



2024 Bun Carnival – Bun Scrambling Competition

– Notes to Participants –

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1. Participants shall follow the instructions of the judges on site and the rules below throughout training, the Selection Contest and the Bun Scrambling Final, or they may be disqualified.
2. Clothing and gear
Participants shall observe the following requirements on clothing and gear, or they may be rejected from the Selection Contest/ Bun Scrambling Final:
Clothing:
 - (a) wear light clothing, with the numbered vest provided by the Organisers worn on the outside;
 - (b) wear sports shoes (participants shall not compete in bare feet, leather shoes, hiking shoes, spikes or sandals); and
 - (c) tight leather gloves may be worn.Gear:
 - (a) safety gear (including harnesses, locks and a fall arresting device, all provided by the Organisers); and
 - (b) a bag for collecting buns (provided by the Organisers).
3. Reporting
 - (a) Participants shall report to the Organisers at the specified times before the Training / Selection contest / Bun Scrambling Final. Those who are absent or late will be deemed to have dropped out of the Selection Contest/ Bun Scrambling Final.
 - (b) Participants shall produce the original of their identity documents when reporting. Those who fail to do so, or whose particulars on the identity documents do not tally with those on the enrolment form will be disqualified.
4. Format of Competition
Preliminary Round of the Selection Contest – Judged on speed
Participants will climb to a specified height on the bun tower to activate a signal by hitting the signal device (chalk bag). The first 24 participants (including at least 6 females) to complete the challenge will be shortlisted for the "Semi-final Round of the Selection Contest". In case more than one participant have ranked twenty-fourth, a rematch will be played immediately for the participants concerned to determine the last semi-finalist.

Semi-final Round of the Selection Contest – Judged on speed

Participants will climb to a specified height on the bun tower to activate a signal by hitting the signal device (chalk bag), and land with the aid of fall arresting devices. The finishing time will be taken when a participant lands with both feet. The first 12 participants (including at least 3 females) to complete the challenge will be shortlisted for the “Bun Scrambling Final”. In case more than one participant have ranked twelfth or some of the finalists have completed the task at the same time, a rematch will be played immediately for the participants concerned to determine the last finalist and the ranking. Details will be announced on the day of the Selection Contest.

Bun Scrambling Final

- Judged on total score
The 12 finalists will climb the bun tower and collect buns along the way with the bag provided by the Organisers within the specified time frame. Buns in different areas on the tower carry different scores. The finalist who has the highest total score wins. In case of a tie, the ranking will be determined taking into account the results of the Semi-final Round of the Selection Contest.
- Judged on quantity
A special prize, namely “Full Pockets of Lucky Buns”, will be awarded to the finalist who bags the most buns (regardless of the total score they carry).

5. Allocation of Lanes Selection Contest

Participants shall report to the Organisers half an hour before the contest starts to take part in a draw for lane allocation.

Bun Scrambling Final

Lane allocation for the Bun Scrambling Final will be based on the 12 finalists’ ranking in the Semi-final Round of the Selection Contest.

6. Training

- (a) Participants must attend and complete the safety training on 7 April 2024 (Sunday) on bun tower climbing and fall prevention provided by the China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited (CHKMCU). Training covers an introduction to equipment and their use, safety rules, basic climbing techniques and practice. Participants should have knowledge of the proper and safe use of equipment provided by the Organisers, and complete the training and practice during which they have to climb to a specified height of the bun tower within a specified time by using top roping and fall arresting device.
- (b) Only participants who have completed the above-mentioned safety training are qualified to take part in the Preliminary Round of the Selection Contest.
- (c) The 24 contestants from the Preliminary Round will be required to attend and complete on the same day another round of safety training on bun tower climbing and fall prevention before they can take part in the Semi-final Round.

7. Rules of Selection Contest/ Bun Scrambling Final

- (a) Participants who fail to show up as the Training/ Selection Contest / Bun Scrambling Final starts will be deemed to have dropped out of the Selection Contest/ Bun Scrambling Final.
- (b) Participants are strictly forbidden to carry any hard objects or objects that can be used as offensive weapons in the Selection Contest/ Bun Scrambling Final.

