



Tai Chi Competition

Organiser :



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1. Purpose : To encourage members of the public aged 35 or above to join competition with peers and enjoy the fun of sports.
2. Date and Time : 15 and 22 March 2026 (Sundays)
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
3. Venue : Kwun Chung Sports Centre
(Address: 6/F, Kwun Chung Municipal Services Building, 17 Bowring Street, Jordan, Kowloon)
4. Eligibility : Participants shall be aged 35 or above (calculated as at the first day of the competition, i.e. those who were born on or before 15 March 1991 are eligible to participate in the competition)

5. Division and Quota :

Programme No.	Division	Quota
MG250006TCI	Men's Individual Tai Chi Chuen	110 persons
	Women's Individual Tai Chi Chuen	150 persons
	Men's Individual Tai Chi Sword	70 persons
	Women's Individual Tai Chi Sword	120 persons
MG250007TCI	Team Tai Chi Chuen (5 - 10 persons/team)	40 teams
	Team Tai Chi Sword (4 - 8 persons/team)	20 teams

6. Notes for Applicants :
 - (1) Applicants should consider whether they are physically fit to participate in the competition. Please consult the doctor in case of doubt.
 - (2) All participants must register as users of the SmartPLAY system and provide the information required for enrolment during registration, such as date of birth and gender before they can enrol in the competition.

- (3) Each applicant may at the same time enrol in **a maximum of one individual event and one team event**. Applicants who wish to enrol in both individual and team events must submit a separate e-application for each event. For team event, the application form must be submitted by the prime applicant.
- (4) Each applicant/team is only required to submit one e-application form for each event via the SmartPLAY system. In the event of duplicated applications, submission of incomplete information, non-compliance with competition requirements or ineligibility on the part of applicants/teams, the applications in question will be rejected by the system.
- (5) To participate in team events, the prime applicants must first select other qualified members from “Friend List” under “My Profile” of their SmartPLAY accounts before filling in the order of preference for competitions. All of the members must follow the same order of preference for competitions. Invitees who have not applied for other competitions are not required to submit e-application forms separately. The invitees will receive a notification of invitation generated by the system. If the invitation is declined, the prime applicants must update the details of the members before the submission deadline for application forms to meet the competition requirement on the number of participants. In the event of failure to meet the said requirement by the deadline, the team in question will be disqualified.
- (6) Alterations to the details provided will not be allowed after the submission deadline for e-application forms. All the information provided in the e-application forms must be true and correct and given in detail. Once the e-application forms are confirmed, alternations to the details provided (including participating event(s) and personal particulars) will not be allowed, except for changes to the contact numbers and email addresses, which, if any, should be made via the SmartPLAY accounts as soon as possible. Participants/teams who wish to change their Tai Chi styles for competition must submit applications in writing to the Organiser on or before 13 February 2026. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- (7) If the competition is postponed for any reasons, the allocation of age groups for participants will be based on their age on the original first day of competition.
- (8) If there are less than 2 participants/teams for a division, the competition(s) for that division will be cancelled and the enrolment fee will be refunded to participants.
- (9) For effective resource utilisation, the Organiser may adjust the quota for each division with reference to the enrolment response. If there is a need to adjust the quota, the adjusted quota will be announced on the Masters Games 2025/26 website. Applicants and participants shall raise no objections.
- (10) Applicants providing false information will be disqualified from all events. The results attained by them will be declared void and the enrolment fees paid will not be refunded.

7. Enrolment Fee : \$20 per person for individual events (those aged 60 or above, full-time students or persons with disabilities are eligible for 50% concessionary rate) and \$60 per team for team events.

