

# Masters Games 2023 - Swimming Competition

## ~ Notes for Participants ~

1. Date and Time : 3 September 2023 (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 finals. Rankings are determined by participants' swimming time.
4. 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) 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 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.
  - (5) Unless otherwise stated in this prospectus, rules and regulations currently used by the Hong Kong China Swimming Association will be adopted for the competition.
5. 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.
6. Judge/Referee : The Organiser will arrange qualified judges/referees for the competition.
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 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.

9. Awards : Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up for each division.

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 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.

11. 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.
12. 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)