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Cape Town Seniors Championships

23rd to 27th September 2026

John Tyers Hall, Access Park, Cape Town

Hosted by Badminton South Africa

12th June 2026

To: Members

Continental Confederations

The 1st edition of the Cape Town Seniors Championships 2026 will be held at:
John Tyers Hall, Access Park, Kenilworth, Cape Town, South Africa
23rd September to Sunday, 27th September 2026.

For further details and clarifications, please contact BSA Board Member: Administration,
Mike Noone at admin@badmintonsa.co.za.

Kind regards

Antonie Jacobs

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1. General Details	
Organiser	Badminton South Africa 279 West Street, De Hoewes, Centurion 0046 Board Member & Organiser: Mike Noone T: +27 83 307 0595 E: admin@badmintonsa.co.za W: www.badmintonsa.co.za
Sanction	Cape Town Seniors Championships 2026 Hosted by Badminton South Africa
Date of Championship	23 rd to 27 th September 2026
Competition Venue	John Tyers Hall, Access Park, Kenilworth, Cape Town, South Africa
Referee Team	Referee: • Mrs Emmie Wiggins • T : +27 83 232 0974 • E : masters.veterans@gmail.com
Medical Facility	A registered Nurse will be on duty for the duration of the tournament. Doctors are within 1km of the venue and hospital facilities are within 5km of the hall.
Useful Contacts from Host	Project Manager • Mr Erskine Du Toit • T : +27 82 855 7774 • E : dutoiterskine@gmail.com • Mrs Emmie Wiggins • T : +27 83 232 0974 • E : masters.veterans@gmail.com
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Insurance Coverage	Players and team officials shall hold valid travel insurance with emergency medical benefits. The insurance shall cover bodily injury that includes medical, dental emergencies, hospitalisation, medical transportation benefits and expenses incurred in the host country, as well as all expenses and costs associated to repatriating the injured party to his/her country of residence. Participants are advised to bring enough cash for any hospitalisation and medical care cost as payment must be done upon check-out and treatment.
Indemnity	To the extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release the BWF, BCA, BSA, 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 in the Tournament.
Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos	Players and all members of the national delegation shall agree to give the BWF and the Tournament Organiser full television and motion picture rights, including permission to film players and members of the national delegation during all matches and activities around the Tournament, for any commercial, news or other purpose together with the right to transfer such right, including without compensation.

2. Entry Details

Regulations (Conditions of Play)

The Cape Town Seniors Championships 2026 will be run in accordance with but not limited to,

- [The Badminton World Federation \(BWF\) Statutes](#)
- [Section 5.1 - General Competition Regulations \(GCR\)](#)
- Instructions of Badminton Confederation Africa (BCA)

Eligibility to Compete

The International Representation applies for a player to be eligible to compete – please look over to [Section 5.1 General Competitions Regulations](#), Clause 6.

Players' Eligibility

Age Groups	Year Born or Earlier
35+	1990
40+	1985
45+	1980
50+	1975
55+	1970
60+	1965
65+	1960
70+	1950

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The Tournament shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles in the following age groups: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, and 70+ with other age groups to be added at the discretion of BCA and BSA on a case-by-case basis.

Players should have reached the relevant age by **01 January of the year** in which the tournament is held. Therefore, for a player to play in an age category, 35+ to 70+, they need to have been born in or before the year shown in the chart above.

There will be no restrictions to the number of entries in each group from the Host.

2. Entry Details

Number of Players from Each Member

Each Member shall be entitled to enter in each age group, up to 4 men and 4 women in singles events, 8 men and 8 women in doubles events, and 4 men and 4 women in mixed doubles event.

Sr No	Category	Members	
		Male	Female
1	Singles Events	4	4
2	Doubles Events	8	8
3	Mixed Events	4	4

A player cannot compete in more than one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles event in any eligible age group. E.g., a male player eligible in 45+ age category, can enter in 45+ Men's Singles, then he will not be eligible to play in Men's Singles event in any other age group.

Online Entries

All entries must be submitted by the Members in the online entry system. Closing Date: Tuesday, 18 August 2026 South African time 23.59 hour (GMT +02.00).

Cape Town Seniors Championships 2026 – Official Entry Form –

Entry fee per person:

- Participating in One event – USD 100
- Participating in Two or Three events – USD 150.

