

# Masters Games 2023 - Swimming Competition

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1. Purpose : To provide members of the public aged 35 or above with opportunities to participate in swimming competition with others of similar age, let them enjoy the fun of sport and sustain their interest in sport.
2. Date and Time : 3 September 2023 (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 : Anyone aged 35 or above (A participant's age is calculated as at the day of the competition, i.e. those who were born on or before 3 September 1988 are eligible to participate in the competition)
5. Divisions :

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)	
4066 0696	50m	Freestyle	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Breaststroke	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Backstroke	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Butterfly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	100m	Freestyle	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Breaststroke	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Backstroke	✓ (Open)						
		Butterfly	✓ (Open)						
	200m	Freestyle	✓ (Open)						
		Breaststroke	✓ (Open)						
		Backstroke	✓ (Open)						
		Butterfly	✓ (Open)						
		Individual Medley	✓ (Open)						

6. Quota : 300 persons
7. 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) Applicants should only join the division of their age group. Each participant may enroll for a **maximum of 3 events**, including the open events.
  - (3) Each applicant can only submit one enrolment form. 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 have no objection.
- (5) If there are less than 2 persons enrolling for 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 invalidated and the enrolment fees paid will not be refunded.
- (7) For ease of contact, applicants should notify the Organiser in writing immediately of any change in their correspondence address.

8. Event Rundown : Applicants may enrol for events based on the following tentative event rundown:

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

\* Open event

9. Enrolment Fee : HK\$20 per person. Participants who are persons aged 60 or above or full-time students as at the day of the competition (i.e. 3 September 2023) or persons with disabilities can enjoy 50% concession upon production of a valid identity document at the time of payment.
10. Format : All events are finals. Rankings are determined by participants' swimming time.
11. Rules :
  - (1) The one-start rule will be adopted in all events. Participants in breach of any rules/regulations will be disqualified upon completion of the event. Participants shall have no objection.
  - (2) If only one participant shows up for an event on the competition day and he/she finishes the event, the participant will still be given an award.
  - (3) 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.

- (4) Unless otherwise stated in this prospectus, rules and regulations currently used by the Hong Kong China Swimming Association will be adopted for the competition.
12. 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.
- (3) When called in by the marshal, participants should report to him/her immediately. Those who fail to report after the last call will be disqualified.
13. Judge/Referee : The Organiser will arrange qualified judges/referees for the competition.
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 on the competition day, a participant is suspected to have skin disease and he/she cannot produce a medical certificate to prove that the disease is not of contagious nature, the Organiser has the right to disqualify the participant.
- (2) For a participant who has already taken part in one of the events on the competition day, even if he/she cannot participate in the remaining event(s), or if the competition cannot be continued due to increment weather or other reasons, his/her enrolment fee would not be refunded.
- (3) Participants shall pay attention to the announcements made / notices displayed by the Organiser at the competition venue and comply with all rules and regulations of the Organiser and the venue.
16. Awards : Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up for 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 (<http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/mg/2023>)
18. Enrolment Period : **5 - 14 June 2023**
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 via the Internet; or

- b) Apply in person at the DLSOs (during office hours) or recreation and sports venues with Leisure Link services; or
- c) Apply by post to the following address (the date of receipt by the Department is regarded as the submission date):

Masters Games 2023 – Swimming 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](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 have 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 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 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
<b><u>11 - 18 July 2023</u></b>	<b><u>20 - 25 July 2023</u></b>

- (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.

20. 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 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.

21. By-law

- : (1) The finalised schedule of events for all divisions will be based on on-the-spot announcements on the competition day.
- (2) The Organiser has the right to release the results of the competition to the public.

- (3) 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.
- (4) The prospectus, schedules, results of the grouping, results of the competition and other information related to the competition will be announced on the Organiser's website.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The Organiser reserves the right to amend this prospectus at any time without prior notice.

22. 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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