour - Auckland
- Canterbury Closed and B Grade Champs

July

- NZ Tour / Canterbury Open

August

- South Island Division 3
- NZ National Champs

Sept

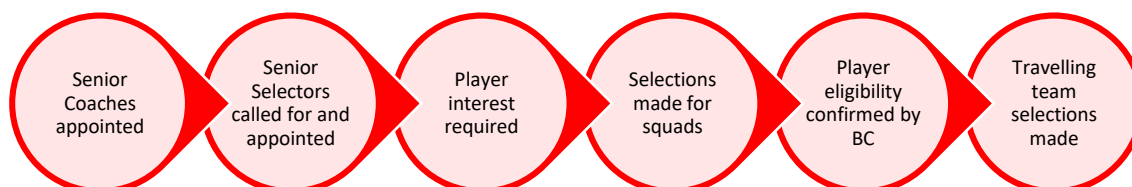
- Mainland Badminton League
- NZ Tour Finals - Auckland

October

- North Harbour International
- Senior IA Play Off

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION INFORMATION

SELECTION PROCESS

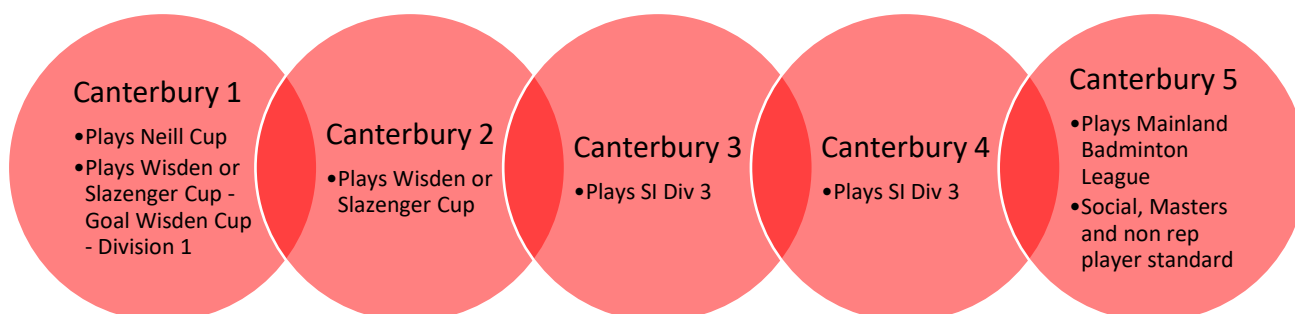


TEAM FORMATION

- All senior ties including Wisden/Slazenger Cup, Neill Cup and the South Island Division 3 and Mainland Badminton League competition (formally Mainland Social Teams Event) will be a 12-match format.

2 x MS, 2 x WS, 2 x MD, 2 x WD, 4 x XD

- Mainland Badminton League (Previous Mainland Social Teams Event) may alter the tie format to help associations form teams. This will be decided by Mainland.
- Players are encouraged to make themselves familiar with the information contained on Badminton New Zealand's website, particularly for inter association [Inter Association](#)



- Canterbury 1 & 2 will form a "Tier 1" training squad.
- Canterbury 3 & 4 will form a "Tier 2" training squad.
- Canterbury 5 training needs will be determined in the new year, they may participate in the level 2 training squad.
- The intention is for squads to be formed prior to the teams being named. This gives players the opportunity to prove and improve themselves further as the year goes on. Players need to be aware that positionings and squads may change as the year progresses – particularly for SI Division 3 & 4 players as those ties are not until August/September.
- Playing teams will be named no less than two months prior to the ties.
- Any non-travelling reserves should still attend training.

SELECTION PHILOSOPHY

The selectors will choose a team that (in their opinion) will:

1. Gain the highest placing possible in regional and national tournaments.
2. Selectors are also asked to consider player development opportunities.

Selection will be based on the senior players available but may include some junior development players (there is a sub-section below detailing Juniors in Senior Teams policy).

After squad selections are made, Badminton Canterbury will verify the teams, checking all players meet the selection criteria and are eligible for the team they have selected in (this may also involve BNZ and/or club player verification).

It is the role of the selectors (including coaches) to choose the players for the squads and teams, it is the role of BC management to ensure players are eligible and selection criteria have been followed. It is not to the opinion of BC Board, Staff or Management to assess player ability or positioning.

SELECTION PANELS

As the group of players who will form the senior rep teams varies greatly in playing ability, and it is important that the selectors are familiar with the players from whom they are selecting teams. To ensure player familiarity, where possible, there will be two selection panels, each consisting of the squad coach and two nominated selectors. Naturally these panels will overlap in the middle and will be required to communicate between the groups for this group of players.

- Tier 1: Selecting Canterbury 1 & 2 training squad.
- Tier 2: Selecting Canterbury 3 & 4 training squad.

New to 2025 – BC will be asking players to complete a self-assessment on some of the more subjective matters involved with selection. This will help identify any gaps between where players see themselves and where selectors do. All players partaking in Senior Rep Teams will be asked to do this. Results from self-assessment will be shared with selectors, BC Coach and Development Manager and other BC Staff/Board where necessary.