Payment must be made via participants' respective member associations. The Host member association will send an invoice to each participating member association for all outstanding payments by their respective participants.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Bank Name: ABSA Bank

Branch Code / Name: 632005

Account Name: Western Province Badminton Association

Account Number: 713 567 841

Account Type: Current account

SWIFT CODE: ABSAZAJJ

Ref: Player's name and country

2. Entry Details

Entries

Entries may be submitted only by Members and shall be sent to reach the BSA not later than the closing date notified above.

All participants entering into this competition are required to provide a copy of their passport or an official government-issued identification card. This documentation is necessary to verify their eligibility and ensure compliance with the tournament's registration requirements.

Copies are to be submitted electronically with the entry form to karinbester79@gmail.com.

The original documents may be checked during the tournament by BSA and / or the Referees.

The BSA shall have the power to reject an entry due to incorrect date of birth or non-submission of the documents as stated above.

Entries with an existing World Ranking will prioritise over national ranking order.

BSA will not accept entries in doubles events as "Partner Wanted". It is the responsibility of the Member and its participants to find their partner and submit both names into the entry form.

Seeding and Draw

Seeding

The Seeding Committee and Badminton Confederation of Africa, will oversee and finalise the seeding process for the tournament. The seeding will be based on the performance of players in previous BWF World Senior Championships.

Conduct of the Tournament

All draws where the number of entries is more than 16 are played in a knockout format.

Where entries are not more than 16 in an event of any age category, the event may be played in a league format based on the following distribution.

Entries	Groups	Remarks
1-5	1	No knock out stage
6-10	2	Top two players in each group qualify for a knockout stage draw of 4 entries
11-16	4	Top two players in each group qualify for a knockout stage draw of 8 entries

The number of groups will be determined by the size of the final entries.

2. Entry Details

IMPORTANT NOTE:

If there are less than four entries in an event of any age group, the host reserves the right to cancel that event. In such case, the players who have entered in that cancelled event will be eligible to enter in the same event in a lower age group, provided there are entry spaces available.

The Committee of Management reserves the right to modify the above playing.

There shall be one seeded entry per group as follows,

Group	Seed
Group A	Seed: 1
Group B	Seed: 2
Group C	Seed: $\frac{3}{4}$
Group D	Seed: $\frac{3}{4}$

Separation of Entries

The Entries from any one Member shall be drawn as follows: If a knockout draw only (i.e., more than 16 entries):

- the first and second ranked entries from the Member are drawn by lot in opposite halves of the draw.
- the third and fourth ranked entries are drawn by lot in remaining quarters.

If group play only (i.e., 1-5 entries):

- no national separation.

If group play followed by knock out (i.e. 6-16 entries):

- in the group play, the first and second ranked entries from the Member are drawn by lot into separate groups.
- Entries of the same group do not play against each other in the first round of the knock stage.

Withdrawal

Withdrawal

Last date for withdrawal without penalty – **Monday, 7th September 2026** before BSA headquarters time 23.59 hour (GMT +02.00).

Withdrawals after this date will incur a fine of USD250.

2. Entry Details		
Key Dates – Competition	18th August 2026 Tuesday	Cape Town Senior Championships entries close Midnight BSA Headquarters time. (02:00hours GMT)
	23rd August 2026 Sunday	Seeding done by Seeding Committee
	30th August 2026 Sunday	Publish Seeding
	7th September 2026 Monday	Last date for withdrawals without penalty
	8th September 2026 Tuesday	Draw
	24 August 2025 Sunday	Submission of team managers nomination form
	22th September 2026 Tuesday	Team Managers Meeting: 18:00 Venue: John Tyers Hall, Access Park, Kenilworth
Clothing and Advertising Regulations	General Competition Regulations 20 to 24 and 5.3.7 Summary of GCR 21 & 23 – clothing will be applicable, as appropriate. It is Recommended from Quarter Finals for all players to adhere to the following clothing regulations. • Colour (Regulation 20) of players shirts, skirts and shorts in singles matches. • The doubles partners to wear the same colour. • The opposing players to wear a significantly different colour from each other. • Country name of back of shirt (optional) Players Name • It is recommended – players name on back of shirt. • If a players name and country name is on the back of the shirt, it must comply with BWF Regulations.	
Certificate of Medical Fitness	"Fit for participation" It is the responsibility of each player participating in the Cape Town Senior Championships to undergo a medical examination and be certified fit for participation. It is in the interest of the player to declare any underlying medical condition / medication to the Tournament Referee. Information shall be confidential.	

