



SOUTH AFRICAN OPEN & MELVILL CUP 2026 BENONI

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General Information		
Organiser	Eastern Gauteng Badminton Association E-mail: easternsbads@gmail.com Chairperson EGBA E-mail: Abhilash.raveendran@gmail.com	
Date	11 – 17 April 2026	
Events	SA Open (Individual Championships) – All five events (MS, WS, MD, WD and XD) shall be played for the Individual Championships and shall count for the BSA Grand Prix Points. Melvill Cup (Team Events/Inter-Provinceals)	
Tournament Director	Karin Bester E-mail: karinbester79@gmail.com	
Referee Team	Referee Johan de Klerk (NGBA) - skilliedeklerk@gmail.com Karin Bester (NGBA) – karinbester79@gmail.com	
Competition Venue	John Barrable Hall Brodigan Street Northmead Benoni	
Shuttles	RSL Silver Feather	
Meetings	Team Managers' Meeting:	It is mandatory for all participating Provinces (represented by designated Team Manager) to attend the Team Managers' Meeting.

		Date: 11 April 2026 Time: 14:00 Venue: John Barrable Hall
	Umpires' Briefing	Date: 11 April 2026 Time: 12:00 Venue: John Barrable Hall
Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos	By entering the Tournament, Players and all members of the national delegation grant the BWF and the Tournament Organiser full rights to use their images and likenesses in photographs, television footage, and other recordings taken during matches or tournament-related activities. These rights include use for any commercial, news, promotion, or other purpose, together with the right to transfer such right without compensation.	
Entry Details		
Regulations (Conditions of Play)	This tournament will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the BSA Events Bye Laws. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Referee will be final. This tournament will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment, and Advertising Regulations as outlined in the BWF Statute 5.1.	
BSA Registration	All participants, players, Technical Officials, Managers, Coaches, etc, must have a BSA Registration Number and be "Active" to be allowed to participate in this tournament.	
Scoring System	Best of three games to 21 points, as per the Laws of Badminton.	
Team Events	<u>Substitutions</u>. Any request for a substitution in the individual draws must be submitted to the Referee on the substitution sheets provided at the Managers' meeting. Singles substitutions are permissible, provided the proposed substitution is from the same Province and shall be a lesser strength player. These requests will be posted on the notice board at the Venue. Objections are to be lodged with the Referee in writing. Substitutions to the draws will be handled by the Referee. Doubles and Mixed Doubles substitutions will be addressed by the Referee. <u>Leaving the Hall</u>. Players are not to leave the playing hall whilst still having to play further matches, without the approval of the Match Controller and the Referee. <u>Warm-up Time</u>. Players will be allowed a maximum of two (2) minutes once called until play commences (i.e. that will be warm-up time). Player will be given sufficient warning for warming up. <u>Losers to Umpire</u>. Losers of matches may be called upon to umpire or officiate as line judges for subsequent matches. Losers of their respective first matches will qualify for the Consolation Event. If a loser of the first matches does not wish to play in the relevant Consolation Event, the player must inform the Match Controller as such. <u>Shuttlecocks</u>. Shuttlecocks will be tested prior to each session and when deem necessary by the Referee. Players WILL NOT	

INTERFERE WITH THE SPEED OF THE SHUTTLE IN ANY WAY. All unused shuttlecocks must be returned to the Shuttle Control table.

Format: Suderman Cup format will be played.

Provinces may select members (non-travelling reserve) from the top Woodroff team to assist when a Province has injuries and cannot continue. However, these members must be listed as reserves when entering Melvill Teams. These players may continue playing Woodroff. Reserves may only be used in a side where the initial player has had to withdraw from the tournament as a result of serious injury. A reserve may not complete a tie when a member of the team is unable to attend based on other reasons and still play Woodroff Cup, they will be considered a member of the Melvill Cup side.

Composition of the Teams. A team to consist of a minimum of two (2) men and two (2) women, and a maximum of four (4) men and four (4) women. Once team returns have been submitted for the first tie of the tournament, substitutes are only permitted in the event of injuries to players preventing a team from fulfilling a tie. This includes the ruling that no player may play more than two (2) matches per tie. The BSA Players' Code of Conduct will be applied in the event of any discrepancies that may arise. It should be clearly understood that a team cannot continue when they do not have four (4) players in a team (two (2) men and two (2) women).

Team Score Sheets. Managers/Captains must submit team score sheets to the Referee, at least one hour (1) hour prior to the commencement of the tie. Verified and duly completed score sheets will be available at least 20 minutes prior to the commencement of the tie, with the order of play stipulated. No deviations from the determined order of play will be allowed. The single events in all cases must be played first, in the sequence stipulated on the score sheets.

