

School Sports Programme
2023/24 Easy Sport Competition – Fencing (Foil) Competition

【Prospectus】

1. **Objective:** To offer former participants of the Easy Sport Programme – Fencing under the School Sports Programme (SSP) an opportunity for exchanges to develop their interest in Fencing, enhance their skills and gain experience in competitions.
2. **Eligibility:** The Competition is open to primary schools which participated in the Easy Sport Programme – Fencing between 1 September 2021 and 31 December 2023.

3. **Time and Venue:**

Date	Time	Venue
2 March 2024 (Saturday)	9:00am – 6:00pm	Shek Kip Mei Park Sports Centre (Activity Room and Dance Room)

4. **Division, Age and Quota:**

Division	Age as at 2024 (Year of Birth)	Quota
Boys	13 or below (2011 or onwards)	36
Girls	13 or below (2011 or onwards)	36

5. **Notes on application:**

- a. Each student may only represent one school and should be a current student of the school during the Competition.
- b. Participants may only enrol in the division appropriate to their age.
- c. Each school may enrol a maximum of 8 students in each division. Please indicate their priority on the application form.
- d. For efficient use of the resources, the Organiser may adjust the quota for each division in the light of application response. The quota of each division will be finalised on the ballot date. Participating schools/participants shall raise no objection.
- e. Places in each division will be evenly allocated to schools in the first round of processing. The remaining places that cannot be evenly distributed will be allocated by ballot.
- f. Please submit completed application forms by post or by fax (fax number: 2684 9076 or 2697 5087) to this Office.
- g. A list of successful applicants and payment details will be sent to the schools concerned by post.
- h. The list of participants is not subject to change after payment has been completed.

6. **Fee:** \$44 per person

7. Application submission period:
2/1/2024 to 18/01/2024 (The postmark date will be deemed the date of submission.)

8. Enrolment ballot:

The ballot will be held at Room 1613, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters at 2:00 pm on 25/01/2024. Representatives of schools are welcome to attend. School allocated with places will be informed by post, while unsuccessful ones will not be notified. The ballot result will be posted on the following website on 29/01/2024:

http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition_info/competition_info.html

If an Acknowledgement Receipt is not received within two working days before the ballot date (i.e. 22/01/2024), please contact our staff on 2601 7952 or 2601 7602 to check if we have received your application. Otherwise, we may not be able to process your application.

9. Payment period for successful applicants: 05/02/2024 to 09/02/2024

10. Payment period for successful waiting list applicants: 19/02/2024 to 23/02/2024

11. Match Draw:

The match draw will be held on spot on the competition day. Letters will be sent to participants informing them of the reporting time. The relevant information will also be posted on the LCSD's web page on 28/02/2024:

http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition_info/competition_info.html

12. Format:

- a. Boys and girls shall play in their respective groups in the preliminary rounds. The single round robin system on a group basis shall be adopted. The top 24 participants shall proceed to the single knock-out matches. A single round robin match or a single knock-out match shall end when a participant racks up the required hits or when the regulation time ends. Electronic equipment shall be used in all matches. The valid target area shall be determined by the metal vest.
- b. For the single round robin matches, a draw shall be conducted on the spot on the competition day. Participants shall be divided into groups of four to five each. The participant who first scores five points by making five hits on the valid target area shall win the match. The valid foil target is the opponent's torso below the shoulders and above the waist, excluding the head, hands and legs. The target must be hit with the tip of the foil. The regulation time is three minutes and the game clock shall not be stopped. If no one has scored up to five hits when the regulation time ends, the one who has scored the greater number of hits shall win. If the score is tied, a coin shall be flipped, the match shall continue with an extra period of one minute and the game clock shall not be stopped. The one who scores the first point shall win. If the tie persists, the earlier coin flip shall determine the winner. The top 24 participants shall proceed to the single knock-out matches. If equal points are scored, their position shall be determined by drawing lots.
- c. In a single knock-out match, the one who first scores fifteen hits shall win. The regulation time is nine minutes (three periods of three minutes each) with a half-time interval of one minute and the game clock shall not be stopped. If no one has scored up to ten hits when the regulation time ends, the one who has scored the greater number of hits shall win. If the score is tied, a coin shall be flipped, the match shall continue with an extra period of one minute and the game clock shall not be stopped. The one who scores

- the first point shall win. If the tie persists, the earlier coin flip shall determine the winner.
- d. Any participant who fails to finish all matches shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition.
 - e. Unless otherwise stipulated in this prospectus, the existing rules employed by the Hong Kong Fencing Association will be adopted.
 - f. The Organiser has the right to change the format as necessary.

