



Tennis Competition

Organiser :



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(Activity Number : MG250003TEN)

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 : 10 April to 28 June 2026
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (Mondays to Fridays)
2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (Saturdays)
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. (Sundays)
3. Venue : Aberdeen Tennis and Squash Centre (Address: No. 1 Aberdeen Praya Road, Aberdeen)
Quarry Bay Park Tennis Courts (Address: Near Hoi Tai Street, Quarry Bay)
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 10 April 1991 are eligible to participate in the competition)

5. Division and Quota :

Event	Division	Age (according to the first day of the competition)	Division Code	Quota
Singles	Men's A Grade	65 or above	MA	48 players
	Men's B Grade	60 - 64	MB	48 players
	Men's C Grade	55 - 59	MC	64 players
	Men's D Grade	50 - 54	MD	64 players
	Men's E Grade	45 - 49	ME	64 players
	Men's F Grade	40 - 44	MF	32 players
	Men's G Grade	35 - 39	MG	32 players
	Women's A Grade	60 or above	FA	24 players
	Women's B Grade	55 - 59	FB	24 players
	Women's C Grade	50 - 54	FC	24 players
	Women's D Grade	45 - 49	FD	24 players
	Women's E Grade	40 - 44	FE	16 players
	Women's F Grade	35 - 39	FF	16 players

Doubles	Men's H Grade	55 or above	MH	32 teams
	Men's I Grade	45 or above	MI	32 teams
	Men's J Grade	35 or above	MJ	32 teams
	Women's G Grade	55 or above	FG	16 teams
	Women's H Grade	45 or above	FH	16 teams
	Women's I Grade	35 or above	FI	16 teams
	Mixed A Grade	55 or above	XA	24 teams
	Mixed B Grade	45 or above	XB	24 teams
	Mixed C Grade	35 or above	XC	24 teams

6. Notes for Applicants :
- (1) Applicants should consider whether they are physically fit to participate in the competition. Please consult a 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 singles event and one doubles event**, and **must indicate their choices in the same competition** when submitting the e-application form. Applicants who are allotted places in both singles and doubles events only have to pay the enrolment fee once.
 - (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 doubles events, the prime applicants must first select other qualified members from "Friend List" under "My Profile" of their SmartPLAY accounts. The invitees will receive a notification of invitation generated by the system. If the invitation is declined, the prime applicants must update members' details 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) **For doubles event, a team must enrol in the appropriate division based on the younger player's age. The prime applicant of the doubles 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 doubles event.**
 - (7) 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.
 - (8) If the competition is postponed for any reason, the allocation of age groups for participants will be based on their age on the original first day of competition.
 - (9) 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.
 - (10) 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.

(11) 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 singles events and \$40 per team for doubles events; payable only once in the case of enrolment for both singles and doubles events (those aged 60 or above, full-time students or persons with disabilities are eligible for 50% concessionary rate with valid proof). Each applicant should pay the fee according to their age on the first day of competition (i.e. 10 April 2026).

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 to 21 January 2026	From 3 to 5 February 2026	From 6 to 10 February 2026 (Smart Self-service Stations: until 11:00 p.m. daily; Electronic Platform: until 11:59 p.m. on the payment due date)	11 February 2026	From 12 to 25 February 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 singles event and one doubles 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 doubles 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 doubles event; ● If the partner of the prime applicant is also allocated a place in a singles event through balloting within the same game after the prime applicant has settled the fee for the doubles event, the partner is required to complete the confirmation procedures for the singles event (no payment needed). Otherwise, relevant 	<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 doubles 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 enroll for the competition on a first come, first served basis.

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9. Payment Hours of DLSOs, Leisure Venues and Smart Self-service Stations :
- | | DLSOs | | Leisure Venues (including sports centres / tennis courts) | Smart Self-service Stations |
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| 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) | 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 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) | (Except for the first and second days of the Lunar New Year) |
10. Format :
- (1) A single knockout system will be adopted in the competition.
 - (2) In the preliminary rounds and quarter-finals, a set of 6 games will be played. When the game reaches 5-all, the set will be won by the participant who first reaches 7 games. When the game reaches 6-all, a 7-point tie-break will be played.
 - (3) In the semi-finals, third-place match and final, an 8-game pro-set will be played. When the game reaches 7-all, the set will be won by the participant who first reaches 9 games. When the game reaches 8-all, a 7-point tie-break will be played.
 - (4) The competition adopts no-ad scoring. When the game reaches 40-all, the player/team who scores first will win the game. The receiver is entitled to choose the position to receive the service (i.e. to receive the service from the left half or the right half on his/her end of the court). In mixed doubles, the receiver shall be of the same gender as the server. In other words, the server needs to change his/her serving position according to the position chosen by the receiver.
11. Rules :
- (1) If only 1 participant/team shows up and reports to the Organiser on the competition day, the participant/team will still be given the relevant award.
 - (2) 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.
 - (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 competition results being invalidated. The enrolment fee paid will not be refunded.
 - (4) Unless otherwise specified in this prospectus, the competition will abide by the rules and regulations currently adopted by the Hong Kong, China Tennis 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 (for doubles events, both participants of a team must report to the counter together) 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. Fixture Draw : A fixture draw will be held **at 7:00 p.m. on 11 March 2026 (Wednesday)** at the Audio-Visual Room, 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin. Members of the public are welcome to attend.
Members of the public can check the ballot results (i.e. the fixture schedule) for the Masters Games 2025/26 through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage, smart self-service stations, DLSOs, leisure venues or the Masters Games 2025/26 website. They can also contact or enquire the Major Events Section for enquiries, but will not be notified separately by post.
14. Referee : Qualified referees will be arranged by the Organiser. All participants must abide by their decisions.
15. Appeal : No appeal will be accepted. The referees' decision on the competition results shall be final.
16. Points to Note : (1) Participants shall use their own rackets while tennis balls will be provided by the Organiser.
(2) Participants must wear approved sportswear and non-marking rubber-soled sports shoes.
(3) 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.
(4) Due to the tight schedule and limited space, no warm-up area can be arranged for participants.
(5) Participants shall pay attention to the announcements made/notices displayed by the Organiser at the competition venue.
(6) 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.
17. Awards : A medal will be awarded to the Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up of each division.
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 and 21 January 2026**. 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.**
19. Inclement Weather Arrangement : (1) If a Pre-No. 8 Special Announcement has been issued by the Hong Kong Observatory, 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 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: 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 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。