

Masters Games 2023 — Badminton Competition

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1. Purpose : To provide members of the public aged 35 or above with opportunities to participate in badminton competition with others of similar age, let them enjoy the fun of sport and sustain their interest in sport.
2. Date and Time : 2 September to 28 October 2023
2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. (Saturdays)
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. (Sundays)
3. Venue : Kowloon Park Sports Centre
(Address: 22 Austin Road, Tsim Sha Tsui)
Shek Kip Mei Park Sports Centre
(Address: 290 Nam Cheong Street, Sham Shui Po)
Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Sports Centre
(Address: 18 Eastern Street North, Sai Ying Pun)
4. Eligibility : Anyone aged 35 or above (A participant's age is calculated as at the first day of the competition, i.e. those who were born on or before 2 September 1988 are eligible to participate in the competition)

Programme No.	Event	Division	Age	Quota	
4066 0554	Singles	Men's A Grade	65 or above	32 players	
4066 0557		Men's B Grade	60 – 64	64 players	
4066 0558		Men's C Grade	55 – 59	64 players	
4066 0560		Men's D Grade	50 – 54	64 players	
4066 0562		Men's E Grade	45 – 49	64 players	
4066 0564		Men's F Grade	40 – 44	48 players	
4066 0565		Men's G Grade	35 – 39	48 players	
4066 0567		Women's A Grade	60 or above	16 players	
4066 0568		Women's B Grade	55 – 59	32 players	
4066 0569		Women's C Grade	50 – 54	32 players	
4066 0570		Women's D Grade	45 – 49	32 players	
4066 0572		Women's E Grade	40 – 44	32 players	
4066 0573		Women's F Grade	35 – 39	24 players	
4066 0574		Doubles	Men's A Grade	55 or above	32 teams
4066 0576			Men's B Grade	50 or above	32 teams
4066 0577			Men's C Grade	45 or above	32 teams
4066 0578	Men's D Grade		40 or above	32 teams	
4066 0579	Men's E Grade		35 or above	32 teams	
4066 0580	Women's A Grade		55 or above	32 teams	
4066 0581	Women's B Grade		50 or above	32 teams	
4066 0582	Women's C Grade		45 or above	32 teams	
4066 0584	Women's D Grade		40 or above	32 teams	
4066 0585	Women's E Grade		35 or above	16 teams	
4066 0586	Mixed A Grade		55 or above	32 teams	
4066 0587	Mixed B Grade		50 or above	32 teams	
4066 0589	Mixed C Grade		45 or above	32 teams	
4066 0590	Mixed D Grade		40 or above	16 teams	
4066 0591	Mixed E Grade		35 or above	16 teams	

6. Notes for Applicants :
- (1) Applicants should consider whether they are physically fit to take part in the competition. In case of doubt, please consult a doctor.
 - (2) Each applicant may enrol for **a maximum of 1 singles event and 1 doubles event** and only need to pay for one enrolment. To facilitate fixture draw, a separate enrolment form should be submitted for each event.
 - (3) Each applicant can only submit 1 enrolment form for each event. Repeated submissions or forms with incomplete information will not be accepted.

- (4) The Organiser may adjust the quota of the divisions in view of the enrolment response. If there is a need to adjust the quota, the adjusted quota will be announced on the Masters Games website. Applicants and participants shall raise no objection.
 - (5) For doubles event, teams must enrol in the division of the age group to which the younger player belongs.
 - (6) If there are less than 2 persons/teams enrolling for a division, the Organiser has the right to combine it with a division for a younger age group or cancel the division.
 - (7) If a participant who has enrolled for a singles event wishes to enrol for a doubles event, or a participant who has enrolled for a doubles event wishes to enrol a singles event, he/she has to submit another enrolment form and produce his/her identity document and other required document(s). The fee of the second enrolment can be waived upon production of the receipt of the first enrolment.
 - (8) Participants providing false information will be disqualified from all events. Their competition results will be invalidated and the enrolment fees paid will not be refunded.
 - (9) For ease of contact, applicants should notify the Organiser in writing immediately of any change in their correspondence address.
7. Enrolment Fee : \$20 per person for singles events; \$40 per team for doubles events; a participant enrolling for both singles and doubles events is only required to pay for the singles event, i.e. \$20. Participants who are persons aged 60 or above or full-time students as at the first day of the competition (i.e. 2 September 2023) or persons with disabilities can enjoy 50% concession upon production of valid identity document at the time of payment.
8. Format : (1) A single knockout system will be adopted for all events.
(2) All events consist of the best of three games of 21 points. A player scores a point whenever he/she wins a rally.
9. Rules : (1) If only 1 player/team shows up and reports to the Organiser on the competition day, the player/team will still be given an award.
(2) A participant having another person playing under his/her name, violating any rules/regulations or displaying any misbehaviour that may affect an event will result in disqualification from the event(s) concerned with all of the participant's results invalidated. The enrolment fee paid will not be refunded.
(3) Unless otherwise stated in this prospectus, rules and regulations currently used by the Hong Kong Badminton Association will be adopted for the competition.
10. Points to Note for Reporting : (1) Participants should pay attention to the announcements made by the Organiser, and report on time according to the reporting and competition schedules. Otherwise, they will be regarded as having forfeited the event(s).
(2) Participants should report to the registration counter at the scheduled time in person, bringing along the original of the identity document used for enrolment (Hong Kong Identity Card for Hong Kong residents, valid travel document, such as passport or the Exit-entry Permit for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao (commonly known as the Two-way Permit), for non-Hong Kong residents) for verification of eligibility to join the competition. The Organiser has the right to disqualify participants who are unable to produce a valid identity document from participating in the event concerned. Those who fail to report to the counter within 5 minutes after the scheduled time (for doubles events, both players of a team must report to the counter together) will be regarded as having forfeited the event(s).
(3) Participants should remain at the venue for the competition after reporting to the counter. If a player/team does not show up or a team does not show up in full team within 5 minutes after being called by the referee/umpire, the player/team will be regarded as having forfeited the event.
11. Fixture Draw : It will be held at **7:00 p.m. on 7 August 2023 (Monday)** at the Audio-Visual Room, 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin. Members of the public are welcome to attend. The results of the fixture draw (i.e. competition schedule) and notes for participants will be sent to participants by e-mail/post/fax. Participants who have not received 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.
12. Referee/Umpire : The Organiser will arrange qualified referees/umpires for the events.
13. Appeal : No appeal will be accepted. The decisions of the referees/umpires on the spot shall be final.
14. Points to Note : (1) Participants shall bring their own rackets while the Organiser will provide shuttlecocks.
(2) Participants must wear suitable sportswear and non-marking rubber-soled sports shoes.

