



Melbourne Smashers Badminton Club Presents

# TRANS-TASMAN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT 2024



SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2024

**MELBOURNE SPORTS & AQUATICS CENTRE**  
1 AUGHTIE DRIVE, ALBERT PARK

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Welcome to Melbourne, the home of Australia's best coffee, cultural epicentre, major events and of course Melbourne Smashers Badminton Club!

I'm especially proud to welcome you to the Trans-Tasman Tournament 2024 and wish to thank the clubs across Australia and New Zealand who have united us previously and hosted this diverse and truly fabulous event.

The Trans-Tasman values of unity, diversity and pride are why we celebrate this annual event, showcasing our love of badminton, community and shared experiences.

This year Melbourne Smashers celebrates our club's 10-year anniversary and what better way to do that by hosting this year's tournament combined with a Gala event to make this year truly memorable.

We very much hope you can join us in November.

Dr Simon Lynch  
Club President  
Melbourne Smashers



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## UNITE, EMBRACE DIVERSITY, PLAY WITH PRIDE

Throughout all of our comms and the weekend of festivities, you will see the core values of the Trans-Tasman Badminton Competition come to life

**"UNITE"** symbolises the coming together of diverse individuals and clubs, emphasising the strength found in togetherness. It's about fostering connections, building bridges, and creating a supportive badminton community.

**"DIVERSITY"** highlights the welcoming atmosphere, embracing players from all backgrounds, skill levels, and identities. We want everyone to feel not just accepted but truly valued for who they are.

**"PRIDE"** goes beyond celebrating LGBTQIA+ identities; it's about taking pride in the sport, the community, and the shared experiences. We can incorporate elements of LGBTQIA+ history and achievements to inspire a sense of collective pride.



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# EVENT DETAILS

The Melbourne Smashers Badminton Club is proud to welcome all of our sister clubs to the 2024 Trans-Tasman Badminton Tournament, to be held in Melbourne on Saturday 2nd November 2024

We would also like to invite you to the Melbourne Smashers Badminton Club's 10th Year Anniversary Spring Ball Event, which will take place the night of the Tournament. All Award Winners will also be presented at the Spring Ball. It will be a night of food, drinks, celebration, entertainment by DJ and drag queens, and the company of the badminton clubs and their friends and family

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## 1ST NOVEMBER

### PRE-TOURNEY GET TOGETHER

From 7.00pm  
Golden Gate Hotel  
238 Clarendon St, South  
Melbourne

## 2ND NOVEMBER

### TOURNAMENT

From 8.00am - 5.00pm  
Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre  
30 Aughtie Drive  
Melbourne 3206

## 2ND NOVEMBER

### 10TH ANNIVERSARY SPRING BALL

From 7.00pm - 12am  
Pullman Hotel - Albert Park  
65 Queens Road  
Albert Park 3004



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# TICKETING DETAILS

We have partnered with Pullman Hotel, Albert Park (5 minute drive from MSAC) to be able to offer 3 Types of Packages for the weekend here in Melbourne. The Pullman Hotel will also host our 10th Anniversary Spring Ball, so you have the convenience of everything in close proximity for the weekend. Click on each section, that will take you to our ticketing Website. There are also payment options, including Afterpay etc

## UNITED PACKAGES

ACCOMMODATION  
INCLUDED

## DIVERSITY PACKAGES

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
PACKAGES

## PRIDE PACKAGES

TOURNAMENT & SPRING  
BALL PACKAGES



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# TOURNAMENT DETAILS

As we have grown over the last editions of Trans-Tasman, we are expecting this to be one of the biggest yet. Due to this, Badminton Victoria will be supporting us in the running and organisation during the day (please note this is not a Badminton Victoria sanctioned event - ie No Points or Prize Money on Offer etc).

- All Participants must be a member of one of these clubs.- Melbourne Shuttlecats, Western Swifts, Sydney Shuttles, Sydney Shuttle Swingers, Sydney Hotshots, Auckland Feathers, Wellington Racqueteers or Melbourne Smashers.
- There will be 3 Grades - A, B & C.
- Games will be single games up to 15 during Round Robin.
- Round Robin play will happen and after round robin has been completed, we will split teams into 6 Divisions. Divisions will be A1 - A2 - B1 - B2 - C1 - C2.
- After Round Robin, we move into Double Elimination (best of 3 Sets). At the moment these will also be played to 15 with the winner needing to win by 2 or the first team to 21. This may change during the Tournament, depending on timing - We will notify if any changes to this.
- The aim is for more teams to partake in A and B Grades as traditionally its been very C Grade heavy.
- When you enter, you will need to enter your Grade and the club you are representing. All Grading will be checked with your clubs and we have the right to move people who purposely decide to enter a grade lower then there ability. More about this will be available closer to the Tournament Date.



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# TOURNAMENT GRADING

This is a guidance in your ability when you are entering a Grade. Please look at these carefully, as we will be asking Club's to confirm grades that have been entered by its members.

Ref.	Grad.	Def.	Definition
1	A+	Top Player	Top players in all aspects of the game with no discernible weaknesses. Able to play all shots with a high level of consistency and very few unforced errors.
2	A	Expert	Strong players able to play the majority of shots well including steep powerful smashes and strong backhands. These players also make use of deception, possess good footwork, and on-court awareness.
3	A-	Advanced	Mastery all shots, exceptional technical ability with advanced tactics and ability to rally, move opponents and create openings to finish points.
4	B+	Upper Intermediate	Good players with competitive edge, able to rally and employ good tactics. Backhand and court position are potential weaknesses.
5	B	Intermediate	Sound players, able to put up a good fight and return most shots. These players have honed their skills but there is often room for improvement. Typically, smashes lack of power, backhands are weak, and shots can be inconsistent and inaccurate.
6	B-	Lower Intermediate	Ability to execute and receive all badminton shots. Good control of the shuttle with some tactics to exploit opponents' weaknesses. Can be inconsistent and inaccurate.
7	C+	Strong Social Player	Social players who typically have more than a year of badminton under their belt. Able to execute basic badminton shots and sustain rallies. These players still are working on their control and power. They typically lack footwork and struggle to play backhand shots.
8	C	Good Social Player	Ability to execute and receive all badminton shots with basic control and rudimentary use of tactics.
9	C-	Novice	Learning to execute and receive the fundamental badminton strokes e.g. low serve, smash & drop shots but can participate in a competitive rally.

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# THANK YOU

Thank you all for your support and we look forward to welcoming you to Melbourne in November 2024

Please join our Facebook Group where we will give you fortnightly updates, leading up to the event. The page is called - Trans Tasman Tournament 2024 or can be accessed by clicking [here](#)

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