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Leisure and Cultural
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Masters Games 2016 - Swimming Competition

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1. Purpose : To provide members of the public aged 35 or above with opportunities to participate in swimming competitions and compete against others of similar age, so as to encourage them to enjoy the fun of sports and sustain their interest in sports activities.
2. Date & Time : 27 November 2016 (Sun)
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
3. Venue : Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool
(Address: 16 Eastern Street North, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong)
4. Eligibility Requirements : Participants aged 35 or above are welcome. A participant's age is calculated as at the day of competition (i.e. those who were born on or before 27 November 1981 are eligible to participate in the competition).
5. Division:

| Programme Number | Event | | Division (Men's / Women's) | | | | | |
|------------------|-------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | | A (Age 60 or above) | B (Age 55-59) | C (Age 50-54) | D (Age 45-49) | E (Age 40-44) | F (Age 35-39) |
| 4044 5622 | 50m | Freestyle [#] | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | | Breaststroke | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | | Backstroke | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | | Butterfly | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | 100m | Freestyle [#] | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | | Breaststroke | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | | Backstroke | ✓ (Open) | | | | | |
| | | Butterfly | ✓ (Open) | | | | | |
| | 200m | Freestyle [#] | ✓ (Open) | | | | | |
| | | Breaststroke | ✓ (Open) | | | | | |
| | | Backstroke | ✓ (Open) | | | | | |
| | | Butterfly | ✓ (Open) | | | | | |
| | | Individual Medley | ✓ (Open) | | | | | |

[#]In accordance with the swimming rules set by the Federation Internationale De Natation, freestyle means any style other than backstroke, breaststroke or butterfly.

6. Quota : 300 Players

7. Notes for Applicants : (1) Applicants should consider whether they are physically fit to take part in this competition. In case of doubt, please consult a doctor.
- (2) Applicants should join the division according to their age. Each participant may enter a **maximum of three events**, including the open events.
- (3) Each applicant shall submit only 1 Enrolment Form. In case of multiple submissions or incomplete information, the Enrolment Form(s) will not be accepted.
- (4) If there are less than 2 persons entering a division, the Organiser has the right to combine it with a division for a younger age group or cancel all the events in the division.
- (5) Participants providing false information will be disqualified from all events. Their competition results will be cancelled and the enrolment fees paid will not be refunded.
- (6) To facilitate communication, applicants shall notify the Organiser in writing immediately of any change in their correspondence address.

8. Event Rundown : Applicants may enrol in the events with reference to the following tentative rundown.

| Order of Event | Event | |
|----------------|-------|--------------------|
| 1 | 200m | Individual Medley* |
| 2 | 100m | Breaststroke |
| 3 | | Backstroke* |
| 4 | | Freestyle |
| 5 | | Butterfly* |
| 6 | 50m | Breaststroke |
| 7 | | Backstroke |
| 8 | | Freestyle |
| 9 | | Butterfly |
| 10 | 200m | Breaststroke* |
| 11 | | Backstroke* |
| 12 | | Freestyle* |
| 13 | | Butterfly* |

*Open Events

9. Enrolment Fee : HK\$20 per person.
- Participants aged 60 or above, full-time students and persons with disabilities can enjoy a concession of 50% upon production of a valid identity document at the time of payment. A participant's age is calculated as at the day of the competition (i.e. 27 November 2016).
10. Format : All events are final. Ranking is determined by the participant's record achieved.
11. Rules : (1) The One-Start-Rule will be adopted in all events. Participants in breach of any regulations will be disqualified upon the completion of the competition. No appeal will be accepted.
- (2) If only 1 participant turns up and reports to the Organiser on the event day, the event will still be held and the participant will still be given an award.
- (3) Participants who withdraw or fail to complete all the matches will be disqualified from the event concerned. The results and awards obtained by them will be cancelled and the enrolment fees paid will not be refunded.
- (4) A participant who has had another person play under his/her name, violated any rules/regulations or displayed any misbehaviour that may affect a match will be disqualified from the event concerned with all the results cancelled. The enrolment fee paid will not be refunded.
- (5) Unless explicitly stated in this prospectus, all rules and regulations will follow those currently used by the Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association.