- (c) Participants shall not carry any electronic devices in the Selection Contest/ Bun Scrambling Final.
- (d) Participants shall have their safety gear worn properly before the Selection Contest/ Bun Scrambling Final starts. Judges will check if the gear has been properly worn. Those who are not wearing the gear as instructed will be banned from the Selection Contest/ Bun Scrambling Final.
- (e) Before the Selection Contest/ Bun Scrambling Final starts, participants should keep both feet on the ground and both hands off the bun tower.
- (f) Participants shall not start climbing until the “start” signal is given out.
- (g) When a judge finds that a participant has jumped the gun, he/she will raise his/her hand to signal the staff to put it on record. The participant concerned will have his/her result cancelled and be so informed after he/she returns to the ground.
- (h) Participants shall only climb up and not sideways.
- (i) Participants shall not climb with the aid of the climbing rope or the fall arresting device.
- (j) Participants shall not climb by pulling other participants’ clothing or safety gear, or by stepping on others.
- (k) In the Bun Scrambling Final, the judges will give out the “one minute to go” signal a minute before the Bun Scrambling Final ends. Participants shall return with both feet on the ground before the ending time to finish the Bun Scrambling Final. Those who fail to do so will have their results cancelled.
- (l) Participants shall return to the ground by the climbing rope and shall not release the safety gear until they are on the ground.
- (m) Participants shall not take the buns from the tower or the ground after the Bun Scrambling Final, nor shall they throw the buns at anyone. Those who do not observe this rule will have their results cancelled and be expelled from the competition venue.
- (n) Participants who breach the rules or engage in misconduct and interrupt the Selection Contest/ Bun Scrambling Final will be disqualified. Moreover, participants who, in the opinion of the Organisers, are physically unfit for the Selection Contest/ Bun Scrambling Final may be rejected from the Selection Contest/ Bun Scrambling Final.
- (o) Participants who commit or attempt to commit any acts in violation of the laws of the HKSAR in any venues or areas in connection with the competition at any times during the Training/ Selection Contest / Bun Scrambling Final will be disqualified, with results declared void.
- (p) Participants shall observe the house rules.
- (q) The Organisers have the right to amend these rules wherever necessary. The rules announced on the day of the Selection Contest/ Bun Scrambling Final shall prevail.

8. Adjudication and Appeal

- (a) The panel of judges will consist of representatives from the two major Organisers and the China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union.
- (b) No appeal will be accepted. The decision of the judges shall be final.

9. Inclement Weather Arrangements

- (a) If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above, or the Red/Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is issued and remains in force three hours before the Training on Bun Tower Climbing on Sunday, 7 April 2024, the Training on that day will be postponed to Saturday, 13 April 2024 at the same venue, with exact time to be confirmed. In the event of inclement weather such as persistent heavy rain or thunderstorm warnings issued by the Hong Kong Observatory before the Training, participants should report to the venue as scheduled. The Organisers will decide whether to proceed with the Training having regard to the weather conditions.

- (b) If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above, or the Red/Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is issued and remains in force three hours before the Selection Contest on Sunday, 14 April 2024, the Selection Contest on that day will be postponed to Sunday, 28 April 2024 at the same venue, with exact time to be confirmed. In the event of inclement weather such as persistent heavy rain or thunderstorm warnings issued by the Hong Kong Observatory before the Selection Contest, participants should report to the venue as scheduled. The Organisers will decide whether to proceed with the Contest having regard to the weather conditions.
- (c) The Bun Scrambling Final will be cancelled if Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above, or the Red/Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is issued and remains in force three hours before the Bun Scrambling Final. If the weather is inclement (e.g. persistent heavy rain and thunderstorm warnings issued by the Hong Kong Observatory) prior to the Bun Scrambling Final, participants should report to the venue. The Organisers reserve the right to decide whether or not the Bun Scrambling Final should continue having regard to the weather conditions. **Should the Bun Scrambling Final be cancelled, a prize presentation will be held immediately based on the results of the Selection Contest for the Competition.**
- (d) In the event of inclement weather such as persistent heavy rain or thunderstorm warnings issued by the Hong Kong Observatory during the activities, the Organisers will maintain communication with the participants and keep them informed of the latest decisions and arrangements (including revised rules, if any) made in respect of the activities by the Organising Committee.

10. Others

In order to protect the environment, participants should bring their own water bottles. Distilled water dispensers will be provided by the Organisers during the events.

**In case of any deficiency in these “Notes to Participants”,
the Organisers reserve the right to amend them at any time without further notice.**