8. Ballot and Payment Arrangements :

	Submission of E-applications	Ballot and Announcement of Results	Payment/Confirmation	Announcement of Remaining Quotas	Open Enrolment
Date	From 15 December to 21 December 2025	From 4 January to 6 January 2026	From 7 January to 11 January 2026 (Smart Self-service Stations: until 11:00 p.m. daily; Electronic Platform: until 11:59 p.m. on the payment due date)	12 January 2026	From 13 January to 26 January 2026 (8:30 a.m. on the first day)
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All applicants are welcome to submit e-application forms; ● Each applicant may at the same time enrol in a maximum of one individual event and one team event and must indicate their choices when submitting the e-application forms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All quotas will be allocated by means of ballot via the SmartPLAY system; ● After the ballot, successful applicants will receive an electronic notification of successful application and payment/confirmation generated by the system; ● Members of the public may also check the ballot results through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage, the smart self-service stations at DLSOs, leisure venues or the Masters Games 2025/26 website, but they <u>will not be notified separately by post.</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Successful applicants must settle the payment or complete the confirmation procedures within the specified payment/confirmation period through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage or smart self-service stations. For details, please visit www.smartplay.lcsd.gov.hk/website/en/features/payment.html; ● The prime applicant of the team event is required to complete the confirmation procedures or settle the payment for himself/herself and his/her partner. The partner, however, is not required to complete the confirmation procedures or pay for such team event; ● If the partner of the prime applicant is also allocated a place in an individual event through balloting within the same game after the prime applicant has settled the fee for the team event, the partner is required to complete the confirmation procedures and settle payment for the individual event. Otherwise, relevant confirmation procedures will be deemed incomplete. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If there are quotas left after the end of payment/confirmation period, the number of such quotas will be announced through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage or the smart self-service stations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SmartPLAY users may complete the enrolment procedures through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage or the smart self-service stations. ● Before enrolment, the prime applicants of the team events must first enter “My Records” of the SmartPLAY system and select other members from “Friend List” available in the “Invitation for Joint Enrolment of First-Come-First-Served Activity”. The invitees will then receive a notification of invitation generated by the system. The prime applicants have to wait until the invitees accept the invitation before they can enrol in the competition on a first come, first served basis.

9. Payment Hours of DLSOs, Leisure Venues and Smart Self-service Stations :	DLSOs		Leisure Venues (including sports centres / tennis courts)	Smart Self-service Stations
	Payment Hours for Open Enrolment	Mondays to Fridays	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (8:30 a.m. for the first day of open enrolment)
		Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays	Closed	(Except for the first and second days of the Lunar New Year)

10. Format :
- (1) The competition area measures 14m x 18m.
 - (2) If there are 20 or more participants performing routines from the same Tai Chi style in any individual event, separate scoring and awards will be arranged for that style. The Organiser reserves the final right to define the Tai Chi styles and make arrangements for groupings of participants, and participants shall raise no objection.
 - (3) Scoring criteria: Scores will be given based on the form of movement, power, coordination, spirit, consciousness, rhythm, etc., for individual events; and on the quality of movement, style, overall coordination, etc., for team events.
 - (4) Scoring method: 5 referees will score the performance. The highest and lowest scores will be discarded, and the sum of the remaining 3 scores will be the final score of the participant/team. In case of a tie, the scores of all five referees will be calculated. If the tie persists, the final result will be determined by the chief referee.
 - (5) The top 4 participants/teams with the highest scores in each division/style will be awarded.
11. Rules :
- (1) Participants shall wear the number bib provided by the Organiser on the event day, otherwise they will not be permitted to participate in the competition. The number bib should be secured by pins at 4 corners on the Tai Chi attire, clearly displaying the participant's number for easy identification by officials. The Organiser reserves the right to disqualify participants who fail to do so. There shall be no replacement of the number bib and no refund for the enrolment fees paid.
 - (2) The **duration of the performance** for each participant/team is **between 3 and 4 minutes**. Scores will be deducted for performances that exceed or fall short of the time limit.
 - (3) A participant/team should get ready in the competition area. When the time-keeper rings the bell once, the participant/team may begin their 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 expires, the time-keeper will ring a long bell. The participant/team must immediately stop their performance and leave the competition area. Otherwise, their scores may be deducted and no objection will be entertained.
 - (4) If only 1 participant/team shows up and finishes the event on the competition day, the participant/team will still be given the relevant award.
 - (5) A participant who withdraws or fails to complete all of his/her matches will be disqualified from the event concerned. The results and awards obtained will be cancelled 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 competition results being invalidated. The enrolment fee paid will not be refunded.
 - (7) Unless otherwise specified in this prospectus, the competition will abide by the rules and regulations currently adopted by the Hong Kong Tai Chi Association.

