New Zealand Wheelchair Open 2026



Event Information	
Date	Friday 11 – Sunday 13 December 2026
Venue	Waikato Tennis Centre, 60 Old Farm Road, Hamilton East, Hamilton
Director	Tennis NZ
Contact	events@tennis.kiwi

Key Dates	
Online Entry - Opens	Monday 12 October
Online Entry - Closes	Monday 16 November
Acceptance List	Wednesday 18 November
Online Withdraw Deadline	Wednesday 25 November
Final Doubles Nominations	Wednesday 25 November

Eligibility Criteria

1. Players must be a minimum age of 13 by 31 December 2026
2. Entry is restricted to NZ passport holders or NZ permanent residents unless special exemption is granted by Tennis NZ

Online Entry

- Players will be required to create a player profile within the TNZ Tournament website.
- Any new or non-existing members will need to join the Wheelchair Tennis Club when registering their profile
- Players must enter no later than **11:59pm, Monday 16 November 2026**
- Withdrawals can be made online by **11:59pm, Wednesday 25 November 2026** without penalty. Any withdrawals after this deadline must be received via email to events@tennis.kiwi

New Registration

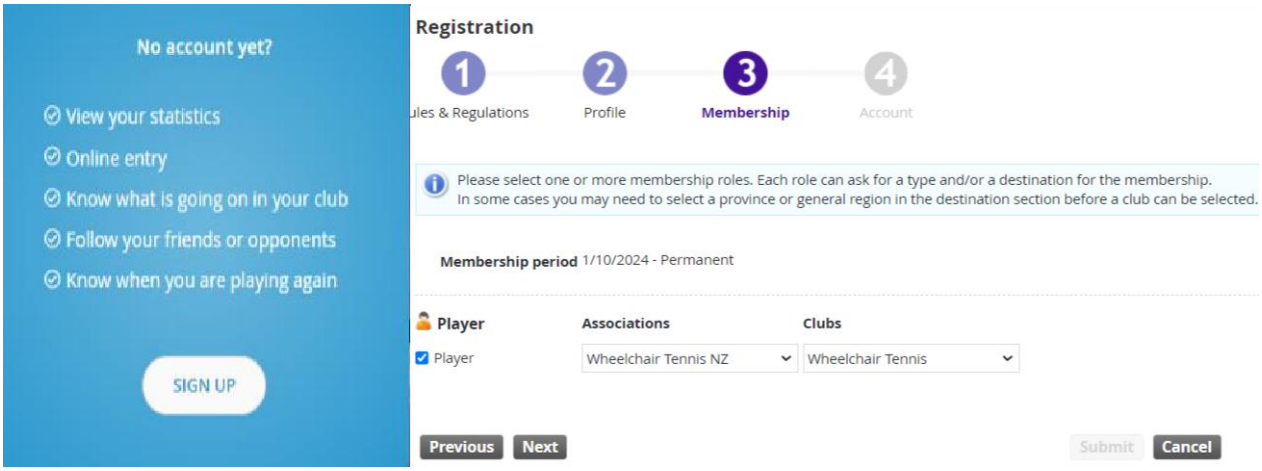
Please see the following steps for help on how to create a new player profile:

Step 1: Visit (tnz.tournamentsoftware.com) and click 'log In' in the top righthand corner.

Step 2: Click on the "sign up" button as shown in the blue box below.

Step 3: Please complete the registration steps filling out your player information.

Step 4: Select the **Wheelchair Tennis NZ association** and **Wheelchair Tennis** as the club (find example in the screenshot below).



Entry Fee

Singles	NZD $40 pp
Doubles	NZD $40 pp
Singles & Doubles	NZD $60 pp

Online Withdrawal Deadline

Withdrawals can be made online by **MIDNIGHT, Wednesday 25 November 2026** without penalty. Non-medically supported withdrawals, without completing all matches in the tournament, will be subject to penalties. Any withdrawals after this deadline must be received via email to events@tennis.kiwi with a medical certificate

Acceptance Lists

The first acceptance lists will be available on the Tennis NZ website by 4pm**,**

Doubles Entry

Both players must nominate Doubles partners by **MIDNIGHT, Wednesday 25 November 2026** via email to events@tennis.kiwi. Those who do not have a partner will be paired up with the closest ranking as at the entry deadline.

Surface

Indoors, hardcourt. Finals May be played outdoors on Sunday.

Draw Size

Mixed competition and draw size will vary based on participant numbers.

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Provisional Schedule

Friday 12th December – Indoors (not before 12:00pm)

Saturday 13th December – Indoors (from 9:00am)

Sunday 14th December – Finals Day (indoors and/or outdoors)	
Finals matches will start from **9:00am**	1 match to be played outdoors on Centre Court 8 provided schedule works with WTT event. If any weather interruptions, matches to be moved indoors

Compass Draw Explanation

Main Draw - Players will compete in a standard knockout format. Regardless of results, all Main Draw players will play the same number of matches.

Match Format

SINGLES

Main Draw Singles matches are to be the best of three tiebreak sets and a conventional 12-point tiebreak (first to 7 points with a margin of 2) at six games all. If sets are tied, a "match" tie break (first to 10 points with a margin of 2) will be played to determine the winner of the match.

DOUBLES

Main Draw Doubles matches are to be the best of two tiebreak sets and a conventional 12-point tiebreak (first to 7 points with a margin of 2) at six games all, with sudden-death deuce (receiver's choice of side at deuce). If sets are tied, a "match" tie break (first to 10 points with a margin of 2) will be played to determine the winner of the match.

NOTE: Tournament Officials have the right to alter the length of matches if circumstances make it necessary

Results

All matches and results from the tournament will be recorded in the following system

- World Tennis Number Ranking System (Provided players have a WTN number)
- If you don't already have a WTN number, you can register for one HERE

Medical Contacts / Conditions

The tournament will provide contact details of a local medical centre and an onsite physio.

Prizegiving

Prizegiving will be held on the last day of the tournament. All finalists are expected to attend the prize giving.

Rules

The tournament will be played in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Tennis NZ, Rules of Tennis and Tennis NZ Player Code of Conduct.

Photographs

Photographs, videos, audio, and live streaming may be taken by tournament staff or TNZ approved photographers at the tournament. All players who enter the tournament permit the free use of their name, voice or picture to be used in any broadcasting, advertising or promotion or any other way relating to this event pursuant to the Privacy act 2020.

Accommodation

Accommodation is the player's responsibility.

- *Hotel recommendation:* IBIS hotel, 8 Alma Street, Hamilton Central, Hamilton 3204