

JUNIOR SQUAD PLAYER / CAREGIVER AGREEMENT

Congratulations on your achievement in being selected for a Bay of Plenty Badminton Junior Training Squad for 2026!

1. ORGANISATION

- a) Bay of Plenty Badminton Assn Inc. (BOPBA) works in close cooperation with Badminton NZ and other regional associations across New Zealand.
- b) Before any player is permitted to participate in competition, they are required to be a registered to a Bay of Plenty Badminton Association 'Affiliated Club' (List of clubs can be found in the Representative Teams Selection & Appeals Policy document) and, also be in good standing with BOPBA and with Badminton NZ.

2. COMMITMENT / OBLIGATIONS

- a) **The 2026 Junior BOP Squad Training Fee will be: \$500.00.** You will be invoice for a \$100 deposit on registration with a further \$400 invoiced once you have been allocated to either the development or elite squad.
- b) **ALL** junior players are also required to be a member of a BOP Affiliated Club (see Representative Players Selection & Appeals Policy for a list of Affiliated Clubs).
- c) **BOPBA expects that you will attend ALL team practices, training sessions/practises, meetings and tournaments as directed by the Coach.**
Where a situation arises that prevents you from doing so, the matter is to be discussed immediately with the Coach ie: sickness, family emergencies.
Failure to attend trainings may result in you being removed from the squad.
- d) That the BOPBA squad fees are required to be paid in full. Please contact Delwyn via email delwyn.cooper@bopbadminton.co.nz regarding setting up a payment plan for fees should you require this.
- e) That you wear the provided BOPBA player shirts (with either navy or black shorts/skirts) for all Representative Team Events. Badminton NZ requires each association to register its representative team uniforms and may fine associations/individual players for not wearing team uniform.
- f) BOPBA. Representative Team Events take precedence over Individual Events.
- g) BOPBA expects representative players to compete and succeed to the best of their ability.
- h) BOPBA expects strong commitment through effort, behaviour, and professionalism at all Badminton NZ team events along with individual sanctioned and non-sanctioned events.

COMPULSORY EVENTS

Junior Age Group National Championship Teams Event (If selected):

The u13's, u15's, u17's and u19's teams will compete at the New Zealand Junior Teams Championships held at Palmerston North. This event is to be held from Sunday 29th June – Wednesday 2nd July 2025. (Travel days are Saturday 28th June & Thursday, 3rd July).

The cost for a player to go to Palmerston North – NZ Team Championships (u13's, u15's, u17's & 19's teams) is approximately \$550 - \$650 for Travel, Accommodation and Food and the tournament player pack (which consists of event program and tournament shirt).

Applications will be made to Charitable Trusts for grants that may allow this amount to be reduced, however players and parents must be able to pay the full cost if these applications are not successful.

Players and Parents will also be required to help with fundraising initiatives to help with costs. Those players/parents who do not help with fundraising, will not benefit from the fundraising.

Players **MUST** stay with the team and each team will have a Coach, Manager and 1-2 Parent Helper stay with them.

Supporters are welcome but must organize own transport and accommodation separate from the team.

Players who withdraw from a team prior to the trip to Palmerston North due to illness or injury, will still be responsible for costs incurred by BOPBA in planning for this trip.

BOP /North Island Under 13 & U17 Champs

Players eligible will be expected to play in this event that will be held at QEYC Hall, Tauranga Hall on Friday, 10th, Saturday, 11th & Sunday 12th April 2026.

All junior players are encouraged to play in the BOP Interclub Competition for their Club to be held in Tauranga on Sunday, 19th July & Sunday 18th October 2026.

All Players are encouraged to play in the BOP A, B, C & D Grade Championships to be held at Rotorua Badminton Hall on Friday evening, 14th, Saturday, 15th & Sunday 16th August 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

BOPBA expects a strong line of communication with its player's and by signing this player agreement, the player, parent or guardian will adhere to agreed deadlines, training information and any reporting or feedback requested.

- **Social (Media)**

Players, Coaches, Volunteers, Staff, Caregivers and Supporters will not bring BOPBA or any of its members into disrepute through the use of (social) media but instead address any concerns through the available communication channels within the Bay of Plenty Badminton Association.

