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## Allianz Junior Badminton Championship storms Alor Setar

**Alor Setar, 8 August 2022** – Another 24 young shuttlers have booked their tickets for the Grand Finals of the Allianz Junior Badminton Championship (AJBC) following the tournament’s Qualifying Round Two at the Dewan Badminton KBA in Alor Setar, Kedah this weekend.

The competition saw 303 participants from 70 schools around the state. In the Boys U-15 Singles category, Louis Tan from SMK Chio Min beat Chan Zhen Xuan from SMJK Keat Hwa in the final round of qualifying. The Girls U-15 Singles title went to Lim Xin Jie of SMK Bakar Arang who defeated Hani Sufea from SMK Dato’ Syed Omar. As finalists, both players are now slated to compete in the Grand Finals.

Supported by the Badminton Association of Malaysia (BAM) and the Malaysian Schools Sports Council (MSSM), the tournament will start with seven Qualifying Rounds to be held between July to November 2022. The finalists from all seven Qualifying Rounds will then come together for the AJBC Camp ahead of the Grand Finals in Kuala Lumpur in November 2022.

“It was encouraging to see the turnout here in Alor Setar. This is exactly what we set out to do - to reach out to young shuttlers from across Malaysia and give them a chance to compete and gain valuable experience. Iron sharpens iron, so win or lose, we hope this competition will light a fire and inspire our young players to keep working towards their sporting dreams,” said Sean Wang, Chief Executive Officer of Allianz Malaysia Berhad.

The AJBC will feature four events – boy’s singles, boy’s doubles, girl’s singles, and girl’s doubles – the Under-13 (13-year-olds and below) and Under-15 (14 to 15-year-olds) categories.

### AJBC Qualifying Round Two

#### Under 13 (13-year-olds and below)

Boy’s Singles: Thomas Woong, SMK Chio Min

Boy’s Doubles: K. Santosh-Tan Kean Wei, Kolej Sultan Abdul Hamid

Girl’s Singles: Nur Darwisyah, SMK Syed Hassan

Girl’s Doubles: Airis Alisha, SK Sena-Nur Darwisyah, SMK Syed Hassan

#### Under-15 (14 to 15-year-olds)



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Boy's Singles: Louis Tan, SMK Chio Min

Boy's Doubles: Muhammad Aidil, SMA Makarimul-See Yi Shin, SMJK Keat Hwa

Girl's Singles: Lim Xin Jie, SMK Bakar Arang

Girl's Doubles: Lim Xin Jie, SMK Bakar Arang-Nur Syasya, SMK Dato' Syed Omar

**AJBC Qualifying Rounds/Grand Finals Date and Venue**

Date	Event	Venue
22-24 July	Qualifying Round 1	Sports Arena Puchong Puchong, Selangor
5-7 August	Qualifying Round 2	Dewan Badminton KBA Alor Setar, Kedah
11-13 August	Qualifying Round 3	Dewan Badminton Masterscaff Kemaman, Terengganu
30 September – 2 October	Qualifying Round 4	Arena Badminton Tan Sri Lee Loy Seng Ipoh, Perak
14-16 October	Qualifying Round 5	Pulau Pinang (Venue will be announced later)
4-6 November	Qualifying Round 6	NZ Sports Arena Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan
11-13 November	Qualifying Round 7	Havona Badminton Academy Kluang, Johor
24 November	AJBC Camp	Kuala Lumpur (Venue will be announced later)
25-27 November	Grand Finals	Kuala Lumpur (Venue will be announced later)



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