BC will ask for volunteers/nominations to be a senior selector in January, and the selectors will be decided by BC management, taking into account a vote by players and the opinions of the coaches.

In the event of a conflict of interest, e.g. where the selector is also an eligible member of the team being selected. The coaches will have the final say on team selection. Selectors in this position are to remove themselves from any decisions made.

SELECTION CRITERIA/ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for a team, players must meet the below criteria. BC will check player eligibility prior to travelling teams being announced, and where exceptions are made this will be communicated to the coaches, selectors, and other team members while maintaining player privacy (this means BC may not disclose the reason for an exception if it is not in that players' best interests).

FINANCIAL

- Players will be up to date financially with BC for the past season and any invoices for the current season. Any payment plans set up must be being adhered to and current.
- Players must be a registered member of a BC affiliated Badminton Club, and be in 'good standing' with their club and association or be directly affiliated with Badminton Canterbury

- Players are expected to sign a players' contract online to accept their position within the team. Players that pull out after trials maybe required to pay a percentage of costs incurred.

COMMITMENT TO BADMINTON IN CANTERBURY

- Complete the Athlete: Self-Assessment Form online
- Complete the Players' Contract Form online
- BC wants players dedicated to their badminton to wear the red and black with pride. It is highly encouraged that players participate in the following key senior events during the year they are selected:
 - Play in the Super Series
 - 2 out of 3 codes in the St Patricks Day Tournament
 - 2 out of 3 codes at the Canterbury Open
 - Any Badminton NZ tournament held in Christchurch the player is eligible for.
- Players are encouraged to play Doubles 1 or equivalent competitions for match fitness.
- Any player who would like to be considered for a rep team but is unable to play in these events should email jo@badmintoncanterbury.com to explain their circumstances. These applications will be treated in confidence between BC management, the player and their coach.
 - Consideration will be given for work, family, sickness/injury, financial or other extenuating circumstances.
 - BC will communicate any exceptions approved to the coaches, selectors and other team members (but to protect player privacy the reason may be kept confidential).
- Training attendance:
 - Senior players should be attending pre-season training or completing an equivalent level of training to ensure badminton fitness coming into the season.
 - All players should aim for a minimum of 80% attendance at senior squad training (or junior equivalent).
 - No discount to training fees for sessions missed.
 - Any player who would like to be considered for a rep team but is unable to attend training regularly should email jo@badmintoncanterbury.com to explain their circumstances. These applications will be treated in confidence between BC management, the player and their coach.
 - Consideration will be given for work, family, sickness/injury, financial or other extenuating circumstances.
 - If an exception is granted to not attend training for a specific session on an on-going basis, it would be expected the player make every effort to attend other training sessions offered.
 - BC will communicate any exceptions approved to the coaches, selectors and other team members (but to protect player privacy the reason may be kept confidential).
 - Training attendance list will be made available to all squad members.
- Flexibility will be given to any player unable to compete or train due to COVID isolation requirements.

PLAYERS WILL BE SELECTED ON THEIR:

Primary considerations:

- Current year's performance at Super Series competition
- Results at any trials or trial games held within training times.
- Demonstrated attitude and commitment to badminton (this includes attendance at training)

Secondary considerations

- General fitness, health and wellbeing.

- Ability to work well with others in the team.
- Previous seasons performance at tournaments, attendance at training and overall player attitude
- Players are expected to give equal importance to away games and home games (i.e. not available only for home games)
- Self-assessment on subjective selection criteria will be used to help identify gaps between players and coaches, to aid in discussions around selection.
- Positional balance within the team (can't have a team full of singles specialists)

PLAYERS FROM OUT OF THE CHRISTCHURCH AREA:

- It is recognised here that Canterbury covers a large land area – from Kaikoura, to south of Ashburton, and inland to the West Coast boundary. Players from throughout this region must be given the opportunity to represent Canterbury, yet it may not be practical for them to attend weekly training sessions. It would still be expected that any player from outside one hour's travel to Pages Road would still meet other requirements (e.g. one-off events) and would attend training for a couple of sessions prior to any team ties/tournaments.
- Players based out of Canterbury. Here we note that there are players with strong ties to Canterbury, but circumstances have taken them away from here. In deciding if these players are eligible to play for Canterbury, BC will consider:
 - Commitment to play at BC events (obviously weekly doubles league isn't possible)
 - Past commitment to play representative badminton for Canterbury (this means if the player has been here for just a year, then moved away is different to a player who has had an extensive playing history for Canterbury)
 - Recent playing history for Canterbury
 - Should a player be on a similar level to someone living in Canterbury, the preference should be given to the Canterbury residing player due to their overall commitment to the region.
 - Any players living outside of Canterbury will be required to attend St Paddy's or trials in the year that they are wishing to play so their performance can be viewed and assessed against other Canterbury players. Relevant results (i.e. against Canterbury players) from another recent event may also be considered.
 - There should be no more than two players per team from outside of Canterbury so that the overall impact on the team is minimal.

