Seventh-day Adventist Church™

North New Zealand
YOUTH MINISTRIES

SDA DISCIPLESHIP TOURNAMENTS

VOLLEYBALL

24-25 OCTOBER 2026

Saturday night & Sunday

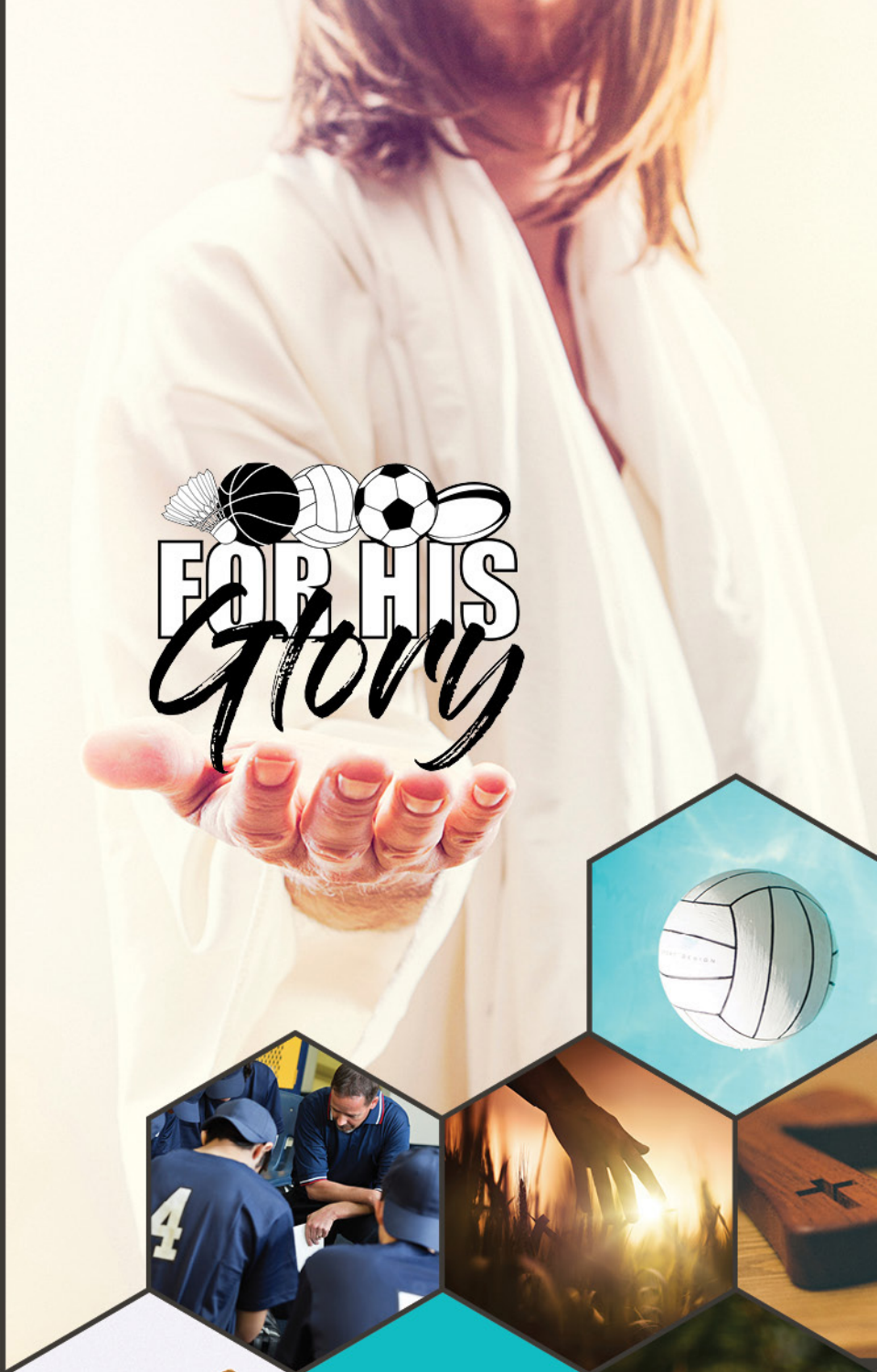
PALMERSTON NORTH

B&M Centre (Arena 4)
Pascal Street

16+ AGE LIMIT

Registrations close
12 October 2026
Register your team at
www.adventist.org.nz

AdventistYouthNNZ
NNZYouth@adventist.org.nz



Touch | Basketball | Badminton | VolleyBall | Soccer

REGISTER ONLINE
www.adventist.org.nz

Be part of the Sporting Events

The five annual Sports Tournaments hosted by the North NZ Conference have a long-standing legacy of discipleship and community building. These events provide young people with opportunities to excel, have fun, build connections, and shine for God's Glory.

