

Central Region Inter-Association 2020

Following feedback from Associations and players, Badminton NZ have determined that the North Island Inter-Association competition will be restructured for 2020 with a Northern and Central Region competition. We believe this new format provides players with an opportunity to take to the court without the often-significant travel requirements. To ensure the viability of the competition, we will require all associations to host ties throughout the season.

Badminton NZ can also confirm that we have made the difficult decision to cancel Wisden & Slazenger Cups following feedback from competing Associations. While these events will not take place in 2020, all competing teams are invited to compete in either Northern or Central Division 1, including teams from Mainland.

How will it work?

- Associations will determine which divisions they feel their teams are best suited to compete in. Badminton NZ may request slight alterations to division selection to ensure each division has a viable competition structure.
- The only Inter-Association Bylaw Player eligibility regulations which will be enforced are; 6.(a) Good Standing and 6.(n). Age Restricted Categories, with the addition that a player may only represent one team per weekend.
- Associations will not be required to name players prior to the submission of the ranking list on the morning of the ties.
- Winning teams will be provided medals for each player.

Central Inter-Association Competition Details

	Seniors	Masters (35+)	Vets (50+)	Super-Vets (60+)
Dates	15 August 12 & 13 September	1 August 26 & 27 September	25 July 5 & 6 September	15 August 19 & 20 September
Format	12 matches 2xMS, 2xWS, 2xMD, 2xWD, 4xXD	12 matches 4xMD, 4xWD, 4xXD	9 matches 3xMD, 3xWD, 3xXD	9 matches 3xMD, 3xWD, 3xXD
Minimum Players	4 men 4 women	4 men 4 women	3 men 3 women	3 men 3 women
No. of Central Divisions	3	3	2	2

Now What?

- **Contact us with your availability for each applicable date by Friday 5th June.**
<https://www.manawatubadminton.org.nz/feedback/>
- As the format is the same, MBA will try to maintain the previously selected teams, where possible.
- MBA will enter additional teams if enough additional players indicate availability.
- If additional teams can be entered, MBA may need to re-select teams to balance out playing abilities.
- **Cost per player: \$TBC** (depending on venue availability for training and number of teams entered).