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## Allianz Junior Badminton Championship (AJBC) 2024 Roundup for Melaka, Kelantan and Johor

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**Kuala Lumpur, 29 October 2024** – As the race to the Allianz Junior Badminton Championship (AJBC) 2024 Grand Finals in November heats up, more players are claiming their spots in the qualifying legs of Melaka, Johor and Kelantan.

In the Melaka qualifying leg which was held at the Jebat Racquet Sports Centre, Bukit Beruang recently, Veehan Preman from SMK Taman Jasmin 2, Kajang denied Javier Ng from SMK Bandar Baru Sg Long a double in the U-15 Boys' Singles when he clinched the title in an all Selangor final. Javier then partnered Low See Zhe from SMK Bukit Rahman Putra to defeat a pair from Seremban to claim the U-15 Boys' Doubles title.

"At AJBC 2022 in Kuala Lumpur, I was not focused and I also felt that my stamina was not where it should be even though I finished third in the Boys' U13 Singles and quarterfinals in the Doubles. So this year, I am really happy to win the Boys' U15 Singles after changing my badminton club. It's okay I didn't win the doubles, as at least I have made it to the Grand Finals again," said Veehan who also made the semifinals of the U-15 Boys' Doubles category.

At Qualifying Round 8 held in Dewan Badminton Tengku Anis, Pengkalan Chepa, Kelantan, Nik Al Amin Azaem from SMK Putera Kota Bharu made it a double celebration for himself in the U-13 Boys' category, taking home the Singles title defeating his partner Naqib Mifdhal from Maktab Sultan Ismail. Later, they both combined to win the Doubles title also. Joining him as a double winner too is Dayana Farisyah from SMK Ibrahim Fikri who won the Girls' U-15 Singles and Doubles titles.

Over in Johor, it was the case of so close yet so far for both Albee Loh and Muhammad Darwisy who emerged as the Boys' Doubles champion but couldn't repeat the same feat in the Singles category. Albee from Foon Yew High School, Kulai partnered Muhammad Iqbal from SMK Skudai to win the U-15 Doubles but succumbed to Kua Ming Ze from SMK Seri Perling in the Singles final. In the U-13 category, Darwisy of SM Agama Dato' Klana Petra Maamor and partner, Hoo Kai Jun from SMK Methodist played superbly to win the Doubles crown but he couldn't reproduce his form and lost to Chiam Zi Hong of SJKC Pu Sze in Singles final.

The AJBC Grand Finals, featuring Under-13 and Under-15 finalists from all the Qualifying Rounds, will take place at Stadium Juara in Bukit Kiara from 20–25 November. Each round will see 24 players qualifying for the finals. The Under-11 players will not advance to the AJBC Grand Finals.

As in previous years, players participating in the AJBC Qualifying Rounds do not have to pay any entrance fees. The top three winners in the Qualifying Rounds, for all age categories, will earn RM500, RM300 and RM150 (singles) and RM600, RM400 and RM200 (doubles). Players finishing in the top three at the Grand Finals will pocket RM1,000, RM600 and RM300 (singles) and RM1,200, RM800 and RM400 (doubles).

For more information, please visit [www.allianz.com.my/ajbc](http://www.allianz.com.my/ajbc)

AJBC 2024 Qualifying Round details are as follows:

Qualifying Round	Date	Venue
1	3 – 5 May 2024	Wintel Sports & Hotel, Taiping, Perak
2	17 – 19 May 2024	Jesselball Pearl City Sports Centre, Penang
3	28 – 30 June 2024	Dewan KBA, Alor Setar, Kedah
4	12 – 14 July 2024	Tops Arena Empire, Cheras, Kuala Lumpur
5	19 - 21 July 2024	Seven Stone Badminton Court, Kuching, Sarawak
6	26 - 28 July 2024	Olympia Badminton Arena, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
7	9 - 11 August 2024	Titan Indoor Sport, Kluang, Johor
8	23 - 25 August 2024	Dewan Badminton Tengku Anis, Pengkalan Chepa, Kelantan
9	11 - 13 October 2024	Jebat Racquet Sports Centre, Bukit Beruang, Melaka

10	18 - 20 October 2024	Kuantan Synergy Sports Centre, Pahang
GF	20 – 25 November 2024	Stadium Juara, Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur

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