12. Points to Note for Reporting : (1) Participants shall pay attention to the announcements of the Organiser and turn up on time according to the reporting and competition schedules. Otherwise, they will be regarded as having withdrawn from the match.
- (2) Participants shall report to the Registration Counter at the scheduled time in person, bringing along with them the original copy of the identity document used for enrolment (Hong Kong Identity Card for Hong Kong residents; and valid travel document, such as the passport and the Exit-entry Permit for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao (commonly known as Two-way Permit) for non-Hong Kong residents) for verification of eligibility. The Organiser has the right to disqualify participants failing to produce a valid identity document from the event concerned. Those who fail to report for a match 5 minutes after the scheduled time will be regarded as having withdrawn from the match.
- (3) Whenever summoned, participants should report to the marshal at once. The Organisation reserves the right to disqualify those who fail to turn up in response to the last summon.
13. Referee/ Umpire : The Organiser will arrange for referee/ umpires for the matches.
14. Appeal : No appeal will be accepted. The decisions of the referees/ umpires on the spot shall be final.
15. Points to Note : (1) Participants shall observe all the regulations prescribed by the Organiser and the swimming pool.
- (2) If a participant is suspected to have skin disease on the competition day and he/she cannot produce a medical certificate to prove that the disease is not a contagious one, the Organiser reserves the right to disqualify the participant.
- (3) For a participant who has already taken part in one of the events on the competition day, he/she is not entitled to the refund of his/her enrolment fee even if he/she cannot participate in the remaining competitions or the competition cannot be continued due to increment weather or any other reasons.
- (4) Participants shall pay attention to the announcements made / notices displayed by the Organiser on the spot and comply with all the rules and regulations of the Organiser and the venue.
16. Awards : Medals will be awarded to the Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up of each division.
17. Access to Prospectus and Enrolment Form : (1) District Leisure Services Offices (DLSOs) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD);
- (2) Recreation and sports venues with Leisure Link services; and
- (3) Masters Games website: www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/mg/2016/prospectus.html
18. Enrolment Period : **2-11 September 2016**
19. Enrolment Methods : (1) Complete and submit an Enrolment Form within the enrolment period by the following methods (no identity document is required at this stage):
- a) In person to any of the DLSOs (during office hours) or recreation and sports venues with Leisure Link services; or
- b) By post to the following address: (the date of the postmark shall be the receipt date)
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2/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters
1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin, New Territories; or

- c) Via the Internet.
- (2) If the quotas are exceeded, allocation of places will be determined by drawing lots, which will be held in public **at 10:30 a.m. on 27 September 2016 (Tuesday)** in Room 201, 2/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin. Members of the public are welcome to attend.
 - (3) The lot drawing results for both successful and waiting list applicants will be announced at the DLSOs, recreation and sports venues with Leisure Link services and on the Masters Games website on **30 September 2016 (Friday)**. Both successful and waiting list applicants will be notified of the results by post/fax/e-mail (no order of priority will be assigned to applicants on the waiting lists) but unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. The Organiser shall not be responsible for the postal delay due to the incorrect or incomplete correspondence address provided by an applicant.
 - (4) Successful applicants shall bring along their notification letter, identity document (original or copy) and enrolment fee to any of the DLSOs (during office hours) or recreation and sports venues with Leisure Link services for verification of personal particulars and payment of enrolment fee within the following payment period. Successful applicants who do not pay within the payment period will be regarded as having forfeited the right to participate. Their places will be filled by waiting list applicants, who shall enrol within the following payment period on a first-come-first-served basis.

**Date for Payment
by Successful Applicants**

5 – 12 October 2016

**Date for Payment
by Waiting List Applicants**

14 – 18 October 2016

- (5) If the quotas are not used up or places are still available after the payment deadline for waiting list applicants, the Organiser will accept open enrolment from **26 October 2016 (starting from 8:30 a.m.) to 27 October 2016** at all DLSOs on a first-come-first-served basis.

20. Inclement Weather Arrangement : If a Pre-No. 8 Special Announcement has been issued, or Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above or Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is still in force 2 hours before the reporting time for the first round of the matches on the competition day, all matches on that day will be cancelled. The Organiser will notify the participants of the corresponding arrangements separately in due course.
21. By-law :
 - (1) The schedule for each division and events on the event day should follow the on-the-spot announcements.
 - (2) The Organiser has the right to release the competition results to the public.
 - (3) In addition to the rules stated in this prospectus, participants shall also comply with all the rules/regulations stated in the Notes for Participants.
 - (4) The lists of winners will be announced on the Masters Games website.
 - (5) The Organiser reserves the right to amend this prospectus at any time without further notice.
22. Enquiries : Major Events Section of the LCSD: 2601 7672
Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 8:45a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(Lunch Hour: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
(Closed on Saturdays, Sundays and General Holidays)

** The Chinese version of this prospectus and the Enrolment Form is available at the DLSOs of the LCSD, recreation and sports venues with Leisure Link services, and the department's Masters Games website.

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