We love seeing churches use this time to mentor and encourage their youth, helping them grow in their faith—not just during the games, but also through training, travel, fellowship, meals, worship, and the challenges of competition.

Our goal is to create a safe and well-organized environment where Adventist young people can strengthen their faith, friendships, and sense of belonging in the church.

Our Vision:

We dream of every young person becoming a disciple of Jesus who connects, grows, and multiplies.

Our Goal for Each Team:

That they use this experience to connect with others, enjoy the journey, and learn to glorify Christ in all they do—both on and off the field.

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FOR HIS Glory

Team Grades

There are 2 grades for our Seventh-day Adventist Discipleship Tournaments:

Championship Grade: For the teams who wish to play **For His Glory** through excellence and competition.

- Women
- Men
- Mixed

Social Grade: For the teams who wish to play **For His Glory** through fun and fellowship.

- Mixed

Please note: The above options will be based upon the number of teams that register in that division, we may need to consolidate or alter grades based on viable numbers. Your team will be consulted if this is necessary.

Fee & Application

$300 per Championship team.

$290 per Social team

This cost covers the venue, referees, tournament running expenses, medals, awards, team packs, equipment, and security.

The cut-off date for ALL applications and payments is Monday, 12 October 2026.

Any player changes in successfully registered teams must then be emailed to Valmarie Young at NNZYouth@adventist.org.nz by 5pm 19 October 2026.

Team acceptance will be by acknowledgment of your successful Registration Form by the North New Zealand Conference Youth Ministries.

All payments are by credit/debit card only.

PLEASE NOTE: When registering your team, we require the date of birth for each player. Please gather all this information before you start the registration process and avoid leaving it until the last minute.

16+ Age Limit

All the SDA Youth Sports Tournaments, with the exception of Badminton, have an age limit of 16+ for players. This has been set to ensure the safety, fairness and duty of care requirements for young people playing at this level of competition.

This age limit policy also means that we meet our Church's Safe Place Policies (the tournaments are not currently set up to meet the requirements for under 16s) and the wishes of our churches (who indicated that they do not want to play against under 16s in our Youth Tournaments).

Thank you for taking note of this age limit and protecting the standard of our tournaments. If a team does use a player who is under 16, they forfeit that game, the under-age player will be asked to leave the court or field, and the breech will be reported back to your Church Pastor and/or Youth Leader, which may result in suspensions. **If the game is still in progress, the under 16 player must leave the court or field and ALL POINTS & SETS gained by the offending team up to that point in the game are forfeited.**

CODE OF CONDUCT

Rules

All games are played under the official Volleyball New Zealand rules (*FIVB Official Volleyball Rules 2021-2024*) with any conditions/amendments specific for the SDA Tournament as stated in this document.

Players

- A player must be registered with only ONE team throughout the whole tournament. Playing an unregistered player (or a registered player from another team from any other grade) will result in the disqualification of that player from the game and the default of that game by the offending team.
- Each team is to be made up of regular attenders of an SDA Church (for at least 3 out of 4 weeks every month over the last 5 months) and/or SDA members on the church roll. A church pastor must sign off your application to ensure your team is made up of regular attenders who are actively involved in such programmes as Pathfinders, worship services, small groups, AYs, Sabbath school, community service, Bible Studies, cell groups, or Youth Week of Prayer, etc.
- Each team is allowed to include 2 non-regular attenders (non-SDA guest players). This concession is not designed to help you stack your team to win but to ensure you can use this sporting event as an opportunity to reach out to non-Adventist friends. (NOTE: You are not allowed to include current representative players or ex-representative players from the last 12 months as your non-SDA guest players).
- Each team must be affiliated to the local Church Youth Group and the local Church Pastor will be asked to check and endorse their team(s).
- **All players must be 16 years or older.** All of the SDA Sports Tournaments have an age limit of 16+ for players. If a team is found to have used an under-16 player, they will forfeit that game, or if the game is still in progress, the under-age player will be asked to leave the court and points/sets gained by the offending team up to that point in the game will be forfeited.
- The tournament committee reserves the right to check the names submitted for each team and to remove names/teams from the final draw if necessary.
- For the purpose of accountability and transparency, a list of every team and their registered players will be sent out to the teams prior to the tournament. This will aid any teams who question whether another team has played an unregistered player or a player from another grade.

Team Changes

A request for any player changes must be in writing and approved by the local Church Pastor OR Youth Leader. **All changes must be emailed to the Conference office, before the tournament. Player changes should be emailed to Valmarie Young at NNZYouth@adventist.org.nz by 5pm on 19 October 2026.**

Uniforms

Because each player has chosen to represent their Church, family, and God to the best of their ability, we believe that this is reflected in both the spirit in which they play and the uniform they wear (attitude and action).