JUNIORS SELECTED IN SENIOR TEAMS:

Firstly, congratulations on playing at a level that has you selected into a senior team! Both you and your parents need to know that the senior teams are operated quite differently to junior team trips. Please be aware of the following, and feel free to discuss any concerns with the Senior Convener, or General Manager.

- Senior teams are accompanied by only 1 coach, and a player/manager. They are not able to provide active supervision for a young person.
- Players are responsible for their own meals. This is often eating out. No meals will be provided or cooked for them.
- Our senior players often have a social night on the last night. At times this may mean being at a bar, which may leave juniors unsupervised. Other times the players may gather at the accommodation where senior players are permitted to drink alcohol or smoke cigarettes/vaping responsibly. Senior players are not to provide any juniors with such products, and Junior players are not to consume any alcohol/cigarettes/vaping products, and similarly junior players are not to request or consume these products.
- It is expected that playing at a higher level, Junior players will conduct themselves with maturity and be able to take more responsibility for themselves. As such, they will not have their electronic devices removed each night, nor would they be given a "lights out" time.

- Junior players should advise their team manager before leaving the playing hall/accommodation, it is not the team managers responsibility to control this or monitor the junior players.
- Parental supervision of anyone under the age of 16 playing in senior teams will be required at the parent's own cost.
- Parents of a junior travelling in a senior team need to understand and be comfortable with the above. Should they not be, we would suggest a parent travels with the team at their own cost to ensure supervision, or it may be better for the junior player to stay with junior teams that are more closely supervised.

FEEDBACK

Once the senior squads are named, feedback will be given as a general statement together with naming of the squads. Naturally there will always be people disappointed if they miss out on a squad/team they are aiming for. It is also important that selectors and coaches are able to give these players feedback so that they may be able to improve for future consideration.

- Players can request the feedback from the selectors and coaches through BC by way of email.
- BC will communicate feedback from the selectors directly back to the player.

Such feedback could include things such as what the player needs to improve, or that they may have missed out due to positioning (i.e. not having a team full of singles players). For example, selectors felt your fitness needs improvement, or there were other stronger doubles players in the team, and we needed to balance with some singles specialists.

Feedback will not include specifics about another player (e.g. Player x was selected over you because they beat you in singles on a particular day)

- If a player feels like they have been unjustifiably left off a squad or team selection, they may appeal via email to jo@badmintoncanterbury.com. Such an appeal must clearly state why they feel they should be in the team.

Note in fairness to all, it is highly unlikely a player would be withdrawn from a team and replaced by another player.

BREACHES OF PLAYER CONTRACT

It is obviously in everyone's best interests that Players, Coaches, Selectors and BC work together throughout the year. It is the responsibility of the coach and BC to monitor attendance at training, and BC to monitor entries into events.

If a player will be absent from training or a prescribed event, they should notify their team via chat. Should a player breach their commitment to their team (e.g. un-notified non-attendance), the following processes will apply:

1. BC will send player communication to player and coach, drawing players attention to their attendance record, and request either improved attendance or communication of reason.
2. BC will continue to monitor attendance.
3. If there is no improvement or communication, the player will be contacted by BC management.
4. If there is still no improvement the player will be notified that further action may be taken, including not being considered for a travelling team.

If a player continues to not attend training or events with no communication to their coach or BC, then their eligibility to play for Canterbury the following year may be affected. Players will need to explain their commitment to the team prior to being considered for selection for the following year. In addition, where there is a close call between player abilities, then preference will be given to players who regularly attend training and events.

NEW MEMBERSHIP PLANS

The new plans are introduced to help players know what is to be expected of them financially throughout the year and to minimise the amount of time BC spends administering and collecting fees from players for both training and event costs. They also aim to benefit those that are committing to training and paying their invoices on time.

The three plans are outlined below:

NOTES: Prices will be inflation adjusted in 2026 and reviewed again in 2027

ANNUAL PLAN

TRAINING

- \$450 - Full payment required by 31st Jan 2025 to receive additional benefits
- All training sessions from 1 October – 30 September the following year are included
- Guarantee a minimum of 34 sessions delivered.
- Additional pop-up sessions at no extra cost.
- Training sessions will be advertised on the calendar of 'EVENTS' available to view through your player login. Extra session will also be on the BC Senior Rep Facebook page.
- Includes affiliation to BC, if you are not a registered member of an affiliated club
- If registered and paid by due date of 31st Jan – receive a 6-block court hire voucher to the value of \$60

Target Level	Minimum panned sessions	Dates	Time
Block 1: Tier 1 & 2	7 sessions	3 Nov 18 Nov - 16 Dec	5 – 7pm 4 - 6pm
Block 2: Tier 1	10 sessions	6 Jan - 10 Mar	7 - 9pm
Block 2: Tier 2	10 sessions	8 Jan - 12 Mar	5.30 - 7.30pm
Block 3: Tier 1	10 sessions	17 Mar - 19 May	7 - 9pm
Block 3: Tier 2	11 sessions	19 Mar - 28 May	5.30 - 7.30
Block 4: Tier 1 & 2	10 sessions	4 June - 6 Aug	5.30 - 7.30pm

No sessions on public holidays.