12. Points to Note for Reporting : (1) Participants must pay attention to the announcements of the Organiser, and report to the Organiser and take part in the competition on time; otherwise, they will be deemed to have forfeited the competition.
- (2) Participants shall report to the registration counter at the scheduled time in person with the originals of their identity documents (e.g. 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 for non-Hong Kong residents), to verify eligibility for participation. The Organiser has the right to disqualify participants who fail to produce a valid identity document from participating in the competition. Those who fail to report to the counter within 5 minutes after the scheduled time will be deemed to have forfeited the competition.
- (3) Participants shall remain at the venue for the competition after reporting to the counter. If a participant/team fails to turn up or a team fails to turn up in full 5 minutes after the roll call by the referee, the participant/team will be deemed to have forfeited the competition.
13. Referee : Qualified referees will be arranged by the Organiser. All participants must abide by their decisions.
14. Appeal : No appeal will be accepted. The referees' decisions on the competition results shall be final.
15. Attire : (1) Participants must wear tidy Tai Chi attire and non-marking rubber-soled sports shoes.
- (2) Participants must not wear the same uniform as the referees during the competition to avoid unnecessary disputes.
16. Points to Note : (1) The competition schedule will not be changed once it has been fixed. Participants should turn up in time and no reschedule request will be entertained. The schedule of all events announced on the competition day shall prevail.
- (2) Participants shall pay attention to the announcements made/notices displayed by the Organiser at the competition venue.
- (3) For a participant/team who has already taken part in one of the events during the competition, if the participant/team cannot participate in the remaining matches due to inclement weather or any other reasons, there shall be no refund of the enrolment fee already paid.
17. Awards : A medal will be awarded to the Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up of each division. If there are 20 or more participants performing routines from the same Tai Chi style in any individual event, separate scoring and awards will be arranged for that style.
18. Enrolment Method : (1) Applicants must submit the e-application forms for balloting through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage or smart self-service stations **between 15 December and 21 December 2025**. Please provide the required information including the division and event intended to participate in and gender, in a clear manner, and complete and sign the "declaration".
- (2) **No waiting lists will be drawn up for the ballot. Applicants are required to make a fresh application for the remaining quotas, if any, after the ballot on a first-come-first-served basis during the open enrolment period.**
- (3) Customer Service Ambassadors will be available at Kwun Chung Sports Centre from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on 16 December 2025 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on 21 December 2025 to assist members of the public with user registration and the submission of e-application forms for enrolment in the Masters Games 2025/26 – Tai Chi Competition.
19. Inclement Weather Arrangement : (1) If a Pre-No. 8 Special Announcement has been issued by the Hong Kong Observatory, or the 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 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 (EPD) on the competition day, the arrangement of the competition is as follows:

“High” health risk category (AQHI of 7)

Competition will be held as scheduled. The EPD 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** 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. The EPD 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. The EPD 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.

- (3) If the Hong Kong Observatory has not issued the above special announcements and warning signals before the commencement of the competition, participants are still required to report at the registration counter. Any latecomers will be deemed to have forfeited the competition.

20. Changing the Date of Competition

- (1) The Organiser has the right to change the date of a competition or make any alternative arrangements under special circumstances. Should anything unforeseeable happen during the competition, the referee on the spot or the Organiser has full discretion about whether the competition should continue and participants shall raise no objection.
- (2) For a participant/team who has already taken part in one of the events or the preliminary round during the competition, if the participant/team cannot participate in the remaining matches due to inclement weather or any other reasons, there shall be no refund of the enrolment fee already paid.
- (3) No application for changing the date of any competition from a participant/team is accepted.

21. By-law

- : (1) Participants shall comply with all the rules and regulations prescribed by the competition venue and the announcements of the Organiser.
- (2) The Organiser has the right to release the results of the competition to the public.

- (3) The Organiser will carry out photographing/video-filming/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 and in the publications of the Organiser, and through other publicity channels, for promotion of activities or record purposes.
- (4) 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.
- (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 Applicants.
- (6) The Organiser reserves the right to amend any information contained in this prospectus at any time without prior notice.

22. Enquiries : Major Events Section, LCSD
Tel. No.: 2601 7673
Office hours: Mondays to Fridays: 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 is available at the Masters Games 2025/26 website.
本章程另備有中文版本，可於「先進運動會 2025/26」網頁下載。