

Masters Games 2018 – Tai Chi Competition

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1. Purpose : To provide members of the public aged 35 or above with opportunities to participate in tai chi 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 : 28 October and 4 November 2018 (Sundays)
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
3. Venue : Ma On Shan Sports Centre (Address: 14 On Chun Street, Ma On Shan, Sha Tin)
4. Eligibility Requirements : Participants aged 35 or above are welcome. A participant's age is calculated as at the first day of the competition (i.e. those who were born on or before 28 October 1983 are eligible to participate in the competition).

5. Division & Quota :	Programme No.	Division		Quota
	4051 1119	Tai Chi Chuen	Men's Individual	110 persons
	4051 1120		Women's Individual	150 persons
	4051 1121		Team's Open (5-10 persons/team)	40 teams
	4051 1122	Tai Chi Sword	Men's Individual	70 persons
	4051 1123		Women's Individual	120 persons
	4051 1124		Team's Open (4-8 persons/team)	20 teams

6. 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/teams may perform any schools of Tai Chi Chuen/Sword in the competition but they have to indicate the name of school to be performed in the enrolment form clearly.
 - (3) Each applicant may enter a **maximum of 1 individual event and 1 team event**. To facilitate the balloting arrangement, a separate enrolment form should be submitted for each event to be entered.
 - (4) Each applicant can only submit 1 enrolment form for each event to be entered. Duplicate submissions or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
 - (5) Applicants/teams must perform in the school specified in their enrolment forms, and amendment on site is not allowed. Those who wish to change the participating school must submit their application in writing to the Organiser on or before 2 October 2018.
 - (6) For better utilisation of resources, the Organiser may adjust the quotas of divisions in view of the enrolment response. Applicants or participants shall have no objection.
 - (7) If there are less than 2 persons/teams entering a division, the Organiser has the right to cancel all the events in the division.
 - (8) 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.
 - (9) For ease of contact, applicants shall notify the Organiser in writing immediately of any change in their correspondence address.

7. Enrolment Fee : (1) Individual event: \$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 first day of the competition (i.e. 28 October 2018).
(2) Team event: \$60 per team
8. Format : (1) Area for competition will be 14m x 18m.
(2) If there are 20 or more participants perform in the same school in any individual divisions, scores and awards will be counted separately for that school. The Organiser reserves the final right on the definition of schools and grouping arrangement. Participants shall not raise any objection.
(3) Assessment Criteria: A combined score will be given on the form of movement, power, coordination, spirit, consciousness, rhythm, etc, for individual division; the quality of movement, content of style and overall coordination, etc, for team division.
(4) The score of participants/teams will be the sum of three scores from five judges (the highest and lowest scores will be excluded). The position will be subject to the total score of 5 judges in case of equal scoring. In case the total scores tie, the final position will be determined by the chief judge.
(5) The best 4 scorers of each division/school will be awarded.
9. Rules : (1) Participants' number cloths will be distributed on the competition day. All participants should wear the number cloths during the competition.
(2) Duration of performance for each participant/team is **3 to 4 minutes**, those who fail to meet this criteria will have their scores deducted.
(3) Participant/team gets ready in the competition area. When the time-keeper rings the bell once, the participant/team may start the performance. When the performance time reaches 3 minutes and 55 seconds, the time-keeper will ring the bell twice to remind the participant/team that they should finish the performance promptly within 4 minutes. When time reaches 4 minutes but the performance continues, the time-keeper will ring the bell continuously, the participant/team is requested to stop the performance immediately and leave the competition area. Otherwise, their scores may be deducted and they shall not raise any objection.
(4) If only one participant/team shows up and completes the event on the competition day, the participant/team will still be given the respective award.
(5) Participants/teams who withdraw or fail to complete the competition 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.
(6) 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.
(7) Unless explicitly stated in this prospectus, all rules and regulations will follow those currently used by the Hong Kong Tai Chi Association.
10. 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 has failed to produce a valid identity document from participating in the event concerned. Those who fail to report for a match 15 minutes after the scheduled time will be regarded as having withdrawn from the match. For team events, team manager should report to the Registration Counter first. The Organiser will verify the identities of respective team members according to the competition rundown. Those who are late for the competition or teams with insufficient members will be considered as forfeiting their rights of participation.

- (3) Participants shall produce their valid identification documents for verification of eligibility when they report in and before the competition begins. The Organiser has the right to disqualify participants failing to produce a valid identity document from the event concerned.

11. Judge : The Organiser will arrange qualified judges for the event.
12. Appeal : No appeal will be accepted. The decisions of the referees/umpires on the spot shall be final.
13. Points to Note : (1) The results of the competition schedule and notes for participants will be sent to the participants by e-mail/post/fax. Participants who do not receive the above information before the start of the competition should contact the Organiser as soon as possible or download the information from the Masters Games website.
(2) Participants shall turn up according to the competition schedule, which will not be changed once it has been fixed. The schedule of events for each division announced on the spot on the event day shall prevail.
(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.
14. Attire : (1) Participants shall dress themselves in tidy Tai Chi attires and wear a pair of non-marking rubber-soled sports shoes during the competition.
(2) Participants should not wear in the uniform same as referee/umpire to avoid unnecessary disputes.
15. Awards : Medals will be awarded to the Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up of each division. If there are 20 or more participants perform in the same school in any individual divisions, scores and awards will be counted separately for that school.
16. 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>)
17. Enrolment Period : 7 – 16 August 2018
18. 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 at the DLSOs (during office hours) or recreation and sports venues with Leisure Link services; or
b) Apply by post by sending an 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 enrolments exceeds the quota, allocation of places will be determined by drawing lots, which will be held **at 10:00 a.m. on 31 August 2018 (Friday)** 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

11 – 18 September 2018

Payment Period
for Waiting List Applicants

20 - 25 September 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 27 September 2018 (starting from 8:30 a.m.) to 28 September 2018** at all DLSOs and recreation and sports venues with Leisure Link services on a first-come-first-served basis.

19. 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.
20. By-law :
 - (1) The Organiser has the right to release the results and photos of the competition to the public.
 - (2) The prospectus, schedules, results of the grouping and fixture draw, results of the competition and other information relating to the competition will be announced through the Organiser's website.
 - (3) 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.
 - (4) The Organiser reserves the right to amend this prospectus at any time without further notice.
21. 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 version 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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