4. CONSENT TO USE IMAGE

The player, parent or guardian hereby grants to Bay of Plenty Badminton Assn Inc., the right and licence to record, reproduce, distribute, display, perform and otherwise use the image, picture, likeness, persona or other representation, in any medium whatsoever, of the player.

5. LOSS OR DAMAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

The player, parent or guardian understands and agrees that he or she shall be fully responsible for his or her own personal items during his or her participation in any events, trainings, tournaments whilst playing as a representative of BOPBA and that the BOPBA shall not be liable for any loss of or damage to the personal items.

6. BANNED SUBSTANCES

BOPBA and Badminton New Zealand has a Zero Tolerance to alcohol and drug use (including smoking and vaping for junior players (under 13's, 15's, 17's and 19's). Please check the Drug Free Sport NZ website for a list of banned substances for elite athletes including illegal and recreational drug use. www.drugfreesport.org.nz

7. GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT

BOPBA Representative Players shall:

- a) Recognise that they are ambassadors for the sport of badminton, the BOPBA and Badminton NZ and that it is a privilege to represent their association and their community.
- b) Maintain consideration and respect towards the public, coaches, officials, volunteers and other players regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, or disability.
- c) Treat their opponents with respect; show good sportsmanship by winning with humility and losing with dignity; respect the decisions of officials; and recognises the efforts of teammates or opponents regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation or ability.

- d) Agree to abide by the rules, bylaws, regulations, and/or laws of Badminton NZ, any host associations and host venues.
- e) Avoid any behaviour that would cause unreasonable disruption or interference in competitions, training sessions/practises, or preparation of any player for a competition (i.e. fighting, abusive or foul language, etc.).
- f) Avoid theft or vandalism of any property, hotel rooms, dormitories, training facilities, and equipment. The player shall be held personally accountable for such actions and agrees to pay directly for any such damage.
- g) Treat with respect all property owned, rented by or loaned by Bay of Plenty Badminton Assn Inc., including, but not limited to, team equipment, clothing, rental or other vehicles and accommodations.
- h) Commit to participation in the following:
 - Information requests from BOPBA.
 - Feedback and Survey requests from BOPBA
 - Promotional activities as negotiated with BOPBA
 - Fundraising activities as negotiated with BOPBA

8. HARASSMENT

- a) Players shall not partake in any form of harassment.
- b) Harassment is defined as comment, conduct or gesture directed toward an individual or group of individuals, which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, malicious, degrading, or offensive.

9. DISCIPLINE

- a) The player agrees that they may be disciplined by removal of privileges granted in this Agreement, suspension, or removal from the BOPBA Representative Team or squad if they breach this agreement and/or their behaviour has a serious, disruptive effect on other Team members. Parents will be contacted and will be required to make arrangements to collect their child or organise transportation.
- b) If a player decides not to stay with the team at the team accommodation, then they forfeit their right to play in any further ties at that competition.
- c) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the player agrees that if expelled from an activity (e.g., competition, training) for breach of this Agreement, the player/caregiver will be personally liable for any travel, accommodation or other costs associated with the event incurred by Bay of Plenty Badminton Assn Inc their behalf. Agreement on reimbursement of these costs will occur prior to the expelled player leaving the activity site.

Appeals of the above must be made in writing to the BOP Badminton Association Board and received with 5 days of the alleged breach. Response/formalised process will proceed within 5 days of appeal being received.

10. CAREGIVERS & SUPPORTERS

- a) Will encourage child to play within the rules and respect officials' and coaches' decisions, remember that children learn best by example.
- b) Will give positive comments that motivate and encourage a player's efforts and performance.
- c) Will not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches.
- d) Will not use bad language, harass players, coaches, officials, or other spectators nor criticise or ridicule player's performance after the game.
- e) Will lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires, administrators, and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse of players, officials, coaches, volunteers, and other supporters will not be tolerated.
- f) Recognize all volunteers who give up their valuable time and never publicly criticise volunteers or staff, rather raise personal concerns with Team Management or BOPBA Staff in private.
- g) Will not interfere with or side-track the team or players during trainings or games.
- h) Will not coach the team or players during trainings or games unless requested to by the coach.
- i) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability, or cultural background.

I hereby declare that I have read and fully understand the above Player / Caregiver Agreement, and that I agree to abide by its terms.

Player Name

Signature of Player Date

Parent/Caregiver Name

Signature of Parent/Caregiver Date