Playing of Tie. The Match Controller will announce the first matches of each tie five (5) minutes before the advertised time. If a team is not ready to commence the first match of the tie at the advertised time, they will forfeit that match. Subsequently, after being fifteen (15) minutes late, they will forfeit the second match, and after being thirty (30) minutes late, they will forfeit the tie. The forfeits will be in the same sequence as the order of play for that particular tie. All matches of a tie must be played, even if the team position on the log has already been decided.

Dress for Ties. Dress for each tie shall be registered Provincial Colours. The first match of the tie will determine the dress for the rest of the team.

Shuttles. Shuttles will be tested prior to the commencement of each tie, or when deemed necessary by the Referee. Players WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE SPEED OF THE SHUTTLE IN ANY WAY. If a Province uses more than the applicable number of shuttles, that specific Province will be invoiced for the usage of all extra shuttles used.

	<u>Score Cards.</u> Score cards are to be signed by both teams' Managers/Captains and submitted to the Referee immediately upon completion of each tie. Depending on the number of Team entries, BSA Events Committee in cooperation with Board Members Operations and High Performance, will make a final decision on the format Team Events will be played. Team Events can be played in Group stages with an elimination draw or in Sections. <u>Group Stage with Elimination Draws</u> All five matches will be played in the Group Stage. During Elimination draw, matches will be played until the tie has been decided. <u>Determination of Section Winners when played in Sections</u> During the SA Melvill Cup, Sudirman Cup format will be played (one Men's Singles, one Women's Singles, one Men's Doubles, one Women's Doubles and one Mixed Doubles (5 matches per fixture). All matches need to be played in each tie. The results will be compiled on League Planner and therefor the final results of League Planner will determine the winners. Should for any reason, League Planner cannot be used, the following rules apply to the determination of Section winners / losers: The order of the teams is determined by the number of points, where two (2) points accrue for a tie won and nil (0) for a loss. If two teams have an equal number of points, their order is determined by the results of the tie between those teams. If all above still results in a draw, their order is determined by the ratio of matches won / matches lost (each match is the best out of three games) after all fixtures were played. A match given as a walk-over without any play, is scored as 2 – 0 in games. If, after this, the result is still a draw, their order is determined by the ratio points won / lost. A match given as a walk over without any play is scored 21/0; 21/0. The national selectors will determine section and teams per section.	
Key Dates	Entry Closing Date	20 March 2026
	Last Date to Withdraw without Penalty	28 March 2026
	Grand Prix Points date	28 March 2026
Team Entries	See Entry Form – Team Entries to be completed and submitted by the Province before the closing date.	
Individual Entries	See Entry Form – Bulk Entries to be completed and submitted by the Province	
Withdrawals	The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BSA Events Bye Laws. Members can withdraw their entries through email to	

	karinbester79@gmail.com by 28 March 2026. Withdrawals after 28 March 2026. Please ensure that the Referee (Johan de Klerk (NGBA) - skilledeklerk@gmail.com) is notified immediately in writing, clearly stating the reason for the withdrawal. This includes withdrawals after the draw has been made and during the tournament. Withdrawals made after 28 March 2026 will incur a penalty in accordance with the BSA Events Bye Laws. A “No Show” carries a higher penalty than a withdrawal.																								
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Competition Schedule	TBC																								
Presentation Ceremony	Individuals – Prize ceremony will be after completion of the Individual Finals. All prize winners must attend the final and must follow the instructions given by the organisers regarding ceremony protocol. No equipment, including rackets and flags, is allowed to be brought onto the podium. Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the clothing regulations. Winners to attend ceremony dressed in player clothing. Team Events – Prize presentation will be at the closing function after conclusion of the Tournament.																								
Prize Money	The prize money (R8 040) will be distributed as follows: <table><tr><td></td><td>Winner(s)</td><td>Runner(s)-Up</td><td>Semi-Finalists</td></tr><tr><td>MS</td><td>R500</td><td>R300</td><td>R230 each</td></tr><tr><td>WS</td><td>R500</td><td>R300</td><td>R230 each</td></tr><tr><td>MD</td><td>R350 each</td><td>R230 each</td><td>R170 each</td></tr><tr><td>WD</td><td>R350 each</td><td>R230 each</td><td>R170 each</td></tr><tr><td>XD</td><td>R350 each</td><td>R230 each</td><td>R170 each</td></tr></table> If the host receives any sponsorship for prize money, the prize money will be divided fairly and added to the above.		Winner(s)	Runner(s)-Up	Semi-Finalists	MS	R500	R300	R230 each	WS	R500	R300	R230 each	MD	R350 each	R230 each	R170 each	WD	R350 each	R230 each	R170 each	XD	R350 each	R230 each	R170 each
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Attendance	The attendance of the SA Open and Melvill Cup closing function is compulsory for all teams. Date: 17 April 2026 Time: 18:00 for 18:30 Venue: TBC Dress: Jacket and Tie																								