

Organised by



Masters Games 2023 — Table Tennis Competition

~ Notes for Participants ~

1. Date and Time : 25 November to 17 December 2023 (Saturdays and Sundays)
2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. (Saturdays)
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. (Sundays)
2. Venue : Cornwall Street Squash and Table Tennis Centre
(Address: 17 Cornwall Street, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon)
3. Format : (1) A single knock-out system will be adopted for all events.
(2) All events consist of the best of five games of 11 points.
4. Rules : (1) If only 1 player/team turns up and reports to the Organiser on the competition day, the player/team will still be given an award.
(2) 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.
(3) A participant having another person to 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 Table Tennis 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. 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(s).
6. Referee/Umpire : The Organiser will arrange qualified referees/umpires for the events.
7. Appeal : No appeal will be accepted. The decisions of the referees/umpires on the spot shall be final.
8. Points to Note : (1) Participants should bring along their own rackets. The surface of the covering material on a side of the blade, or of a side of the blade if it is left uncovered, shall be matt, black on one side, and of a bright colour clearly distinguishable from black and from the colour of the ball on the other. The racket covering shall be used without any physical, chemical or other treatment. The covering material of the blades shall be of a brand and type currently approved by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF). For details of the covering material, please refer to the List of Authorised Racket Coverings at ITTF's website at https://www.hkta.org.hk/referee/application/ITTF_Rules.html
(2) Approved table tennis ball provided by the organiser shall be use in all match.
(3) Participants should wear a short-sleeved shirt, shorts with the length not going below the knees (the main colour of the shirt and the shorts shall not be white or near to white) and non-marking sports shoes. Otherwise, the participant may be disqualified.
(4) In doubles events, players from the same team must wear short-sleeved shirts of the same colour and design.

- (5) 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.
- (6) Due to the tight competition schedule and limited number of courts, no warm-up area will be provided by the Organiser.
- (7) 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.

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

12. Enquiries : Major Events Section of the LCSD: 2601 7673
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.