# 2017 Ottawa District Junior Badminton Championships Result Dear participant,

Thank you for joining us at the 2017 Ottawa District Junior Badminton Championships. We're so proud of each and every participant. We hope you had an incredible experience, one that you will remember for a long time. On behalf of the organizing team and volunteer team, we had a great time organizing the tournament and look forward to organizing next years. This tournament was organized by the *Ottawa District Badminton Association* (ODBA) and sponsored by *Oliver Sports*.

# Message from the Head Tournament Organizer

How did you find the tournament? Did it just come down to simply if you won or lost? Or was there more to it than just that? As we're nearing the end of the 2016-2017 badminton season, you have trained hard - sweat and tears. You've competed at the highest level of badminton the Ottawa District can offer. There were over 170 participants representing badminton clubs from all around the greater Ottawa area. Did you see it as just winning or losing? Or, did you see it as the opponent was faster or slower than you to 21 points? If you're only measuring yourself by wins or losses, then you'll never achieve champion status, because that measuring stick will always hold someone a little faster or a little stronger. There will always be someone that can beat you. Perhaps you got a chance to discover your true self when you win or lose? How did you handle yourself when your were faced with adversity? Did you stay composed? Because, when it's all done, and if you tried your best, then hopefully the realization and truth becomes clear - you're not defined by the number of wins under your belt to be a champion, but that the secret ingredient to being a champion is All Heart.

A true champion tries his/her hardest. A true champion isn't afraid to test himself/herself no matter what the outcome might be. A true champion is a measurement of heart.

I hope you found the champion inside of you. I hope you will always try a little bit harder, and never give up.

I look forward to seeing you next year, Eugene.

#### Announcing the 2017 Ottawa District Junior Badminton Championship Winners

This year, we would like to honour the following participants:

- U11 Boy's Singles Champion: Matthew Chan (Kanata Jr)
- U11 Girl's Singles Champion: Adrea Beaulieu (none)
- U11 Boys Doubles Champions: Vidhun Nanayakkara (other) & Aayush Saha (SBA)
- U13 Boy's Singles Champion: Methia Herath (RA)
- U13 Girl's Singles Champion: Katie Fong (Blackburn)
- U13 Boy's Doubles Champions: Hasith De Alwis (SBA) & Methia Herath (RA)
- U13 Girls Doubles Champions: Ellen Zhang (Barrhaven TTVG) & Diana Zhao (RA)
- U13 Mixed Doubles Champions: Hasith De Alwis (SBA) & Yiyan Huang (SBA)
- U15 Boy's Singles Champion: Tharusha Herath (RA)
- U15 Girl's Singles Champion: Dulika Gamage (SBA)
- U15 Boy's Doubles Champions: Christophe Sylvester (SBA) & Ethan Wu (SBA)
- U15 Girl's Doubles Champions: Dulika Gamage (SBA) & Heather Liu (SBA)
- U15 Mixed Doubles Champions: Ethan Wu (SBA) & Dulika Gamage (SBA)
- U17 Boy's Singles Champion: Richard Xu (SBA)
- U17 Girl's Singles Champion: Eve Wang (SBA)
- U17 Boy's Doubles Champions: Cameron Karas (RA) & Victor Ma (RA)

- U17 Girl's Doubles Champions: Stephanie Huang (RA) & Raina Zhang (RA)
- U17 Mixed Doubles Champions: Cameron Karas (RA) & Karen Li (RA)
- U19 Boy's Singles Champion: Brandon Watkins (I Am Specialized)
- U19 Girl's Singles Champion: Jenny Lei (RA)
- U19 Boy's Doubles Champions: Gabriel Brie & Brandon Watkins (I Am Specialized)
- U19 Girl's Doubles Champions: Jenny Lei (RA) & Sherry Wu (RA)
- U19 Mixed Doubles Champions: Brandon Watkins (I Am Specialized) & Kalie Rhéaume (RA)

And, a special recognition to the triple crown winners: Dulika Gamage (U15) of **Soong Badminton Academy**, and Brandon Watkins (U19) of **I Am Specialized**.

# Announcing the Lucky Draw Prize Winners (sponsored by Oliver)

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• Blue Box - Oliver RS Delta 7 - $159.00 - winner:
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o#68 James Chen

• Red Box - Oliver RS Energetic K21 - \$126.00 - winner:

o#170 Anna Andriambeloson

• Green Box - Oliver RS K10 Edition - \$149.00 - 2 winners:

o#166 Venessa Gaumond

o#34 Patricial Liu

• Purple Box - Oliver RS Supralight S3.2 - \$112.00 - 2 winners:

o#41 George Wu

o#56 Dasiy Sheng

• Yellow Box - Oliver RS Organic 5 - \$126.00 - 2 winners:

o#11 Isabel Lee

o#87 Joanne Sze

### Credits

Please help me thank all of the incredible volunteers that put a lot of time, energy, and effort into planning and running this tournament. 100% of the proceeds from this tournament will go back to fund Junior programs such as the Ottawa Summer Games (OSG) and the travel subsidy program. And, a very very special thanks to Thuy Pham - who went above and beyond our expectations. We'd also like to thank the RA Badminton Club and RABC Exec for allowing us to host the ODBA junior championship at their first-class badminton facility. Thank you to the ODBA members, ODBA clubs, and ODBA board of directors for helping to make this tournament possible. And, thanks to all of the organizers that put in countless hours over the last few months preparing the tournament and answering all of the emails: Thuy Pham, Fei Tam, Salina Tran, Mike Tran, Corey Hum, Alan Fok, Linda Zheng, Amish Servansing, Aarthi Ganesh. And, thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make the operations of the tournament go smoothly: Maggie, Eve, Minh, Sherry, Joanne, Devon, Ryan Chan, Vu, Christine Wen, Aislinn, Raymond, Raina, Will Zhao, Roy. For umpiring: Kaiqi, Thuy, Fei, Devon, and Alan. And, for the photography: Thuy, YiYang, Salina, Emma, and Gregorious.

#### Feedback

Please let us know how the tournament went. Did you feel it went well? What could have been better? How did you feel about the new rule change - U19 default shuttle switched from plastic to feather? Did you notice or experience anything catastrophic?

#### **Final Bits**

See the Tournament Software results <u>HERE</u>
Photos will take a few days to organize and posted up to the website
Reminder - the tournament website is <a href="http://jrDistricts.odba.ca">http://jrDistricts.odba.ca</a>
Note: we will open registration in Feb 2018. If you would like us to auto register you, just reply AUTO REGISTER ME

Thank you everyone! We hope to see you again next year!

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