

Masters Games 2023 – 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 competition with others of similar age, let them to enjoy the fun of sport and sustain their interest in sport.
2. Date and Time : 4 and 11 June 2023 (Sundays)
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
3. Venue : Kwun Chung Sports Centre
(Address: 6/F, Kwun Chung Municipal Services Building, 17 Bowring Street, Jordan, Kowloon)
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 4 June 1988 are eligible to participate in the competition)

5. Division & Quota :

Programme No.	Division	Quota
4066 0217	Tai Chi Chuen	Men's Individual
4066 0218		Women's Individual
4066 0219		Team's Open (5 - 10 persons/team)
4066 0220	Tai Chi Sword	Men's Individual
4066 0221		Women's Individual
4066 0222		Team's Open (4 - 8 persons/team)

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) Applicants/teams may perform in any schools of Tai Chi Chuen/Sword in the competition but they have to indicate the name of school in the enrolment form clearly.
 - (3) Each applicant may enrol for 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.
 - (4) Each applicant can only submit 1 enrolment form for each event. Repeated submissions or forms with incomplete information will not be accepted.
 - (5) Applicants/teams must perform in the school specified in their enrolment forms, and are not allowed to change on the spot. Those who wish to change the school must submit their application in writing to the Organiser on or before 18 May 2023. Late submissions will not be accepted.
 - (6) 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.
 - (7) If there are less than 2 persons/teams enrolling for 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 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 : (1) Individual event: HK\$20 per person
Participants who are persons aged 60 or above or full-time students as at the first day of the competition (i.e. 4 June 2023) or persons with disabilities can enjoy 50% concession upon production of valid identity document at the time of payment.
(2) Team event: HK\$60 per team
8. Format : (1) The area for competition will be 14m x 18m.
(2) If there are 20 or more participants performing in the same school in any individual division, 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; and on the quality of movement, style and overall coordination, etc, for team division.
(4) Score calculation: The score of participants/teams will be the sum of three scores, being those given by five judges with the highest and lowest excluded. In case of a tie, the sum of the scores from all five judges will be calculated. If the scores are still the same, the final result will be determined by the chief judge.
(5) Teams/participants with the 4 highest scores in each division/school will be awarded.
9. Rules : (1) Number bibs will be distributed on the competition day. All participants should wear the bibs during the competition.
(2) The **performance time** for each participant/team is **3 to 4 minutes**. Those who go over or under the time limit will have their scores deducted.
(3) A participant/team should get ready in the competition area. When the time-keeper rings the bell once, the participant/team may start the performance. At 3 minutes and 55 seconds, the time-keeper will ring the bell twice to indicate that time is almost up. When the 4-minute performance time is up, the time-keeper will ring the bell continuously. The participant/team should 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 for and finishes an event on the competition day, the participant/team will still be given an award.
(5) If a participant forfeits or fails to finish one event, he/she will be disqualified from the event concerned. The results and awards he/she has attained will be invalidated and the enrolment fee paid will not be refunded.
(6) 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.
(7) Unless otherwise stated in this prospectus, rules and regulations currently used by the Hong Kong Tai Chi 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 15 minutes after the scheduled time will be regarded as having forfeited the event(s). For team events, the team manager should report to the registration counter first. The Organiser will check the personal particulars of team members according to the competition rundown. Participants/teams who are late for the competition and teams with insufficient members will be considered as having forfeited the event(s).

- (3) Participants should produce a valid identity document for verification of eligibility to join the competition when they report to the counter and before the competition begins. The Organiser has the right to disqualify participants who are unable to produce a valid identity document from the event concerned.

11. Judge : The Organiser will arrange qualified judges for the competition.
12. Appeal : No appeal will be accepted. The decisions of the judges on the spot shall be final.
13. Points to Note :
 - (1) The 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.
 - (2) 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 spot on the competition day shall prevail.
 - (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.
14. Attire :
 - (1) Participants should wear tidy Tai Chi uniform and a pair of non-marking rubber-soled sports shoes during the competition.
 - (2) Participants should not wear the same clothes as the judges to avoid unnecessary disputes.
15. Awards : Medals will be given to the Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up of each division. If there are 20 or more participants performing in the same school in any individual division, 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 (<https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/mg/2023>)
17. Enrolment Period : **22 – 31 March 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):
 - 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 — Tai Chi 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 17 April 2023 (Monday)** in Audio-Visual Room, 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin, New Territories. Members of the public are welcome to attend.
 - (3) The Organiser has the right to adjust the quota in view of the enrolment response, and 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.

<u>Payment Period for Successful Applicants</u>	<u>Payment Period for Waitlisted Applicants</u>
26 April – 3 May 2023	5 – 10 May 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 12 May 2023 (starting from 8:30 a.m.) to 13 May 2023** 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 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.
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 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.