WISDEN/SLAZENGER, NEILL CUP AND DIVISION 3 TEAM COMPETITION

- 20% discount on costs to attend Wisden/Slazenger of \$440 + flights
- 20% discount on costs to attend Division 3 of \$200 + transport
- Cost to participate is regardless of where event is held
- Canterbury 1 and 2
 - Deposit payment of \$200 due 31 March
 - Balance of \$240 due 30 April
 - Payment for flights due on invoice
 - To be eligible for the discount on representative team costs, invoices must be paid by the due date. Late payments will incur additional charges according to the 'Block By Block' Plan.
 - 20% additional charge = \$110
- Canterbury 3
 - Deposit payment of \$100 due 30 May
 - Balance of \$100 + any transport costs, due on 30 June
 - To be eligible for the discount on representative team costs, invoices must be paid by the due date. Late payments will incur additional charges according to the 'Block By Block' Plan.
 - 20% additional charge = \$50
- Neill Cup costs fixed at \$75 (Excluding Travel) regardless of home or away tie
 - Invoiced upon selection into team
 - Payment required by due date

BLOCK BY BLOCK PLAN

TRAINING

Target Level	Minimum sessions	Dates	Time	Cost
Block 1: Tier 1 & 2	5 sessions	3 Nov 18 Nov - 16 Dec	5 – 7pm 4 - 6pm	\$140
Block 2: Tier 1	10 sessions	6 Jan - 10 Mar	7 - 9pm	\$200
Block 2: Tier 2	10 sessions	8 Jan - 12 Mar	5.30 - 7.30pm	\$200
Block 3: Tier 1	10 sessions	17 Mar - 19 May	7 - 9pm	\$200
Block 3: Tier 2	11 sessions	19 Mar - 28 May	5.30 - 7.30	\$220
Block 4: Tier 1 & 2	10 sessions	4 June - 6 Aug	5.30 - 7.30pm	\$200

- Pop up sessions charged at \$25 per session, invoiced at the end of the training block for any additional sessions over and above the purchased number of sessions.
- No discount for sessions missed

- Training sessions are available to view under 'EVENTS' in Friendly Manager. Additional sessions, over and above pre-planned, will be advertised in Senior Rep Facebook Group and via email.
- No sessions on public holidays

WISDEN/SLAZENGER, NEILL CUP AND DIVISION 3 TEAM COMPETITION

- Wisden/Slazenger \$550 + flights
- Division 3 \$250 + transport
- Canterbury 1 and 2
 - Deposit payment of \$350 due 31 March
 - Balance of \$200 due 30 April
 - Payment for flights due on invoice
- Canterbury 3
 - Deposit payment of \$150 due 30 May
 - Balance of \$100 + any transport costs, due on 30 June
- Neill Cup costs fixed at \$75 (Excluding Travel) regardless of home or away tie.
 - Invoiced upon selection into team
 - Payment required by due date

CASUAL ATTENDANCE

- Any session attended is invoiced at a rate of \$25 per session
- Outstanding invoice amount is not to exceed \$100 i.e. needs to be paid monthly.
- Canterbury 1 and 2
 - Additional cost to play representative badminton of \$50
 - Deposit payment of \$350 due 31 March
 - Balance of \$50 due 30 April
 - Payment for flights due on invoice
- Canterbury 3
 - Deposit payment of \$150 due 30 May
 - Balance of \$100 + any transport costs, due on 30 June

PAYMENT PLANS FOR TRAINING AND TRIP EXPENSES

We understand that sometimes due to circumstances, you may not be able to pay your training or trip expenses up front. If this is the case, we ask that you set up a payment plan as soon as registering for training, or as soon as being named in a team. This is to ensure that the majority of the expenses are paid by the time of team travel. This is not an applicable option for the Annual Payment Plan.

REPAYMENT PLAN APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: _____
DOB: _____
Team: _____
Event: _____

REASON FOR REQUEST

REQUEST DETAILS

Agreed Amount \$ _____
Administration fee \$10.00
Total \$ _____
Repayment Amount \$ _____
Frequency: Weekly [] Fortnightly [] Monthly []
Start Date of repayments \$ _____

Payment established via internet banking on _____ (Insert date)

Repayment plans are to continue until all debts to BC are paid in full. Failure to clear debts by the 31st December will result in further administration expenses and may limit your eligibility to play Representative badminton the following season.