3. Tournament Details				
Competition Schedule	Date / Day		Rounds	Start Time
	23 th September 2026, Wednesday		Preliminary	10:00
	24 th September 2026, Thursday		Preliminary & Round of 16	10:00
	25 th September 2026, Friday		Preliminary & Quarterfinals	10:00
	26 th September 2026, Saturday		Semifinals	10:00
	27 th September 2026, Sunday <i>Format of medal ceremony to be advised at Managers Meeting</i>		Finals	10:00 * TBC
	<i>*All times are subject to change; detailed schedule will be published after the draw)</i>			
Competition Equipment and Services	Service height devices will be used for Semifinals and Finals.			
	Items	Where	Item Code	Note
	Shuttlecocks	FOP, Warm Up & Practice	BWF Approved ➤ Speed 78	Shuttlecocks can be purchased for practice
	Stringing Service	Stringing is available at USD15 / ZAR300 per racquet. To be paid in cash.		
Practice Facilities	Practice Courts available on 22nd September 2026 at the John Tyers Hall, Access Park, Kenilworth Practice venue: ▪ Number of courts: 5 ▪ The practice schedule will be made by the Organising Committee in consideration of the arrival schedule in Cape Town and size of the participating players. It will be announced after approval by the referee. <u>Practice Request Form</u> Competition Courts in Main Arena: ▪ John Tyers Hall 4 courts ▪ During Tournament Practice: The Referee team may grant practice to the teams that are competing on the day subject to schedule of play of that day.			

3. Tournament Details									
Players' Facilities & Services	Tournament Office	Location	In the venue						
		Operating Hours	From 1 hour before play until 30 minutes after the last match ends						
	Players' Lounge	Location	In the venue						
		Operating Hours	From start of play until 30 minutes after the last match ends						
		Facilities Provided	▪ 3 courts live streaming ▪ Wi-Fi not provided ▪ Microwaveable frozen food ▪ Cash Refreshments and Snacks available						
	Physiotherapy Service	Operating Hours	Medical facilities available within 1km of the venue.						
Team Managers' Meeting	The Team Managers Meeting will be held at the following: John Tyers Hall, Access Park, Kenilworth Tuesday 22nd September 2026 It is recommended for all participating Members - represented by designated Team Manager - to attend the Team Managers' Meeting. TEAM MANAGER NOMINATION FORM – Deadline 14th September 2026 <u>Team Manager's Nomination Form</u> Should you have any issue to access the online form, please contact via email at karinbester79@gmail.com								
Umpire Briefing	The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following: <table><tr><td>Date</td><td>Tuesday 22nd September 2026</td></tr><tr><td>Time</td><td>18:7:00</td></tr><tr><td>Location</td><td>John Tyers Hall, Access Park, Kenilworth</td></tr></table>			Date	Tuesday 22 nd September 2026	Time	18:7:00	Location	John Tyers Hall, Access Park, Kenilworth
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3. Tournament Details

Medal Ceremony

Medals

The Medals will be given as per below table:

Singles Events

Gold	Winner	1 Gold Medal
Silver	Runner up	1 Silver Medal
Bronze 1	Losing Semi-finalist 1	1 Bronze Medal
Bronze 2	Losing Semi-finalist 2	1 Bronze Medal

Doubles Events

Gold	Winner	2 Gold Medal
Silver	Runner up	2 Silver Medal
Bronze 1	Losing Semi-finalist 1	2 Bronze Medal
Bronze 2	Losing Semi-finalist 2	2 Bronze Medal

The Medal ceremony will take place on the Final day, immediately after the conclusion of each session. Medals will be presented to the Winner, Runner Up and both losing semi-finalist players.

In accordance with [BWF Statute 5.3.6 Player Commitment regulations](#) – players/pairs must follow the instructions given by the organisers regarding the ceremony protocol, including but not limited to wearing the correct style of clothing (e.g. tracksuit or uniform) and the correct way of entering/exiting the ceremony area. No other equipment, including rackets, flags, are allowed to be brought onto the podium.

