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# Allianz Junior Badminton Championship's final stop in Kluang before Grand Finals

**Kluang, 21 November 2022** – The seventh and final Qualifying Round spots of the Allianz Junior Badminton Championship (AJBC) 2022 was up for grabs for players wanting to make the cut for the Grand Finals which begins on 24 November.

Held at the Havona Badminton Academy in Kluang, Johor last weekend, it was a girl power weekend as Dania Sofea from SMK Skudai captured the Girl's U-15 Singles and Doubles title while SJKC Li Chi's Low Zi Yu emulated Dania's performance with a clinical win in both Girl's U-13 Singles and Doubles. The focus now will shift back to the Klang Valley for the Grand Finals after AJBC made stops in other states such as Kedah, Terengganu, Perak, Pulau Pinang and Negeri Sembilan.

Supported by the Badminton Association of Malaysia (BAM) and the Malaysian Schools Sports Council (MSSM), the AJBC consist of seven Qualifying Rounds which were held between July and November this year.

From 24 to 26 November, the AJBC Grand Finals which will feature 150 finalists from all seven Qualifying Rounds, competing for bragging rights in the four events – boy's singles, boy's doubles, girl's singles, and girl's doubles, in the Under-13 (13-year-olds and below) and Under-15 (14 to 15-year-olds) categories.

Allianz Malaysia Berhad Chief Executive Officer, Sean Wang said: "The Kluang-leg marks our penultimate event, and it has been very inspiring seeing young shuttlers from diverse backgrounds across the country compete over the seven grueling, but exciting qualifying rounds. The ultimate showdown, the Grand Finals will happen in less than two weeks. The stakes are high, and we can hardly wait to see all the action on the courts."

# **AJBC Qualifying Round Seven**

# <u>Under-13 Winners (13-year-olds and below)</u>

Boy's Singles: Kua Ming Ze (SMK Seri Perling)

Boy's Doubles: Chin Tze Hao (Foon Yew High School)-K. Kartik (SMK Tun Perak)



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Girl's Singles: Low Zi Yu (SJKC Li Chi)

Girl's Doubles: Auni Fatihin (SK Kangkar Pulai 2)-Low Zi Yu (SJKC Li Chi)

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

Boy's Singles: Chiam Zi Yi (SMK Mutiara Rini)

Boy's Doubles: Kevin Leow (SMK Seri Perling)-Siau Yu Hang (SMK Pekan Nanas)

Girl's Singles: Dania Sofea (SMK Skudai)

Girl's Doubles: Dania Sofea (SMK Skudai)-Lai Eyun (SMK Canossian Convent, Segamat)

## 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	Universiti Sains Malaysia Pulau Pinang
4-6 November	Qualifying Round 6	NZ Badminton Arena Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan
11-13 November	Qualifying Round 7	Havona Badminton Academy Kluang, Johor
24-26 November	Grand Finals	Stadium Juara, Bukit Kiara Kuala Lumpur

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