- Teams must wear a uniform shirt and shorts.
- **Numbers must be clearly visible on the front and back of all tops. No chalk or tape or permanent marker may be used to number or convert numbers on a player's shirt.**
- Adequate footwear must be worn. No jandals, slip-ons or bare feet allowed.
- No track pants or jeans.

Team Management

Each team must have a captain and/or coach with them for every game. This person is to be aware of any medical problems of players in the team, organise first aid requirements for their team, implement the rules of the competition (and ensure all players know and understand the Rule & Regulations), and supervise their players.

Teams are responsible for their team's personal effects. Tournament staff will not be held responsible for any loss or damage to personal effects. We encourage teams to ensure security measures for these items.

Conduct

Any player, coach, spectator who fails to abide by the tournament rules and venue regulations will be asked to leave, and the team may forfeit their game and/or their place in the competition.

A player or spectator will be automatically suspended from the tournament or disciplined if they:

- Use offensive or inciting language
- Insult or manhandle a referee, tournament official or tournament helper
- Are sent off the court by a referee for any reason
- Damage the venue
- Are found to be drunk or have drugs
- Act in an unsportsmanlike or violent manner with any persons while in the venue confines (including the carpark)
- Is asked to leave the venue by a tournament or venue official

If the incident involves fighting, the individuals involved will be asked to leave and face the possibility of a tournament ban for a year. Team involvement in a fight will default the game and incur suspension from the rest of the tournament.

Playing Venues

- All venues and their immediate vicinity are considered smoke-free areas, i.e. No smoking or vaping. Any persons wishing to smoke/vape are asked to go offsite or move to the nearest public road side.
- Teams will be held responsible for any damage that they may incur during the tournament. Food, chewing gum and soft drinks are NOT permitted inside the playing area except drink bottles.
- Floor Controllers, Court Officials and tournament staff are in complete charge in respect to their job descriptions. Any player, coach, spectator who fails to abide by the tournament rules and stadium regulations will be asked to leave the stadium, and the team may forfeit their game and/or their place in the competition.

Disputes/Queries

Referees' interpretation of the rules and decisions are final.

In the case of a dispute or query during a game, both team captains must report to the game referee who will arbitrate.

Any protests from a game must be in writing and handed in by the Team Captain to the Tournament Organiser (Keli Pepa) before the end of the following round. The written complaint must include:

- The names of the 2 teams involved
- The game the dispute occurred in
- The nature of the dispute (e.g. the opposing team has played under-16s or unregistered players, or there was an error in the recorded score from a game, etc).

The Tournament Organiser will immediately follow up this complaint and let all parties involved know the decision.

PLEASE NOTE: Disputes will not be entered into after the conclusion of the next official round. Complaints will only be accepted about another team which your team has just played.

If a complaint is upheld, all points from that game will be forfeited by the team who has breached Tournament policy OR an appropriate resolution will be shared as determined by the Tournament Organiser

Communication

The Sports Tournament Committee reserves the right to only dialogue with the nominated Team Captain and/or Church Youth Leader. The Sports Tournament Committee reserves the right to speak with the Youth Leader and/or Church Pastor post tournament, if a matter is deemed necessary for follow up.

First Aid

All teams are responsible for the first aid requirements of their players. Adequate first aid coverage includes a first aid kit, band aids, strapping and ice packs, and a designated person who can drive any lightly injured player to the local Emergency Room. Any major emergencies should be directed to an ambulance by calling 111.

PLEASE NOTE – in addition to your first aid responsibilities, a trained First Aid person will also be on hand in an advisory capacity to help you assess any injuries. They will NOT provide strapping for players.

The following are some first aid items to be mindful of:

- Blood - should an injury occur which results in bleeding, that individual will leave the court immediately, or as instructed by a referee, and must not return to play until the flow has been stopped and/or covered with a dressing.
- Jewellery - watches, earrings, chains, necklaces, bracelets (excluding medic-alert bracelets), anklets – are worn at your own risk. If they risk injuring others then we reserve the right to have you either remove or cover them, failure to do so will result in the player being excluded from participation in the competition game.
- Headwear - caps, hats, sunglasses - must be removed prior to commencement of a game.

Photo & Video Disclaimer

- Any photograph/video taken at the event may be used on social media and/or in future advertising by the North New Zealand Conference.
- To ensure the privacy of individuals, images will not be identified using full names or personal identifying information without written approval from the photographed subject, parent or legal guardian.
- A person attending a North New Zealand Conference event who does not wish to have their image recorded for distribution should make their wishes known to the photographer, the Event Coordinator, Keli Pepa, or by email to the NNZC Youth Department Conference Office, stating his/her intentions and include a photograph. The North New Zealand Conference will use the photo for identification purposes and will hold it in confidence.

COVID Considerations

We are working hard to run our events safely especially when it comes to Covid-19. We will be following any government guidelines. Please use recommended hygiene practices.