Badminton Canterbury Account Number: 03-1591-0635589-00

Reference: Player Name
Particulars: Team/Event

SIGNATURE

Player

Badminton Canterbury

REFUND POLICY:

ANNUAL PLAN

- **Refunds only considered upon receipt of a medical certificate or approval by board**
- 34 sessions minimum provided to players
 - 0 – 5 sessions attended – refund of \$315
 - 6 – 10 sessions attended – refund of \$240
 - 11 – 15 sessions attended – refund of \$140
 - 16 – 20 sessions attended – refund of \$40
 - 21 + sessions attended – no refund.
- Withdrawal from the team at least 2 months prior to tie date – full refund of tournament costs.
- Withdrawal from the team between one and two months prior to the tie date – no refund on any flights booked that BC is unable to transfer. 80% refund of other tournament costs.
- Withdrawal from the team less than one month prior to the tie date 50% refund of tournament costs.

Players should arrange suitable time off work to meet the team’s travel schedule on acceptance of their position in the team. Being required to work will not be sufficient to trigger a refund less than one month prior to tie.

BLOCK BY BLOCK PLAN

- **Refunds only considered upon receipt of a medical certificate or approval by board**
- 10 sessions minimum provided to players
 - 0 – 3 sessions attended – refund of \$115
 - 4 – 5 sessions attended – refund of \$90
 - 6 – 7 sessions attended – refund of \$50
 - 8 + sessions attended – no refund.
- Withdrawal from the team at least 2 months prior to tie date – full refund of tournament costs.
- Withdrawal from the team between one and two months prior to the tie date – no refund on any flights booked that BC is unable to transfer. 80% refund of other tournament costs.
- Withdrawal from the team less than one month prior to the tie date 50% refund of tournament costs.

Players should arrange suitable time off work to meet the team’s travel schedule on acceptance of their position in the team. Being required to work will not be sufficient to trigger a refund less than one month prior to tie.

CASUALS

- **Refunds only considered upon receipt of a medical certificate or approval by board**
- Withdrawal from the team at least 2 months prior to tie date – full refund of tournament costs.
- Withdrawal from the team between one and two months prior to the tie date – no refund on any flights booked that BC is unable to transfer. 80% refund of other tournament costs.
- Withdrawal from the team less than one month prior to the tie date 50% refund of tournament costs.

Players should arrange suitable time off work to meet the team’s travel schedule on acceptance of their position in the team. Being required to work will not be sufficient to trigger a refund less than one month prior to tie.

SUPER SERIES

Based on adjustments to BNZ Calendar (having Wisden and Slazenger Cups held earlier), player and coach feedback, we want to select the teams earlier.

To do this we need to change our selection criteria, as in the past our St Paddy's Tournament has formed part of this process.

With the introduction of a Super Series, we are:

- Creating a meaningful competition for our representative players
- Creating a platform for our selectors to assess game performance and results
- Providing a competition structure in the build up to St Paddy's tournament
- Aim to reduce the need for separate trials to be held. If still required, these can be more tailored to suit the needs of the selectors

DETAILS

- Format
 - 1 Men's Singles
 - 1 Women's Singles
 - 1 Men's Doubles
 - 1 Women's Doubles
 - 2 Mixed Doubles
- Dates
 - Saturday 18th Jan
 - Saturday 1st Feb
 - Saturday 15th Feb
 - Saturday 1st March
- Draw will depend on entry numbers
- Team entry fee \$240. Teams are encouraged to source sponsorship
- Saturday afternoons – Courts booked from 1.30 – 5.30pm
- 1 allocated courts per tie
- 1 tube of shuttles provided per tie

KEY TOURNAMENT DATES: FOR A FULL LIST SEE [BNZ CALENDAR](#)

January	18 th 26 th January	Super Series Senir Trials – Division 1 and 2 (3 – 5pm)
February	1 st 15/16	Super Series CFBA Tournament
March	1 st 9 th 14 – 16 th 21 – 22 nd 29 – 30 th	Super Series Senior Trials – Division 1 and 2 (4 – 6pm) St Paddy’s Tournament John Morrish Cup BWF Level 1
April	5 – 6 th 11 th – 12 th 18 – 20 th 25 – 26 th 27 th	Otago Open Neill Cup (CAN) NZ Tour/Manawatu Open Mainland Super Vets (OTG) Senior Trials – Division 3 (3 – 5pm)
May	3 – 4 th 9 – 10 th 11 th 16 – 18 th 23 – 25 th 30 – 1 st July	Tertiary Champs (AKL) Southland Open NZ Tour (NH) Southland Masters Champs Canterbury Masters Champs Wisden/Slazenger Cup South Island Masters (CAN)
June	6 – 8 th 13 – 15 th 14 th 20 – 22 nd	NZ Tour (CM) CAN Closed/B Grade Champs West Coast Champs OTG Masters Champs
July	19 – 20 th 25 – 27 th	BWF Level 1 NZ Tour (CAN)
August	1 – 3 rd 15 – 16 th 15 – 17 th	South Island Division 3 (OTG) South Island Vets (NEL) NZ National Champs (WN)
September	6 – 7 th 12 – 14 th	Mainland Badminton League (Queenstown) NZ Tour Finals (AKL) Southland Open/Masters Champs
October	2 – 4 th 11 th 16 – 19 th 20 – 24 th	NZ Masters National Champs Division 3 IA Play off Para Oceania Champs Australian Para Badminton International

REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM COSTS

BC contributes a significant investment into its senior rep programs, passing on a minimum of costs to players.

