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2026 Bun Carnival – Bun Scrambling Competition – Prospectus –

Objective: To promote the local tradition of bun scrambling and integrate this into modern climbing techniques so that bun scrambling events can be staged in a safe and orderly manner.

Location: Soccer pitch of Pak Tai Temple Playground, Cheung Chau

Fee: Free of charge

Quota: 200 (including the Men's and Women's champions of the Bun Scrambling Competition 2025)

Programme No. : IS260005BUC

Details:

Date	Time	Activities	Details
12 April 2026 (Sunday) (Note) [Fallback day for training: 19 April 2026 (Sunday)]	9:00 am to 7:30 pm (three sessions)	Training on Bun Tower Climbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants <u>must attend and complete</u> the safety training on bun tower climbing and fall prevention provided by the Hong Kong, China Mountaineering and Climbing Union (HKCMCU). 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.
26 April 2026 (Sunday) (Note) [Fallback day for the Selection Contest: 3 May 2026 (Sunday)]	2 pm to 4 pm	Selection Contest for the Bun Scrambling Competition – Preliminary Round	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only participants who have <u>completed</u> the training are qualified to take part in the Preliminary Round of the Selection Contest. The 24 participants, including at least 6 female participants, who climb to a specified height on the bun tower and give out a signal by hitting the signal device (chalk bag) in the shortest time will qualify for the Semi-final Round of the Selection Contest. Those 24 participants 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. In the event of a tie for the last place between 2 or more participants with the same finishing time, a climb-off will be arranged immediately for the participants concerned to determine to whom the last place will be offered.
	4 pm to 6 pm	Selection Contest for the Bun Scrambling Competition – Semi-final Round	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the Semi-final Round, participants will have to climb to a specified height on the bun tower, give out a signal by hitting the signal device (chalk bag), and land using the fall arresting device. The finishing time will be taken as a participant lands with both feet. The 12 participants, including at least 3 female participants, with the shortest finishing time will qualify for the Bun Scrambling Final. In the event of a tie for the last place between 2 or more participants with the same finishing time, a climb-off will be arranged immediately for the participants concerned to determine to whom the last place will be offered.

Date	Time	Activities	Details
24 May 2026 (Sunday) to 25 May 2026 (Monday) (Note)	From 11:30 pm on 24 May 2026 to 12:45 am on 25 May 2026	Bun Scrambling Final	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final will feature men's and women's categories. The 12 participants, including at least 3 female participants, with the shortest finishing time will qualify for the Bun Scrambling Final. The 12 finalists in the Men's and Women's Divisions will competing together in the same race. The finalists will scramble for buns in their own lanes within the time limit and the one who has the highest total score wins. In case of a tie, the ranking of the participants concerned will be determined by their finishing order in the Selection Contest. Prizes will be awarded to the champion and the first and second runners-up in the Men's Division, and the champion in the Women's Division.

Note: In case of inclement weather, the activities on that day will either be rescheduled or cancelled. Please refer to the “**Inclement Weather Arrangements**” below for details.

Entry Requirements:

1. Aged 18 or above; and
2. Be of good health and physical fitness.

How to Apply and Points to Note:

