

Masters Games 2018 - 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 and Time : 11 November 2018 (Sunday)
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
3. Venue : Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool (Address: 16 Eastern Street North, Sai Ying Pun)
4. Eligibility : Participants aged 35 or above are welcome. A participant's age is calculated as at the commencement day of the competition (i.e. those who were born on or before 11 November 1983 are eligible to participate in the competition).
5. Division :

Programme No.	Event		Division (Men's / Women's)						
			A (Aged 65 or above)	B (Aged 60-64)	C (Aged 55-59)	D (Aged 50-54)	E (Aged 45-49)	F (Aged 40-44)	G (Aged 35-39)
4051 1987	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 International Swimming Federation, freestyle means any style other than breaststroke, backstroke 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 3 events**, including the open events.
 - (3) Each applicant can only submit 1 Enrolment Form. Duplication submissions or incomplete application will not be accepted.

- (4) The Organiser may adjust the quotas of divisions having regard to the enrolment response. Applicants or participants shall have no objection.
- (5) 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 the division.
- (6) 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.
- (7) For ease of contact, 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 event rundown:

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

* Open Event

9. Enrolment Fee : \$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. The fee is calculated as at the commencement day of the competition (i.e. 11 November 2018).
10. Format : All events are final. Ranking is determined by the participant's record achieved.
11. Rule :
 - (1) The One-Start-Rule will be adopted in all events. Participants in breach of any rules/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 who have failed to produce a valid identity document from participating in the event concerned.
 - (3) Whenever summoned, participants should report to the marshal at once. The Organiser reserves the right to disqualify those who fail to turn up in response to the last summon.
13. Judge/Referee : The Organiser will arrange qualified judges/referees for the event.
14. Appeal : No appeal will be accepted. The decisions of the judges/referees on the spot shall be final.
15. Points to Note :
 - (1) 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.
 - (2) 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.
 - (3) 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.
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 (<http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/mg/2018>)
18. Enrolment Period : **20 - 29 August 2018**
19. Enrolment :
 - (1) Prospective participants are required to complete and submit an Enrolment Form within the enrolment period by the following methods (no identity document is required at this stage):
 - a) Apply in person to any of the DLSOs (during office hours) or recreation and sports venues with Leisure Link services; or
 - b) Apply by post by sending the Enrolment Form to the following address (the date of receipt of the Enrolment Form is regarded as receipt date). To submit Enrolment Form by post, please make sure that all mail items bear sufficient postage. The Department will not accept any underpaid mail items and such items will be handled by the Hongkong Post. For calculation of postage, please refer to the Hongkong Post's website (http://www.hongkongpost.hk/en/postage_calculator/index.html):
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 Major Events Section
 2/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters
 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin, New Territories; or
 - c) Apply via the Internet.
 - (2) If the number of enrolment exceeds the quotas, allocation of places will be determined by drawing lots, which will be held **at 10:00 a.m. on 13 September 2018 (Thursday)** in Room 201, 2/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin, New Territories. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

- (3) Results of the successful applicants and the applicants on the waiting list will be posted at the DLSOs, recreation and sports venues with Leisure Link services and on the Masters Games website **within 5 working days from the date of lot drawing**. Both successful and waiting list applicants will be notified of the results by e-mail/post/fax (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. Those eligible for the concessionary rate are required to produce valid document. 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.

Payment Period
for Successful Applicants
24 September - 1 October 2018

Payment Period
for Waiting List Applicants
3 - 8 October 2018

- (5) If the number of enrolments is less than the quota or places are still available after the payment period for waiting list applicants, open enrolment will be rolled out **from 10 October 2018 (starting from 8:30 a.m.) to 11 October 2018** at all DLSOs and recreation and sports venues with Leisure Link services 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 event on the event day should follow the on-the-spot announcements.
(2) The Organiser has the right to release the results and photos of the competition to the public.
(3) The Prospectus, schedules, results of the grouping, results of the competition and other information relating to the competition will be announced through the Organiser's website.
(4) In addition to the rules and points to note stated in this Prospectus, participants shall also comply with all the rules/regulations stated in the Notes for Participants.
(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: 8:45 a.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 versions of this Prospectus and the Enrolment Form are available at the DLSOs of the LCSD, recreation and sports venues with Leisure Link services and on the Masters Games website.

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