Cost	Annual Plan	Block by Block Plan	Casual Membership	Mainland Social Teams	
Player Cost per player	Summer – Block 1	\$450	\$140	\$25/session	
	Block 2		\$200	\$25/session	
	Block 3		\$200/\$220	\$25/session	
	Block 4		\$200	\$25/session	
	Wisden and Slazenger	\$440 + travel	\$550 + travel	\$550 + travel	
	Division 3	\$200 + travel	\$250 + travel	\$250 + travel	
	Neill Cup	\$75	\$75	\$75	
	Training				\$160
	Event Cost				\$200 TBC + travel
	Team Travel/Training Costs				

BC has committed to keeping these costs fixed (Excl. CPI adjustment) for the 2025 and 2026 season)

New: Player Subsidy Fund

As players make their own travel arrangements at senior level, there may be times where a last-minute substitute is made (e.g. if a player withdraws through injury). In this case, BC recognises that any player making last minute travel arrangements may be considerably disadvantaged, financially. Therefore, we are introducing a 'Player Subsidy Fund'.

The Player Subsidy Fund will be used in the event of a player being asked to travel away with less than four weeks' notice. BC will be able to provide a partial travel allowance up to the value of \$100 per person. This fund will accumulate through player contributions. If, however, the fund reaches > \$500 any surplus funds will be reallocated to the development and ongoing costs of the 'players room', so that everyone benefits.

\$5 per senior representative player per annum will be allocated from BC to this fund for future use.

Applications need to be made to this fund by emailing jo@badmintoncanterbury.com and priority will be given to teams travelling to the North Island for their respective competition.

Other costs not included above:

- Individual travel costs to away ties
- Entry to St Paddy's, Canterbury Open, Super Series, Doubles League and any other events
- Uniform t shirt if needed – BC can provide loan shirts if required.
- Jacket (invoiced at \$160 if not returned)
- Food and other player incidentals

NEILL CUP

Team accommodation will be booked on your behalf. All team members are expected to stay together.

All team members will be charged \$75 to participate in this event, regardless of whether it's a home or away tie.

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Team accommodation will be booked on your behalf. All team members are expected to stay together.

TEAM COMPETITIONS 2025

We encourage all our representative players to be playing Doubles 1. This helps build a good competitive league that we all benefit from.

TERM ONE: SUPER SERIES

Division 1	Saturday	\$240 per team	Division 1: Senior representative players
Division 2	18 Jan 1 st and 22 nd Feb 1 st March	1.30 – 5.30pm	Division 2: Doubles 2 level players

TERM TWO / THREE: DOUBLES LEAGUE

- Doubles one and two will both run on Tuesday nights.
- We encourage teams to be entered via their club however this is not compulsory.
- If you are interested, but unable to field a team – please contact leiza@badmintoncanterbury.com
- If you belong to an affiliated club or are a member of BC – nightly rate is \$15.
- Format of competition is:
 - 2 Males/2 Females
 - 1 MD/1 WD/ 4 XD
- Last night of competition, the format may vary and will be followed by supper upstairs.

Doubles 1	Tuesday	\$15/ night Start time 7pm	Division 1, 2 and 3 representative level players. Top Masters players. Developing Juniors U17/19
Doubles 2	Tuesday	\$15 / night 15 weeks Start time 7.00pm	Competitive Doubles Grade.

TERM FOUR: SUMMER LEAGUE



For 2025 we are going to trial a different format – that is hugely popular in tennis.

- 14th October – 18th Nov – 6 weeks.
- Limited to 10 teams (two divisions, if numbers permit)
- Teams are made up of 4 people, regardless of gender, who play in order of strength.
- Games are played to time – 25 minutes. Teams set a timer and their 2 games start at the same time.
- Lights on at 7pm for a warmup.
- Play starts at 7.20pm
- You play 3 x 25-minute games with each person in your team, in the following order, versing the equivalent ranked players from the other team.

Court	Time	Rank
1	7.20 – 7.45pm	1 and 4
2	7.20 – 7.45pm	2 and 3
1	7.55pm – 8.20pm	1 and 3
2	7.55pm – 8.20pm	2 and 4
1	8.30pm – 8.55pm	1 and 2
2	8.30pm – 8.55pm	3 and 4

- Lights off at 9.15pm
- Play games to 21 (otherwise scoring will get hard) but keep going until the timer is finished. (Don't finish once you have won two sets).
- Winner of the game is the team with the most points over the games played. E.g. of Team A v B below:
 - Scores of games are 21-15, 17-21, 11 – 17 at the time the buzzer goes.
 - Team A has 21 + 17 + 11 = 47
 - Team B has 15 + 21 + 17 = 53 so team B wins 53 - 47

Summer League	14 th Oct – 18 th Nov 6 weeks	\$13	Suitable to all Doubles 1 and Doubles 2 players Will have two divisions if numbers permit.
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SOCIAL GRADE

Social Grade Interclub is a grade that suits many players. Those wanting to take a step back from the tough games of doubles 2 or step up from social grade (having played this in the past), those coming back after injury, or those who are wanting to start playing a few more competitive games. Age is no barrier, with last year's competition ranging in age from about 16 through to over 70 years old.