1. The prospectus can be accessed through My SmartPLAY App and on the SmartPLAY webpage (www.smartplay.lcsd.gov.hk/home).
2. To apply for the competition, individuals must first register as a SmartPLAY user. During the registration, please provide information required for the competition (i.e. date of birth and gender) and complete the authentication process. For details, please visit the SmartPLAY webpage (<https://www.smartplay.lcsd.gov.hk/website/en/news/9982.html>).
3. After successfully registering and verifying as a SmartPLAY user, applicants must submit ballot e-application forms through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage or smart self-service stations during the period from 23 February to 6 March 2026.
4. Applications made by groups, organisations or schools will not be accepted. All applicants must apply as individual SmartPLAY users.
5. No waiting lists will be held for any ballot. Applicants are required to make an application for the remaining places, if any, upon ballot on a first-come-first-served basis during the open application period.
6. No alterations to application details will be allowed after the application deadline. All the details provided in the e-application form must be complete, true and correct. Once confirmed, details (including participating event(s) and personal particulars) cannot be changed, with the exception of contact numbers and addresses. Any updates to these should be made via SmartPLAY as soon as possible.
7. Applicants who live, study or work on Cheung Chau will have priority in the ballot. Eligible applicants are required to select “Cheung Chau Resident/Student/Employee for Bun Scrambling Competition” under the function of “Add Local Status” in “My Profile” on SmartPLAY, upload valid proof and tick the declaration box during the period from 23 February 2026 to 9 March 2026. Such priority is granted only after approval by the Islands District Leisure Services Office (IsDLSO) and is only be applicable to Bun Scrambling Competition 2026.
8. Applicants whose “Local Status” application is rejected due to failure to upload valid supporting documents will not be entitled to priority in the ballot. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) reserves the right to request the original documents from participants for verification at any time (including the Training Day, Selection Contest Day and the Final Day). No objections can be raised. The LCSD reserves the right to disqualify participants who fail to

produce the original documents from the competition.

9. Applicants providing false information will be disqualified from the events, with all the results declared void. Their rankings will be filled by the next highest-placed athletes in order of finish.
10. The information provided will only be used by the LCSD for purposes of application in this competition, announcement of ballot results, compilation of statistics, future contact, and opinion survey. Only persons authorised by the LCSD will have access to such information.

Application and Ballot Arrangement:

	Submission of E-Ballot Applications	Ballot and Announcement of Results	Confirmation of Successful Applications	Announcement of Remaining Quotas	Open Application
Date	From 23 February to 6 March 2026	From 11 March to 12 March 2026	From 13 March to 17 March 2026	18 March 2026	From 19 March to 23 March 2026 (From 8:30 am on the first day)
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must first register as SmartPLAY users and complete the authentication process before submitting the electronic application for the competition; Applicants (including those who live, study or work on Cheung Chau and those applying under “Non-local Status”) are required to submit one e-ballot application only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All places will be allocated by means of ballot via SmartPLAY; Applicants applying under “Local Status”, i.e. those who live, study or work on Cheung Chau will have priority in the ballot; Upon completion of the ballot, successful applicants will receive an electronic notification generated by the system to confirm their application; Members of the public may also have access to the ballot results through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage, smart self-service stations or notice boards at IsDLSO and leisure venues, but will not be notified separately by post. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful applicants must complete the confirmation procedures within the confirmation period through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage or smart self-service stations; Successful applicants may also bring originals or copies of their identity documents along with reference number of the activity successfully applied to complete the confirmation procedures at the DLSOs or leisure venues with SmartPLAY set up; Applicants who fail to complete the confirmation procedures within the specified period will be deemed to have forfeited their qualification to compete. 	<p>If there are quotas left over after the confirmation period, the number of such quotas will be announced through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage and smart self-service stations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The remaining quota will be open for application on a first-come-first-served basis through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage and smart self-service stations; During the open application stage, no priority in the ballot will be granted to applicants who live, study or work on Cheung Chau; SmartPLAY users may complete the application procedures through SmartPLAY or by submitting a duly completed specialised form and declaration for open application (only applicable to applications submitted through counters), while producing originals or copies of their identity documents at the DLSOs or leisure venues equipped with a Smart Self-service station.

