



## Nur Syakila Binti Mohd Nasir

**Athlete - F**  
**Age: 18 / Malay, SO Melaka**

**Sport – Badminton**

**Event 1 - Women's Singles**  
**Event 2 - Mixed Double**  
**Event 3 - Unified Sports\*Doules**



**SPECIAL OLYMPICS**  
**WORLD GAMES**  
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Syakila, affectionately known as 'adik,' is the youngest of four siblings. Her mother, Rosni, had not anticipated having a child with special needs. As Syakila grew older, she became aware of her differences, particularly her flat nose and shorter stature compared to her peers. Despite facing teasing from classmates, her mother provided words of encouragement and reminded her that she is special.

Last year, Syakila underwent plastic surgery to implant a nose bridge, which increased her confidence and eliminated any discomfort while wearing spectacles or engaging in physical activities. Her early experiences have made her resilient and independent.

Syakila spent three years at a Pusat Didikan Khas (PDK) from the age of two. PDK teachers recognized her ability to function independently with minimal supervision. She has gone on school excursions and is known for handling herself well. She now attends a regular school that offers special classes for individuals with special needs. Syakila excels in learning English, receives awards for perfect attendance, and has established herself as a determined and independent young lady, as well as a fierce school prefect.

In badminton selection trials, Syakila's determination stood out to the coaches. They see her potential and are willing to help her develop her skills in three badminton events: singles, mixed doubles, and unified badminton.



Aside from sports, Syakila has a passion for cooking. She plans to take an examination to test her skills and competency in pastry baking. Her determination drives her to aim for the next level of the examination, working toward her goal of becoming a cook/baker.

Syakila's journey showcases her strength, resilience, and independence. Despite the challenges she faced, she has grown into a confident young woman who excels both academically and in sports. With the support of her family, teachers, and coaches, Syakila continues to pursue her dreams and demonstrate that individuals with special needs can overcome obstacles and achieve their goals.