Term 2	1 st May, 7pm start	Max 9 weeks	Social and Club Grade Players
Term 3	17 th July, 7pm start	Max 10 weeks	Social and Club Grade Players
Term 4	9 th October, 7pm start	Max 10 Weeks	Social and Club Grade Players

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

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- Advertise for and appoint senior coach(es)
- Advertise for and appoint senior selectors.
- Call for interest from players.
- Liaise with the selectors and as to the number of teams to be entered, and ensure teams are entered.
- Ensure players and coach know what is expected before pre-season training starts.
- Ensure teams are named on time.
- Select and announce team managers within 2 weeks of teams being named.
- Communicate with all players via email and Facebook.
- Engage with team managers regularly to sort out any issues.
- To ensure accommodation is booked.
- To speak to players regarding any issues or if they are failing to meet ongoing selection requirements.
- Provide monthly reports to the Board.
- To work in conjunction with the office in organise South Island and NZ Teams Events, Regional Tournaments, squad and team trainings.

SELECTORS

- Selectors will be advertised for by BC.
- When nominations have come in for Selectors, candidates will be advertised to the senior rep community for votes.
- Selectors will be appointed by BC taking into account the wishes of players, coaches and needs of BC.
- There will be 2 groups of selectors appointed:
 - Tier 1: Canterbury 1 & 2 – that is for Division 1/2 teams.
 - Tier 2: Canterbury 3-4 – that is for Division 3 teams.
- Two independent selectors to be appointed in each level with the third being the team coach/s.
- As there is some blurring of lines between the two levels, it is essential that the Selectors can maintain open lines of communication not only between their own group, but that of the other group.
- Be aware of and adhere to the selection criteria.
- Check eligibility of any players with BC and BNZ inter-association rules
- Ensure decisions are made based on individual merit and recorded in the “selection player matrix” to allow transparent communication with BC and back to players.
- To be present at prescribed events and observe players. Track players performances at tournaments.
- Selection of any Junior Player has to be agreed to by the Junior Convenor and the players parents.
- Liaise with the senior convenor and office as to the number of teams to be selected.

COACHES

- Run pre-season and squad training throughout the season. (see training schedule for dates)
- To keep a full attendance record of training, including any casuals, through Friendly Manager.
- Team selection in conjunction with appointed Selectors
- Optional - a fitness session such as the beep test (as a base measure at the start of the season) for selection purposes. The results are to be shared amongst selectors.
- To agree at the start of the season with the other selectors on the number of people travelling within each team
- To implement a coaching programme that develops each player and the team to a level of standard required for the competition.

- To provide an excellent role model by always setting an example of good conduct through dignity and respect for everyone.
- To assist the Manager during both training and competition with the administration of the team.
- To select the team for each tie within the requirements requested by the Tournament Officials. To meet all the guidelines and requirements of the Tournament Officials.
- To hold team meetings with players – prior to leaving for the hall outlining team selection and game plan.
- To support the players during the competition by providing coaching, guidance, and encouragement.
- To provide a report at the end of the competition to Badminton Canterbury
- To invoice the office for work completed within the month.
- Team coaches are appointed by BC.

TEAM MANAGERS RESPONSIBILITY

- Managers' report to the Senior Convenor
- Hold regular discussions with the team.
- To ensure all players have made private arrangements for travel to the tournament. Organise players to travel together on the same flights or car-pool where appropriate.
- Encourage the team to engage in fundraising initiatives and assist with the organisation of these. PLEASE NOTE it is difficult for Badminton Canterbury to obtain funding on your behalf when they cannot show in the funding application that you are actively fundraising yourselves.
- Be a spokesperson for the team and raise any issues or concerns if player not comfortable with the Senior Convenor
- Arrange through the office items for travel and return of same at the conclusion of each event (not season)
 - Player's tracksuits
 - Shuttles
 - First aid kit
- Attend managers meetings if applicable at the tournaments.
- Ensure umpiring responsibilities are organised and shared amongst the team.
- Ensure score sheets are recorded correctly and handed in as appropriate.
- Managers are to provide a written report following South Island or New Zealand events on template attached to the Senior Convenor within two weeks of the tournament.

