

School Sports Programme
2019 Easy Sport Competition — Baseball Competition

【Prospectus】

1. Objective: To offer former participants of the Easy Sport Programme — Baseball under the School Sports Programme (SSP) an opportunity for exchanges to develop their interests in Baseball and enhance their skills and gain experience in competitions.
2. Eligibility: The competition is open to primary schools which participated in Easy Sport Programme - Baseball between 1 September 2017 and 31 December 2018.

3. Time and Venue:

	Date	Time	Venue
Competition Day	9/3/2019 (Sat)	9:00am – 4:00pm	Shek Kip Mei Service Reservoir Playground
Fall Back Day	23/3/2019 (Sat)		

4. Quota:
 - a. 8 Teams (Each team is composed of 8-12 members. Mixed teams of boys and girls are allowed.)
 - b. For efficient use of resources, the Organiser may adjust the quota in the light of application response. The quota will be finalised on the balloting date. Participating schools/participants shall raise no objection.
5. Notes on application:
 - a. Places will be allocated by ballot. Each school may enrol a maximum of 2 teams. Please indicate their priority on the application form (i.e. “Team 1” & “Team 2”). If there are remaining places after the first round of ballot, teams with lower priority may be considered.
 - b. Each student may only be in one team and should be a current students of the school represented by the team during the Competition.
 - c. Please submit completed application forms by post or by fax (fax number: 2684 9076 or 2697 5087) to this Office.
 - d. A list of successful applicants and payment details will be sent to the schools concerned by post..

- e. The list of participants is not subject to change after payment has been completed.
6. Fee: \$250 per team
7. Application submission period:
3/12/2018 to 2/1/2019 (The postmark date will be deemed the date of submission)
8. Enrolment ballot:
The ballot will be held at Room 403, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters at 4:00 pm on 7/1/2019. Representatives of schools are welcome to attend. Schools allocated with places will be informed by post, while unsuccessful ones will not be notified. The ballot result will be posted on the following website on 14/1/2019:
http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition_info/competition_info.html
If an Acknowledgement Receipt is not received within two working days before the ballot date (i.e. 3/1/2019), please contact our staff on 2601 7648 or 2601 7602 to check if we have received your application. Otherwise, we may not be able to process your application.
9. Payment period for successful applicants: 18/1/2019 to 31/1/2019
10. Payment period for successful waiting list applicants: 1/2/2019 to 15/2/2019
11. Match draw and team manager's meeting:
The match draw will be held at Room 403, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters at 4:00 pm on 19/2/2019. The Organiser will introduce the rules and regulations of the competition after the draw. Please arrange team managers or school representatives to attend. Letters will be sent to participating schools informing them of the results of the draw and reporting time. The relevant information will also be posted on the LCSD's web page on 26/2/2019:
http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition_info/competition_info.html
12. Format:
- A straight knock-out system will be adopted in the Competition.
 - Rules and regulations of *Baseball Six* will be adopted.
 - Games shall last five innings or will be played in a time in which no new inning starts after 30 minutes.
 - Mercy Rule
2 completed innings shall constitute a regulation game. If a team is losing by:
 - 10 or more runs after having batted at least in 2 innings; or

ii. 7 or more runs after having batted at least in 3 innings; or

iii. 5 or more runs after having batted at least in 4 innings, the game is ended at that point.

If the game remains tied after the completion of the official game, extra-inning rule will be applied. The offence side shall arrange the three batters on the lineup.

- e. Each offensive inning will consist of 6 batters. The inning will end only when the 6th batter finishes his/her at-bat AND the defensive team has secured the ball inside the home plate defensive circle.
- f. Unless otherwise stipulated in this prospectus, the existing rules employed by the Hong Kong Baseball Association will be adopted.
- g. The Organiser has the right to change the format as necessary.

13. Reporting on arrival:

- a. Participants shall report to the Organiser 30 minutes before the schedule of time and submit the Line-up Sheet for the match. Those who fail to turn up for the match 5 minutes after the roll call made by the Organiser will be regarded as having withdrawn from the match.
- b. Participants shall produce their proofs of identity bearing explicit photos, e.g. student cards or student handbooks, etc. to the personnel of the Organiser before the match for identity verification.
- c. The Organiser has the absolute rights to announce all competition schedule that will be followed and adopted on spot.

14. Inclement weather arrangements:

- a. In case of Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above, or Rainstorm Signal Amber / Red / Black is issued by the Hong Kong Observatory two hours before the reporting time for the first round of events on the competition day; or the Environmental Protection Department has announced that the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) recorded at its general monitoring stations reaches 10+ (“Serious” health risk category) in the competition area; or the Education Bureau has announced the closure of schools, all events on the day will be **cancelled**. Participants will be notified of the corresponding arrangements. Under other weather conditions, all participants are required to report to the Organiser as scheduled. The umpires on the site shall decide whether the Competition should proceed or not.
- b. If the AQHI recorded at its general monitoring stations reaches 10+ (“Serious” health risk category) during the Competition, all events in progress shall be **terminated immediately**.

15. Remarks:

- a. Schools should remind their students to bring along their lunch and sufficient drinks.

- b. Participants in the same team shall wear sportswear in same colour and style with trousers (or number bib in same colour). If no number printed on the back of the sportswear, the Organiser will provide number bib to the participants.
- c. All participants shall not wear metal spike shoes and metal jewellery during the matches.
- d. The Organiser would provide Fun Safety Balls, bases and Rolling Tee set next to the home plate. Balls shall be put onto the Rolling Tee by the offenders or their coach. The teams can bring their own Tee Bat or borrow from the Organiser on the event day if needed.
- e. All fielders could catch the ball by hands or glove, but not cap.
- f. The distances of the demarcation are shown as follow:
 - between bases: 60 feet;
 - between the pitcher's plate and home plate: 35 feet;
 - between home plate and outfield fence: 104 feet.
- g. Participating teams which play in consecutive matches may take a break of 5 to 10 minutes between each match. The Organiser reserves the right to make arrangements according to actual circumstances. Participating teams shall not request for postponement of matches on the ground of fatigue.
- h. Any team leaving the playing area during a match shall be deemed to have forfeited the match. The opposing team shall be declared the winner by the Organiser.
- i. In case of a breach of the rules or regulations of the Competition or unsporting behaviour by a team leader or team member, the referee shall have the right to disqualify the team from the Competition.

16. Awards:

- a. Each team member will receive a commemorative certificate.
- b. The 'Most Valuable Player' (MVP) will be chosen from each team according to the players' performance on the event day by their coach. A certificate of merit issued by the Hong Kong Baseball Association will be presented to the MVPs.
- c. Trophies will be awarded to the champion, first, second and third runners-up and four merit award winners (The actual number of awards is subject to the number of participating team). Medals and certificates will also be awarded to members of the winning teams. The prizes will be presented to the winners on spot after the finals are completed.
- d. If any participants withdrawn or fail to complete all matches, they will be disqualified. All competition results and awards will be cancelled.

17. Talent Identification: Hong Kong Baseball Association (HKBA) will assign member/coach of Elite Training Committee to observe players' performance on the event day and recommend the potential players to trial for HKBA U12 Development Squad Training Scheme, please visit HKBA website for the details: <https://www.hkbaseball.org/download.php?id=275649>
18. Appeal: No appeal will be accepted. The referees' decision on the competition results shall be final.
19. Enquiries: School Sports Programme Unit, 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3, Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin. (Telephone number: 2601 7648)

☞ In case of any inadequacy in this prospectus, the Organiser reserves the right to amend it at any time without further notice. ☞