13. Reporting on Arrival:

- a. Participants shall report to the staff of the Organiser 30 minutes before the scheduled time of the match. Those who fail to show up within five minutes after the staff of the Organiser's roll call will be deemed to have waived their right to participate.
- b. Participants shall produce unambiguous proof of identity bearing photos, e.g. student handbooks, student cards, etc. to the staff of the Organiser on the competition day for verification.
- c. The competition schedule shall be as announced on-site.

14. Inclement Weather Arrangements

- a. In case the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above, or Rainstorm Signal Red / Black is issued by the Hong Kong Observatory two hours before the reporting time for the first round of events on the competition day; or the Environmental Protection Department has announced that the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) recorded at its general monitoring stations reaches 10+ ("Serious" health risk category) in the competition area; or the Education Bureau has announced the closure of schools; or unexpected incidents happened, all events on the day will be cancelled. Participants will be notified of the corresponding arrangements. Under other weather conditions, all participants are required to report to the Organiser as scheduled. The umpires on the site shall decide whether the Competition should proceed or not.
- b. If the AQHI recorded at the general monitoring stations in the competition area reaches 10+ ("Serious" health risk category) during the Competition, all events in progress shall be **terminated immediately**.

15. Remarks:

- a. **All participants should bring their own equipment and uniform and non-marking rubber-soled shoes during the matches. (No equipment will be provided by the Organiser).**
- b. The standard competition uniform which included glove, foil mask with conductive bib, full-set fencing suit (including of jacket, breeches and underplastron), fencing socks, electric jacket, electric foil blade, foil wire, mask wire, etc.
- c. Apart from confirming to the general material and safety rules, participants' mask and uniform would be required to comply with the standard EN13567:2002 i.e. the personal protective equipment should be comply with at least 350N of penetration resistance. (For details please refer to Hong Kong Fencing Association website (<http://www.hkfa.org.hk>) on the equipment notice.)
- d. The foil mask with conductive bib must be tightly adhered and covered by the flat band, good in quality and every metallic part of the mask cannot be rust.
- e. Referees will have a general inspection and visual check of the labels on the participants'

mask and uniform before starting the bout. (For details please refer to Hong Kong Fencing Association website (<http://www.hkfa.org.hk>) on the equipment notice.).

- f. Any participant who has found not complying with the equipment and uniform standard, the Organiser has the right to request the participant to change immediately and warning will be given to participant. If the participant has not changed, the Organiser reserves the right to forbid any participant from taking part in the competition.
- g. Non-participants shall not entry the competition area and must follow the instructions from the staff of the organiser.
- h. Participants who play in consecutive matches may take a break of 5 to 10 minutes between each match. The Organiser reserves the right to make arrangements according to actual circumstances. Participants shall not request postponement of matches on the grounds of fatigue.
- i. Schools should remind their students to bring along their lunch and sufficient drinks.
- j. In case of a breach of the rules or regulations of the Competition or display of unsporting behaviour by a participant, the referee shall have the right to disqualify the participant from the Competition.
- k. The Organiser will carry out photo shoots/video-filming/arrange broadcasting during the competitions, and has the right to display/publish the event photos or videos on the Internet, at venues of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, on the dedicated website, in publications of the Organiser and through other publicity channels, for promotion of activities or record purposes.

16. Awards:

- a. Each participant will receive a commemorative certificate.
- b. Certificates and trophies will be awarded to the champion, first, second and third runners-up and four merit award winners in each division. (The actual number of awards is subject to the number of participants.) The prizes will be presented to the winners on the spot after the finals are completed.
- c. For participants who fail to show up for or complete any event, the Organiser has the right to revoke their eligibility for prizes and no trophies or certificates will be given to them.

17. Appeal:

No appeal will be accepted. The referees' decision on the competition results shall be final.

18. Enquiries:

School Sports Programme Unit, 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3, Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin. (Telephone number: 2601 7614 / 2601 7952)

In case of any inadequacy in this Prospectus, the Organiser reserves the right to amend it at any time without further notice.