

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Please provide the usage rates of the sports centres in New Territories East with a breakdown by the time of day. What specific measures does the Government have to enhance the current utilisation of the sports centres? What measures are there to eliminate touting activities?

Asked by: Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

The usage rates of sports centres under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in New Territories East, with breakdown figures on peak and non-peak hours, are set out at the Annex.

To encourage greater use of the arenas of sports centres especially during non-peak hours, the LCSD will continue to allow free use of sports centres by schools, subvented non-government organisations, national sports associations and district sports associations during non-peak hours. Moreover, people with disabilities, citizens aged 60 or above and full-time students can enjoy concessionary rates in the use of sports centres during peak and non-peak hours. In addition, the LCSD will continue to organise large-scale promotional activities such as the Sport for All Day, as well as fun days, training courses and competitions to promote the use of facilities.

Over the years, the LCSD has introduced administrative measures and system enhancement to improve the booking and allocation of sports facilities through the Leisure Link System. Measures implemented include strict check-in procedure to verify the identity of hirers to prevent unauthorised transfer of user permits; shortening the advance booking period for individual hirers from 30 days to ten days so as to reduce the time for touting activities; tightening the peak-hour booking quota for individual users; re-registration of Leisure Link Patrons using Hong Kong identity cards to prevent hirers using multiple identity documents to circumvent the quota restriction imposed on bookings of recreation and sports facilities

for individual hirers; revising the penalty for organisations and introducing a penalty system for individual hirers.

## Usage of Sports Centres (Arena) in New Territories East Region in 2015

Venue	Peak Hours*	Non-Peak Hours <sup>#</sup>	Average
<b>Sai Kung</b>			
Hang Hau Sports Centre	95%	73%	85%
Hong Kong Velodrome	89%	40%	67%
Po Lam Sports Centre	95%	60%	79%
Tiu Keng Leng Sports Centre	97%	79%	89%
Tseung Kwan O Sports Centre	94%	66%	82%
Tsui Lam Sports Centre	89%	52%	72%
<b>Sha Tin</b>			
Heng On Sports Centre	97%	75%	87%
Hin Keng Sports Centre	96%	77%	87%
Ma On Shan Sports Centre	96%	80%	89%
Mei Lam Sports Centre	98%	82%	90%
Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre	98%	87%	93%
<b>Tai Po</b>			
Fu Heng Sports Centre	95%	67%	82%
Fu Shin Sports Centre	91%	53%	74%
Tai Po Hui Sports Centre	95%	77%	87%
Tai Po Sports Centre	95%	75%	86%
Tai Wo Sports Centre	95%	73%	85%

**Notes**

\* Peak hours are from 6 pm to 11 pm on Monday to Friday, whole day on Saturday, Sunday and public holiday.

# Non-peak hours are from 7 am to 6 pm on Monday to Friday.

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