**Badminton ACT – 2023 Match Secretary Report**

Much like 2022, finding suitable venues to hold events was the main challenge for 2023. Fortunately, Canberra Grammar School (CGS) provided much needed assistance by offering free venue hire to run Interclub and Junior events this year. The BACT Committee are very grateful for this support and are pleased to have been able to link CGS with coaching staff to assist with their extra-curricular badminton program.

Two Interclub events were held in 2023 in April and July. We had planned on holding a third event at CGS in November but this was sidelined when the AIS honoured our booking and we were able to hold the ACT Open event instead. A Junior ACT Open tournament was held in April.

April Interclub

* 16 teams
* 5 Divisions

Winners:

* + - Mixed Team Division 2 – Northside Falcons
    - Mixed Team Division 3A – Aspire HYQ
    - Mixed Team Division 3B – Aspire VNUC
    - Mixed Team Division 4 – Aspire Hotdogs
    - Junior Division 12-15yrs – Capital Marvels

Four days before the April Interclub I broke my ankle, the successful running of this event would not have happened without the support of the broader BACT committee rallying to pick up the pieces and to run the event on my behalf. Special thanks to Cassandra Yap who took on the lead role running the event and managing the Tournament Software system with just a couple of walk throughs by phone. Thanks also to ANU Badminton Club volunteers who also assisted on the day - it was agreed at the 2022 AGM that each Club would take a turn providing volunteers to assist the committee to run Interclub events.

July Interclub

* 25 teams
* 6 Divisions

Winners:

* + - Mixed Team Division 1 – CGS Pokemon
    - Mixed Team Division 2 – CGS Star
    - Mixed Team Division 3A – Aspire Hotdogs
    - Mixed Team Division 3B – Aspire Hungry Magpies
    - Junior Division Under 11 – Capital Boomers
    - Junior Division 12-15yrs – Capital Smashers

Thank you to Belconnen Badminton Club volunteers Chiv and Wendy who assisted the committee running the event, I appreciated your support.

Junior ACT Open April 2023

* 69 players
* 15 events

Winners:

* + - U11 BS – Arnav Girdhar (NSW)
    - U11 GS – Serena Yie Liu (NSW)
    - U11 Doubles – Jerry Hu (NSW)/Christian Matthew J Kusuma (NSW)
    - U13 BS – Jerry Lin (NSW)
    - U13 GS – Isabelle Kingsley (NSW)
    - U13BD – Jerry Lin (NSW)/Callum KL Liu (NSW)
    - U13 GD – Tianna George (NSW)/Isabelle Kingsley (NSW)
    - U15 BS – Jerry Lin (NSW)
    - U15 GS – Isabelle Kingsley (NSW)
    - U15 BD – Jerry Lin (NSW)/Callum KL Liu (NSW)
    - U15 GD – Tianna George (NSW)/Isabelle Kingsley (NSW)
    - U17 BS – Kenneth Lianyue Wu (NSW)
    - U17 GS – Myka Meijas (NSW)
    - U19 BS – Sarvesh Shrestha (NSW)
    - U19 BD – Clement Tsai (ACT)/Adam Anyang Wang (ACT)

Thank you to Sheehan Lim and Ko Tai Liang for organising this event.

ACT Open November 2023

Held for the first time since 2019, over 200 players across 4 grades. Prize money was offered for winners ($500) and runners up ($250) in Open Grade.

Huge thanks to Sheehan Lim who planned the event, programmed events, accepted entries and handled enquiries, as well as providing/assessing a team of umpires during the event. Thanks also to Terry He for agreeing to be our Tournament referee and managing results over the two days of the event, and in particular huge thanks to Cassandra Yap and Aline Souksavat who ably ran the control desk by managing the order of play, getting matches out on court and the kept the event running on time. Cassie and Aline did this while also competing in events so it was a huge effort, and the committee is grateful for your support.

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| Event | Winner | Runner-Up |
| Open MS | Ricky Tang (NSW) | Pit Seng Low (NSW) |
| Open WS | Asaka Mori (NSW) | Anjali Pradip (ACT) |
| Open MD | Rizky Hidayat Ismail (NSW)  Frengky Wijaya Putra (NSW) | Yi Hern Ooi (NSW)  Ricky Tang (NSW) |
| Open WD | Dian Permata Sari (NSW)  Citra Sari Dewi (NSW) | Asaka Mori (NSW)  Aline Souksavat (ACT) |
| Open XD | Frengky Wijaya Putra (NSW)  Dian Permata Sari (NSW) | Rizky Hidayat Ismail (NSW)  Citra Sari Dewi (NSW) |
| BMS | Rishi Madhav Mayur (NSW) | Charith Siriwardana (ACT) |
| BWS | Nancy Xu (ACT) | Victoria Wang (ACT) |
| BMD | Daniel Chen (NSW)  Rishi Madhav Mayur (NSW) | Mun Keen Chow (ACT)  Tsz Pang Liang (NSW) |
| BWD | Andi Wang (ACT)  Riley Wu (ACT) | Kam Joe (ACT)  Cassandra Yap (ACT) |
| BXD | Henry (Hoang The) Phan (ACT)  Indu Sealey (ACT) | Hai Zhu (ACT)  Yutong Wang (ACT) |
| CMS | Henry (Hoang The) Phan (ACT) | Austin Yang (ACT) |
| CWS | Yutong Wang (ACT) | Karen Dominika Milewska (ACT) |
| CMD | Mun Keen Chow (ACT)  Tsz Pang Liang (NSW) | Michael Ngo (ACT)  Shah Tarek (ACT) |
| CWD | Niluka Prishani Robindran (ACT)  Hai Hua Wei (ACT) | Chieu Li  Danys Narendri (ACT) |
| CXD | Edilberto Jr Dequina Billoso (NSW)  Phoebe Ooi (NSW) | Rocky Sodal (ACT)  Kannika Phomson (ACT) |
| DMS | Tsz Pang Liang (NSW) | Luke Xiao lu Wang (NSW) |
| DWS | Emily Xie (NSW) | Yenuli Onaya Fernando (ACT) |
| DMD | Hao Lin (NSW)  Jinyan Lin (NSW) | Jimmy Hong (NSW)  Luke Xiao lu Wang (NSW) |
| DWD | Anu Gautam (NSW)  Sahana S Kumar (NSW) | Ila Shrivastava (NSW)  Shui Fan Yuen NSW) |
| DXD | Luke Xiao lu Wang (NSW)  Man Yie Leung (NSW) | Shah Tarek (ACT)  Candy Leong (ACT) |

Trial of Rating system for Interclub events

The ratings system has now been trialled over 4 Interclub events across 2022-2023. I will provide a report to the incoming 2024 committee to consider the value of continuing a system of rating/ranking moving forward. If you or your members have any feedback please let me know.

2024 events

Subject to venue availability and confirmation by the incoming 2024 BACT Committee it is proposed to hold Interclub events in April, July and October, an ACT Open in November, and a Junior ACT Open (date of be confirmed).

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Match Secretary 2023