OFFICE

- In discussion with Senior Convenor the office will enter teams, arrange for hire of vans and make accommodation bookings as requested.
- Attend to all invoicing of players and inform Senior Convenor and Selectors of any non- payment.
- Will apply for all funding options available in a timely manner on behalf of the senior teams. If successful, funding will be passed onto the players.
- Organise the following for away ties: team bag which includes first aid kit, shuttles, team tracksuits, fuel cards, pre-payment of expenses such as mini vans (if requested) and accommodation.
- Record and distribute team jackets to each Team Manager

PLAYERS RESPONSIBILITY

- To ensure you receive/read and respond where appropriate to all communication from Badminton Canterbury such as the newsletter, private emails, Facebook communications. Please inform the Office on office@badmintoncanterbury.com if you are not receiving information.
- To show good sportsmanship and respect towards other players, coach, and officials

- Abide by the BC Code of Conduct (given to all players with team naming, on the wall in the hall at BC, and on the BC website). You are also agreeing to this when you register for any player group through our database.
- Players are reminded they are not to provide alcohol/cigarettes or vaping products to any junior players under any circumstances.
- To agree to play in Canterbury Badminton team shirts to be supplied at their own cost. Limited loan tops are available through the office.
- To wear either the BC Hoodie or Team Jacket.
- To return supplied team jacket, clean and undamaged. Otherwise, you will be invoiced replacement costs. Bond for jacket may be charged.
- It is the expected that players stay with their team. The costs are split evenly among all the players in the team.
- Players are responsible for their own travel arrangements to each tie.
- To keep costs to players down, one person in each team will be required to be the team manager.
- Non travelling reserves are still expected to train with the team. They need to have flexibility to be able to travel with the team at late notice (due to reasons like injury etc). Should they travel, BC can provide options of a payment plan to help with the last-minute costs. The training fee should still be paid on naming of the team.
- Availability
 - Canterbury 1 players need to make themselves available for Wisden/Slazenger Cup and Neill Cup
 - Canterbury 2 players need to make themselves available for Slazenger Cup and Inter-Association play off if they finish in last place of Slazenger Cup.
 - Division 3 players need to make themselves available for the SI Div 3 tie. Should Canterbury win the Div 3 title, then the winning Div 3 team will be required to travel to the National Finals.
- Costs/payments
 - Players are required to cover all costs involved i.e. travel, accommodation, food and training fees (minus any funding grants or money raised by the team).
 - Players know of costs to participate in teams, prior to agreeing to play.
 - Players will be invoiced for the costs on acceptance of their position in the team. Dates for deposit and final payments are set.
 - **Payment plans can be arranged by consultation with the Office Manager. Please ensure that payment arrangements are made PRIOR to travel, not upon return. You should be fully paid, before participating in the event. Additional fees may be incurred for late payment.**
 - Team members cover the accommodation and travel costs and a per tie allowance of the coach.

APPLICABLE FOR ALL PEOPLE PLAYING BADMINTON IN CANTERBURY

1. The players will follow instructions and directions given by the Badminton Canterbury Association (BC), any of our clubs, coaches, manager's or team captains.
2. Players will maintain consideration and respect towards the public, coaches, officials and other athletes regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or disability.
3. Treat their opponents with respect; show good sportsmanship by winning with humility and losing with dignity; respect the decisions of officials; and recognise the efforts of all team-mates or opponents.
4. Players will have good court etiquette and respect other members playing in the hall.
5. Players will not partake in any form of harassment (any form of comment, conduct, or gesture directed toward an individual or group of individuals, which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, malicious, degrading, or offensive)
6. The player will not do anything, which would or might be likely to bring the BC Association or Club, any member of BC or Club, or any sponsor of BC or Club into disrepute. This applies both on and off the court.
7. The player will not partake in unacceptable behaviour. Examples of such behaviour are set out below:
 - 7.1. Not practicing the principles of fair play - at all times.
 - 7.2. Abusing court officials, coaches, managers, spectators or fellow players by verbal or sign language.
 - 7.3. Not using one's best efforts to win a match.
 - 7.4. Consumption of alcohol (minors) or excessive alcohol (seniors) or drugs.
 - 7.5. Misbehaviour or unacceptable behaviour at tournaments or accommodation.
8. If there is any damage to property at BC or your club premises, then the individual will be accountable for this. If no one takes responsibility, then the collective of individuals participating at the time will be responsible.
9. Any incidences that need to be dealt with will be done so by the Association or Club, according to their guidelines.
10. Take full responsibility for your own personal items – BC or Clubs will not be accountable for any loss of or theft of belongings.
11. Report any incidences to your club or team manager immediately and to the BC office as soon as practical.
12. Report any Health and Safety concerns to your club or team manager immediately and to the BC office as soon as practical.

APPLICABLE TO PLAYERS REPRESENTING THEIR ASSOCIATION OR CLUB WHILE TRAVELLING

1. To be selected for a travelling team is an honour and there are expectations on all individuals to ensure that they support the other players in their team and behave in a professional manner.
2. Any indiscretion, which relates to 6 (d) above, will result in the player being sent home at their own expense, after the team coach/manager/captain has advised the individuals parents (where appropriate)
3. Players acknowledge that the team coach/manager/captain shall have absolute authority over the conduct and behaviour of the player during the time the team is away, and the team coach/manager/captain decision is final in all matters relating to the conduct and behaviour of the player.
4. If there is damage to any property while representing the Association or your Club, for which no one will take responsibility, the whole team will be required to contribute to the costs.
5. Any fines imposed from Badminton New Zealand on the team or individual will be the responsibility of the individual/s involved.

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