Service Hours of Services Counters at IsDLSO and Leisure Venues, and Smart Self-service Stations:

	Services Counter at IsDLSO		Services Counter at Leisure Venues (including sports centre/tennis court)	Smart Self-service Station
Service Hours for Open Application	Monday to Friday	Saturday, Sunday and public holidays	7:00 am to 10:00 pm (From 8:30 am for the first day of open application) (Except for the first and second days of the Lunar New Year)	7:00 am to 11:00 pm (From 8:30 am for the first day of open application) (Except for the first and second days of the Lunar New Year)
	8:30 am to 4:30 pm	Closed		

Inclement Weather Arrangements:

1. 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, 12 April 2026, the training on that day will be postponed to Sunday, 19 April 2026 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.
2. 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, 26 April 2026, the Selection Contest on that day will be postponed to Sunday, 3 May 2026 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 Selection Contest having regard to the weather conditions.
3. 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. In the event of inclement weather such as persistent heavy rain and thunderstorm warnings issued by the Hong Kong Observatory before the Bun Scrambling Final, participants should report to the venue as scheduled. The Organisers will decide whether the Competition should continue having regard to the weather conditions. **Should the Bun Scrambling Final be cancelled, a prize presentation will be held immediately, with the ranking based on the results of the Selection Contest for the Bun Scrambling Competition.**
4. In the event of inclement weather such as persistent heavy rain or thunderstorm warnings issued by the Hong Kong Observatory during the events, the Organisers will maintain communication with the participants and keep them informed of their latest decisions and arrangements (including revised rules, if any) made in respect of the events.

Prizes:

Trophies will be awarded to the champion and the first and second runners-up in the Men's Division, and the champion in the Women's Division. The champions of the Men's Division and Women's Division will have direct entry to both the Training and Selection Contest in the following year without the need for ballot. A special prize, namely "Full Pocket of Lucky Buns", will be awarded to the participant who bags the largest number of buns. Starting from 2016, the "King of Kings" Award and the "Queen of Queens" Award have been presented to any winner who has won the champion title three times in total in the Men's Division or the Women's Division respectively. Past holders of the "King of Kings" Award or the "Queen of Queens" Award are required to win the championships another three times in total before being able to get the same titles again.

Adjudication: The panel of judges consists of representatives from the major Organisers and the Hong Kong, China Mountaineering and Climbing Union.

Rules: Please refer to the “**Notes to Participants of the Bun Scrambling Competition**”.

Appeal: No appeal will be accepted. The decision of the judges shall be final.

Enquiries: Applicants may contact the Islands District Leisure Services Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on 2852 3220.

**In case of any deficiency in this Prospectus,
the Organisers reserve the right to amend it at any time without further notice.**



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(Activity Code : IS260005BUC)
Application Form**

(This form is to be used only for counter application during the open application period.)

Name: (Chinese) _____ (must match that shown in identity documents)

(English) _____
(must match that shown in identity documents)

SmartPLAY User ID: _____

- Declaration:
- (1) All of the information provided in this form is true and correct and I meet the entry requirements set by the Organisers. I understand that if false information is provided, I will be immediately disqualified with all my results invalidated.
 - (2) I have read the competition prospectus and agree to abide by the rules and regulations.
 - (3) I am healthy and physically fit to participate in the above competition and understand that it has potential dangers.
 - (4) I am willing to abide by the rules and decisions made by the Organisers.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

- Notes:
- (1) The personal information provided will only be used for purposes relating to application, compilation of statistics, future contact and promotion of this event. Only persons authorised by the Organisers will have access to such personal information, which will be destroyed after the event. For correction of or access to the submitted personal information, please contact the staff of the Islands District Leisure Services Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).
 - (2) All applicants must provide their date of birth and gender under their SmartPLAY personal account before their application can be considered.
 - (3) You must provide the required personal information on this form and duly sign the Declaration. Failure to do so may result in the Organisers being unable to process your application.
 - (4) Applicants must produce the original or a copy of their identity documents for verification of eligibility when submitting application forms in person.
 - (5) The Organisers reserve the right to take photographs, video or audio recordings, or conduct live broadcasts during the event, and to use such recorded materials on the Internet, at LCSD venues, on the Organiser's dedicated websites, in publications and through other publicity channels for promotional and record-keeping purposes.