

Masters Games 2018 - Swimming Competition

~ Notes for Participants ~

1. Date and Time : 11 November 2018 (Sunday)
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
2. Venue : Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool (Address: 16 Eastern Street North, Sai Ying Pun)
3. Format : All events are final. Ranking is determined by the participant's record achieved.
4. 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.
5. 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 Otherwise, they will be regarded as having withdrawn from the match.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.
6. Judge/Referee : The Organiser will arrange qualified judges/referees for the event.
7. Appeal : No appeal will be accepted. The decisions of the judges/referees on the spot shall be final.
8. 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.

9. Awards : Medals will be awarded to the Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up.

10. Inclement Weather Arrangement : (1) 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.
- (2) “High” health risk category (Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) of 7)
The AQHI for health risk category has reached “High” in Hong Kong, i.e. AQHI of 7. Environmental Protection Department advises those with existing heart or respiratory illnesses (such as coronary heart disease and other cardiovascular diseases, asthma and chronic obstructive airways diseases including chronic bronchitis and emphysema), children and the elderly to **reduce** outdoor physical exertion, and to **reduce** the time of their stay outdoors, especially in areas with heavy traffic. Participants with existing heart or respiratory illnesses should also seek advice from a medical doctor before participating in sports activities and take more breaks during physical activities. As the health effects on individuals may vary, participants should seek advice from a medical doctor if they are in doubt or feel uncomfortable.
- (3) “Very High” health risk category (Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) of 8-10)
The AQHI for health risk category has reached “Very High” in Hong Kong, i.e. AQHI of 8-10. Environmental Protection Department advises those with existing heart or respiratory illnesses (such as coronary heart disease and other cardiovascular diseases, asthma and chronic obstructive airways diseases including chronic bronchitis and emphysema), children and the elderly to **reduce to the minimum** outdoor physical exertion, and to **reduce to the minimum** the time of their stay outdoors, especially in areas with heavy traffic. The general public is advised to **reduce** outdoor physical exertion, and to **reduce** the time of their stay outdoors, especially in areas with heavy traffic. As the health effects on individuals may vary, participants should seek advice from a medical doctor if they are in doubt or feel uncomfortable.
- (4) “Serious” health risk category (Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) Exceeding 10)
The AQHI for health risk category has reached “Serious” in Hong Kong, i.e. AQHI of 10+. Environmental Protection Department advises those with existing heart or respiratory illnesses (such as coronary heart disease and other cardiovascular diseases, asthma and chronic obstructive airways diseases including chronic bronchitis and emphysema), children and the elderly to **avoid** outdoor physical exertion, and to **avoid** staying outdoors, especially in areas with heavy traffic. The general public is advised to **reduce to the minimum** outdoor physical exertion, and to **reduce to the minimum** the time of their stay outdoors, especially in areas with heavy traffic. As the health effects on individuals may vary, participants should seek advice from a medical doctor if they are in doubt or feel uncomfortable.

11. 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.
12. 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)

If there is any inconsistency or ambiguity between the Prospectus and the Notes for Participants, the Notes for Participants shall prevail.