

Blind Low Vision Tennis Open
14 – 15 November 2026
Albany Tennis Park, Auckland, New Zealand

Info Pack
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Prepared by Blind Low Vision Tennis NZ

Welcome

On behalf of Bind Low Vision Tennis NZ and Albany Tennis Park, we are delighted to invite you to the Auckland Blind Low Vision Open 2026.

This tournament will bring together blind and low vision tennis players from New Zealand and overseas for a weekend of competition, friendship, learning, and celebration. This event aims to showcase the growth of blind and low vision tennis, while providing players of all abilities and backgrounds a welcoming and inclusive tournament experience.

We look forward to welcoming you to Auckland and sharing a fantastic weekend of tennis.

Schedule

Saturday 14 November 2026

- Player registration
- Opening ceremony
- Singles competition

Sunday 15 November 2026

- Singles finals
- Doubles competition
- Presentation ceremony

Classification

Classifications that will be accepted are:

- B1
- B2
- B3
- B4

Classified Players

Players with a current classification may compete under that classification.

The following classifications will be recognised:

1. IBTA
2. IBSA
4. IPC

Players with a current classification must provide their classification documentation when registering and will compete in their allocated sport class/rank.

New Zealand players who do not have a current classification, or whose classification has expired, must apply for a provisional classification. We also ask players to register as an individual member of Blind Sport NZ.

[Blind Sport New Zealand - Membership for Individuals](#)

To begin the provisional classification process, complete the Medical Diagnostic Form (MDF) available on the Blind Sport NZ Classification webpage, arrange the required medical assessment, and submit all supporting documentation to Blind Sport NZ via gm@blindsport.kiwi for review. The documents will be reviewed by the IBSA certified classifier and Blind Sport NZ will then advise the player of the classification outcome.

As the classification process can take some time, players are encouraged to submit their documentation no later than a month before the competition. International players who are not currently classified should contact their national blind sport or blind tennis organisation for guidance.

For more information, visit the Blind Sport NZ Classification webpage.

[Blind Sport New Zealand - Classification](#)

Entry Fees

Singles NZ\$100

Doubles NZ\$50

Singles & Doubles \$130

Matches

We aim to offer players a minimum of 3 singles matches and/or 2 doubles matches. This may change due to registration numbers. Draws will be released once all registrations have been closed and classifications verified. Events may be combined to make up round robin draws depending on entries to give all players court time. Once registrations are closed we will confirm the scoring format based on entry numbers.

Singles

Singles events will be offered in both Men's and Women's B1, B2, B3 and B4. Events may be combined depending on entry numbers.

Doubles

Subject to entries, doubles events may include Men's, Women's and/or Mixed Doubles for B2, B3 and B4, as well as B1 for players who wish to compete under B1 conditions.

Awards

Awards will be presented for:

- Singles Winners
- Singles Runners-Up
- Doubles Winners
- Doubles Runners-Up
- Most Improved Player
- Outstanding Sportsmanship
- Novice Achievement Award

B1 Competitors

All B1 competitors are encouraged to travel with a support person to assist with:

- Navigation around the venue
- Court orientation
- Tournament logistics
- Travel assistance

The support person cannot be another competitor during a player's scheduled match. If you do not have a support person but require one, please let us know via [email](#) and we will endeavor to find a support volunteer for you.

Tournament Services

Blind Low Vision Tennis NZ aims to provide:

Accessibility Support

- Volunteer guides
- Orientation assistance
- Accessible information formats
- Audio announcements

Player Services

- Tournament desk
- Equipment support
- Practice court scheduling
- First aid services

Additional services may be announced closer to the event.

Travel

Auckland International Airport is the closest airport for international and regional players.

Transit

Auckland Transport has multiple transit options available. An AT HOP card is recommended for public transport use. You can use contactless payment cards (VISA Debit) to 'tag on and off' public transport as an alternative.

Please use the [Auckland Transport Journey Planner](#) to plan your transport ahead of time.

Ridesharing services such as Uber work in Auckland and can be used as an alternative to public transit.

If you require assistance in planning your trips, please let us know via [email](#) and we will endeavor to assist.

Accommodation

A range of accommodation options are available in Albany and the wider North Shore area.

Recommended accommodation:

Quest Albany, 32 Kell Drive, Albany, Auckland 0632, <https://www.questalbany.co.nz/>
please quote BLV Tennis Tournament on booking with the Quest Albany.

If you are needing further assistance in finding accommodation within Auckland, please contact us at blindlowvisiontennisnz@gmail.com and we will endeavor to assist.

Food

Players will be responsible for their own meals throughout the tournament.

There is a cafe on site which will be open on Saturday 14th November. We will be holding a sausage sizzle on Sunday 15th November. There are various fast food options and a supermarket within walking distance of the venue.

Water stations will be available at the venue.

Venue Features

Albany Tennis Park is one of Auckland's premier tennis facilities.

- Multiple hard courts
- Indoor & outdoor courts
- Accessible pathways
- Player facilities
- Viewing areas
- Toilets and changing facilities
- Parking

Tennis Balls

Recommended blind and low vision yellow and black tennis balls

Courts

The event is being held indoors at Albany Tennis Park.

Accessibility

Blind Low Vision Tennis NZ will work closely with venue management to ensure:

- Safe navigation routes
- Accessible player areas
- Volunteer support
- Appropriate court layouts for BLV competition

A venue accessibility guide will be released before the tournament.

Rules

The tournament will be conducted under:

- International Tennis Federation (ITF) Rules of Tennis
- Blind and Low Vision Tennis regulations
- Tournament regulations issued by BLV Tennis NZ

Players are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect for officials, volunteers and fellow competitors at all times.

Timeline

5 August

- Entries Open

5 October

- Entries Close

15 October

- Classification documentation deadline

25 October

- Draws released

13 November

- Optional practice sessions

14 November

- Tournament begins

15 November

- Finals and presentations

Contact Information

For tournament enquiries, sponsorship opportunities, or accessibility requests:

Blind Low Vision Tennis NZ

Email: blindlowvisiontennisnz@gmail.com

Facebook: [Blind Low Vision Tennis NZ](#)

Additional tournament updates will be provided through our social media platforms and our support communication channels.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Auckland Blind Low Vision Open 2026 and celebrating the continued growth of Blind and Low Vision Tennis in Aotearoa New Zealand.