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, 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 matches. For more information, please refer to BWF's website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/
Compliance	Compliance with Section 5.1: General Competition Regulations - Clause 7.9, "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."
4. Travel, Visa, Transport & Accommodation Details	
Arrival & Departure Airport	<u>Airport meet and greet will be extended to the Teams who booked their accommodation via the organiser.</u> The arrival and departure airport ▪ Cape Town International Airport NO TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENT WILL BE MADE FROM OTHER AIRPORTS.
Visa Support Request	VISA SUPPORT REQUEST – 18 August 2026 VISA ON ARRIVAL IS NOT AVAILABLE <u>Please complete the attached form with all your requirements.</u> Visa Support Letter Players requiring visa for entry into South Africa are required to email the copy of details page of passports and passport sized photos to arrange for visas. Should the team require the original letter to be couriered, the courier cost will be invoiced to the relevant Member. • Kindly fill in the Visa Request Form as soon as possible. • Ensure all personal information is accurate and matches your passport. • Check whether your nationality requires a tourist visa, or is visa-exempt.

4. Travel, Visa, Transport & Accommodation Details

	• Ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your date of entry into South Africa • Prepare and carry any supporting documents that may be required at immigration (e.g., invitation letter, accommodation booking, return flight details). • Applications for visa must be made to the South African Embassy in your country or a neighbouring country. Support letter will be provided upon request from your association. • <u>List of visa exempt countries:</u> • https://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/exempt-countries. • Other countries can apply here: https://ehome.dha.gov.za/epermit/home • We recommend checking the requirements in advance to ensure a smooth travel and entry process.
Visa Support Request	The organiser will only communicate with the BWF's Members and not individual participants and will only provide a visa letter of support if the form is completed accurately and comprehensively, which include the supporting documentation provided when requested. The organiser accepts no responsibility for withdrawals or non- attendance made due to late or refused visa applications, and any letter of invitation does not guarantee entry into South Africa or provide sponsorship of any kind – the final decision is made by South African Immigration. It is the responsibility of the Member, Organisation or individual to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all questions regarding visas should be directed to the Embassy in charge.
Transport	ARRIVAL TRANSPORT REQUEST Deadline of airport transportation request: 7 September 2026. The airport transportation form must be submitted to the host (info@ctba.org.za) Please complete the attached form with all your requirements. Transportation Request COMPLIMENTARY TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO TEAMS THAT BOOKED AT THE OFFICIAL HOTEL VIA THE ORGANISER. The Teams that choose to not stay at the Official Hotel or are unable to secure rooms at the Official Hotel due to late submission, the Team(s) will have to arrange their own transport return transport from/to airport and to the venue.

4. Travel, Visa, Transport & Accommodation Details	
Transport	Transport: Throughout Competition Transport service between the Official Hotel and Competition Venue throughout competition times is provided – timetables will be made available at the Tournament Office.
Accommodation	ACCOMMODATION REQUEST: Deadline of hotel booking request :25 August 2026 Please complete the attached form with all your requirements. <u>C:\Users\Admin\OneDrive - Badminton South Africa\Documents\2026 SA Seniors\2026 Cape Town Seniors Accommodation Form.xlsx</u> <u>Neighbourgood Newlands (3 stars)</u> Price (Half board – Bed & Breakfast*) 1. Single Room: ZAR 1,160 / Person / Night (<i>approx. US\$70 increasing to ZAR 1,340 / Person / Night approx. USD 81 for a superior room</i>) 2. Twin Room: ZAR 710 / Person / Night (<i>approx. US\$45 increasing to ZAR 800 / Person / Night approx. USD48 /person / night for a Superior room</i>) <i>*The hotel is approximately 500m from Cavendish Square which is a shopping mall with restaurants for meals (also available at the hall and around for less than \$12 meal).</i> Reservations have to be made with the Organisers. Check in/out at the hotel is at 12h00. Accommodation charges must be paid by bank transfer directly to the hotel. The host will issue an invoice upon request. <i>The Accommodation form must be submitted to the host (info@ctba.org.za) by 25 August 2026.</i>
General Cleanliness	Participants are reminded to keep the competition hall and all tournament venue clean. Please ensure that all personal waste and trash are properly disposed of after practice and competition.
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