Other Rules and Regulations

The Tournament Staff maintains the right to impose rules and regulations as it deems appropriate to achieve the objectives of the SDA Sports Tournaments.

Any queries please contact Keli Pepa: 09 2625620 or 021 115 2499 or **KeliPepa@adventist.org.nz**

RULES & REGULATIONS

SDA Volleyball Rules & Regulations

1. **Rules:** All games are played under the official Volleyball New Zealand rules *(FIVB Official Volleyball Rules 2021-2024)* with any conditions/ amendments specific for the SDA Tournament as stated in this document.
2. **Match Ball:** All teams are advised that they must provide the match ball for their respective game. The Referee will decide which ball is used if Team Captains cannot.
3. **The Toss:** Before the game starts, the referee will carry out a toss (or similar) with the two captains. The winner of the toss chooses:

   EITHER - the right to serve or to receive the service,

   OR - the side of the court.

   The loser of the toss takes the remaining choice.
4. **Game Format:**
   - Each round will be 30 minutes.
   - The hooter will sound indicating the start of a round, then again after 30 minutes to indicate the end of the round.
   - The time between rounds is 5 minutes. There will be no extra time allowed for warming up.
   - **Each game will be one (1) set played for the full 30 minutes. Points will be continuous. Note, this is a change to previous tournaments.**
   - The winner is the team with the highest points at the end of the 30-minute round/game (indicated by the sound of the hooter) after the in-play rally is completed.
   - If at this point the game is drawn, **one final rally will be played to determine the winner.**
   - Losing teams can earn a bonus point if their points are within 7 of the opponents score.
   - Teams **will not switch sides** during the 30-minute round/game.
   - The format will apply to all games including play offs – quarter finals, semi-finals & finals.
5. **Points & Results:**

   Competition points per game

   Win = 4

   Loss (≤ 7 points) = 2

   Loss (>7 points) = 1

   Duty bonus point = 1

   Default Win = 4

   Default Loss = 0

   Ranking will be determined by competition points upon completion of the pool game rounds. If teams are on the same total competition points, points for and against will be used to determine ranking, then if necessary, a coin toss.

   Each of the above points will be taken until all teams are clearly ranked.

   Duty Teams: One bonus competition point will be awarded to teams who **fulfil their duty requirements**. When your team is nominated to do duty as per the draw, you must provide a second referee with a whistle and 4 lines people.

   A duty team will receive the bonus competition point if they provide all three of these things (i.e. a second referee, with a whistle, and 4 lines people).

   The second referee should assist with net touches, foot faults under the net, and positional faults during the serve.

   Social Grade Points: Teams in the Social Grade are playing **For His Glory** through fun and fellowship. No points are awarded for wins or losses, and Social Grade teams do not need to complete duties.
6. **Time-Outs:** Each team is permitted to call three (3) time-outs per 30-minute round/game. A time-out lasts for 30 seconds, and cannot be called within the last two (2) minutes of a round. Time-out requests must be made before the whistle for service.
7. **Substitutes:** A team can play either "rotating sub", or as per *FIVB Official Volleyball Rules 2021-2024 substitution rules*, whereby a substitute player may enter the game in place of a starting player but he/she can then only be substituted by the same starting player and vice versa.

   Liberos are permitted but must abide by the rules set out for Liberos in *Chapter 6, 19. The Libero Player in the FIVB Official Volleyball Rules 2021-2024.*
8. **Defaults:** A team defaults a game if four (4) players are not present on the court within 5 minutes of the hooter indicating the start of a round. If a team then turns up within 10 minutes of that round, it is the referee's discretion whether they will allow the game to continue with a 10-point advantage against the late team.
9. **Misconduct:** In ALL cases the referee's decision is final. No one except the captain is to speak to the referee. If the referee deems a team to be deliberately delaying a game, or a player or team to have used rude, offensive or aggressive conduct, the following sanctions and penalties will apply.
   - One verbal warning (no penalty)
   - 2nd warning (one point awarded to opposing team)
   - 3rd warning (one point awarded to opposing team and offending player leaves the court for remainder of game. If the team is unable to replace this player from their registered team list, the team is declared incomplete and defaults the game).
10. **Mixed Grade:** Three (3) men and three (3) women on court at all times. Mixed games will be played on the Mixed net height.

    NOTE: For **Social Grade Mixed** games, men can only spike from behind the 3m line. Front court spikes and jump serves will not be allowed by men in Social Grade Mixed games, and will result in awarding a point to the opposing team.

    NOTE – The rules and regulations which make up the SDA Volleyball Rules & Regulations have been nominated as best ensuring the safest and fairest tournament for all players. Please note that small additions or amendments are often made to keep building our tournaments into the best possible avenue for playing for His glory. Please ensure all players, coaches and supporters are aware of these rules and regulations.