- (3) Participants should show 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 competition day shall prevail.
- (4) Due to the tight competition schedule and limited number of courts, no warm-up area will be provided by the Organiser.
- (5) Participants shall pay attention to the announcements made / notices displayed by the Organiser at the competition venue and comply with all the rules and regulations of the Organiser and the venue.
15. Awards : Medals will be awarded to the Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up of each division.
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 (<https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/mg/2023>)
17. Enrolment Period : **5 to 14 June 2023**
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):
- Apply via the Internet; or
 - Apply in person at the DLSOs (during office hours) or recreation and sports venues with Leisure Link services; or
 - Apply by post to the following address (the date of receipt by the Department is regarded as the submission date):
Masters Games 2023 - Badminton Competition
Major Events Section
2/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters
1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin, New Territories
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: https://www.hongkongpost.hk/en/postage_calculator/index.html .
- (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 29 June 2023 (Thursday)** in Room 202, 2/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin, New Territories. Members of the public are welcome to attend. If all applications are accepted after the enrolment deadline, balloting will be cancelled. The arrangement will be announced on the Masters Games website and applicants will not be notified individually.
- (3) The Organiser may adjust the quota of the divisions in view of the enrolment response. If there is a need to adjust the quota, the adjusted quota will be announced on the Masters Games website. Applicants and participants shall raise no objection.
- (4) The lists of successful applicants and waitlisted applicants 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 waitlisted 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) while unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. The Organiser shall not be responsible for postal delay arising from incorrect or incomplete correspondence address provided by an applicant.
- (5) Successful applicants should pay enrolment fee at any of the DLSOs (during office hours) or recreation and sports venues with Leisure Link services, and bring along their notification letter and identity document (original or copy) for verification of personal particulars within the following payment period. Those eligible for concessionary rate are required to produce a valid document. Successful applicants who fail to pay within the payment period will be regarded as having forfeited the right to participate. Their places will be filled by waitlisted applicants, who shall enrol within the following payment period on a first-come-first-served basis.

Payment Period for Successful Applicants	Payment Period for Waitlisted Applicants
11 – 18 July 2023	20 – 25 July 2023

- (6) If the number of enrolments is smaller than the quota or places are still available after the payment period for waitlisted applicants, open enrolment will be held **from 27 July 2023 (starting from 8:30 a.m.) to 28 July 2023** at all DLSOs and recreation and sports venues with Leisure Link services on a first-come-first-served basis.

- (7) In doubles events, both players of a team should pay the enrolment fee within the payment period or else the team will be disqualified.
19. 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 events on the competition day, all events on that day will be cancelled. The Organiser will notify the participants of the corresponding arrangements separately in due course.
- (2) When the “Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) of 7 or above” has been issued by the Environmental Protection Department on the competition day, the arrangement of the competition as at below:
“High” health risk category (AQHI of 7)
Competition will be held as scheduled. 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 are advised 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.
“Very High” health risk category (AQHI of 8-10)
Competition will be held as scheduled. 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.
“Serious” health risk category (AQHI Exceeding 10)
Competition will be held as scheduled. 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.
20. By-law : (1) The Organiser has the right to release the results of the competition to the public.
(2) The Organiser will carry out photo shoots/video-filming/arrange broadcasting during the competitions, and has the right to display/publish the event photos or videos on the Internet, at venues of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, on the dedicated website, in publications of the Organiser and through other publicity channels, for promotion of activities or record purposes.
(3) The prospectus, schedules, results of the grouping and fixture draw, results of the competition and other information relating to the competition will be announced on 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 prior notice.
21. Enquiries : Major Events Section of the LCSD: 2601 7673
Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 9:00 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 is 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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