

School Sports Programme
2019 Easy Sport Competition — Fencing (Foil) Competition
【Prospectus】

1. Objective: To provide participants of the “Easy Sport Programme — Fencing” training course under the School Sports Programme (SSP) an opportunity to develop their interest in Fencing, so as enhance their skills and gain experience in competitions.
2. Eligibility: The Competition is only open to primary schools which participated in the “Easy Sports Programme – Fencing” training course between 1 September 2017 and 31 December 2018.

3. Date, time and venue:

Date	Time	Venue
9 March 2019 (Sat)	9:00am – 6:00pm	Shek Kip Mei Park Sports Centre (Activity Room)

4. Divisions and Quota:

Division (Age as at 2019)			Quota
Group	Age	Year of Birth	
Boys	13 or below	2006 or onwards	36
Girls	13 or below	2006 or onwards	36

- a. Each school may enrol a maximum of 8 students in each division. The priority of these students should be marked on the application form.
 - b. For efficient use of resources, the Organiser may adjust the quota for each division in the light of application response. The quota of each division will be finalised on the ballot date. Participating schools / students should raise no objection.
5. Notes on application:
 - a. Only schools which participated in the “Easy Sport Programme – Fencing” training course between 1 September 2017 and 31 December 2018 are eligible to apply. Places will be evenly allocated to the schools in accordance with the priority shown on the application form. If still has quota left after evenly distributed, the remaining quota after will be allocated to the applicants by ballot according to the priority.
 - b. Each student may only represent one team from his/her school. Participants must be current students of their school during the Competition. If a participant is found representing more than one team, the teams concerned may be disqualified.
 - c. Participants may only enrol in the division appropriate to their age.
 - d. Please submit completed application forms by hand or by fax (Fax Number: 2684 9076 or 2697 5087) to the School Sports Programme Unit.
 - e. Confirmation letters with payment details will be sent to successful applicants and successful waiting list applicants in due course.
 - f. The list of participants is not subject to change after payment has been completed.

- g. The Organiser has the right to disqualify a member of his/her team if he/she is found taking part in the Competition without prior application.
6. Fees: 36 dollars each participant
7. Application submission period:
26 November 2018 to 14 December 2018 (The postmark date will be deemed the date of submission)
8. Enrolment Ballot:
The ballot will be held at the Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters (Room 403) at 9:30 am on 27 December 2018 (Thursday). Visitors are welcomed. Letters will be sent to successful applicants informing them of the ballot results. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. The ballot results will also be posted on the LCSD's web page on 11 January 2019 (Friday). Please visit:
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. 21 December 2018 (Friday)], please contact our staff at 2601 7952 or 2601 7602. Otherwise we may not be able to process your application.
9. Payment period for successful applicants: 11 January 2019 (Friday) to 24 January 2019 (Thursday)
10. Payment period for successful waiting list applicants: 12 February 2019 (Tuesday) to 20 February 2019 (Wednesday)
11. Fixture Draw:
Fixture draw will be held on spot on the competition day.
12. Transport:
Schools are required to arrange their own transport to and from the competition venue. No parking arrangement will be made by the Organiser.
13. Format:
 - a. Boys and girls shall play in their respective groups in the preliminary rounds. The single round robin system on a group basis shall be adopted. The top 24 participants shall proceed to the single knock-out matches. A single round robin match or a single knock-out match shall end when a participant racks up the required hits or when the regulation time ends. Electronic equipment shall be used in all matches. The valid target area shall be determined by the metal vest.
 - b. For the single round robin matches, a draw shall be conducted on the spot on the competition day. Participants shall be divided into groups of four to five each. The participant who first scores five points by making five hits on the valid target area shall win the match. The valid foil target is the opponent's torso below the shoulders and above the waist, excluding the head, hands and legs. The target must be hit with the tip of the foil. The regulation time is three minutes and the game clock shall not be stopped. If no one has scored up to five hits when the regulation time ends, the one who has scored the greater number of hits shall win. If the score is tied, a coin shall be flipped, the match shall continue with an extra period of one minute and the game clock shall not be stopped. The one who scores the first point shall win. If the tie persists, the earlier coin flip shall determine the winner. The top 24 participants shall proceed to the single knock-out matches. If equal points are scored, their position shall be determined by drawing lots.
 - c. In a single knock-out match, the one who first scores fifteen hits shall win. The regulation time is nine minutes (three periods of three minutes each) with a half-time interval of one minute and the game clock shall not be stopped. If no one has scored up to ten hits when the regulation time

ends, the one who has scored the greater number of hits shall win. If the score is tied, a coin shall be flipped, the match shall continue with an extra period of one minute and the game clock shall not be stopped. The one who scores the first point shall win. If the tie persists, the earlier coin flip shall determine the winner.

- d. Any participant who fails to finish all matches shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition.
- e. Unless explicitly stated in this prospectus, the rules and regulations currently used by the Hong Kong Fencing Association will be adopted.
- f. The Organiser has the right to change the format of competition in consideration of the actual situation.

14. Equipment & Safety Regulations:

- a. **All participants should bring their own equipment and uniform and non-marking rubber-soled shoes during the matches. (No equipment will be provided by the Organiser.)**
- b. The standard competition uniform which included glove, foil mask with conductive bib, full-set fencing suit (including of jacket, breeches and underplastron), fencing socks, electric jacket, electric foil blade, foil wire, mask wire, etc.
- c. Apart from confirming to the general material and safety rules, participants' mask and uniform would be required to comply with the standard EN13567:2002 i.e. the personal protective equipment should be comply with at least 350N of penetration resistance. (For details please refer to Hong Kong Fencing Association website (<http://www.hkfa.org.hk>) on the equipment notice.)
- d. The foil mask with conductive bib must be tightly adhered and covered by the flat band, good in quality and every metallic part of the mask cannot be rust.
- e. Referees will have a general inspection and visual check of the labels on the participants' mask and uniform before starting the bout. (For details please refer to Hong Kong Fencing Association website (<http://www.hkfa.org.hk>) on the equipment notice.)
- f. Any participant who has found not complying with the equipment and uniform standard, the Organiser has the right to request the participant to change immediately and warning will be given to participant. If the participant has not changed, the Organiser reserves the right to forbid any participant from taking part in the competition.
- g. Non-participants shall not entry the competition area and must follow the competition regulations.

15. Reporting on Arrival:

- a. Letters will be sent to schools informing them of the reporting time on the competition day, or you may visit the following web page after 1 March 2019 (Friday) to obtain the information: http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition_info/competition_info.html
- b. Participants shall report to the Organiser 15 minutes before the schedule of time for the match. Those who fail to show up within 5 minutes after the staff of the Organiser's roll call will be deemed to have waived their right to participate.
- c. Participants shall produce unambiguous proof of identity bearing photos, e.g. student handbooks, student cards, etc. to the staff of the Organiser on the competition day for verification.

- d. The competition schedule shall be as announced on-site.

16. Inclement Weather Arrangements

- a. In case the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above, or Rainstorm Signal Red or 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 matches on that day will be cancelled. Participants will be notified of the corresponding arrangements. Under other adverse weather conditions, all participants are required to report to the Organizer as scheduled. The referees on the site shall decide whether the Competition should proceed or not.
- b. If the AQHI recorded at the general monitoring stations in the competition area reaches 10+ (“Serious” health risk category) during the Competition, all matches in progress shall be **terminated immediately.**

17. Remarks:

- a. Participants participate in consecutive matches may take a break of 5 minutes. The Organiser reserves the right to determine on such issues in consideration of the actual situation. The participants should not request for postponing any matches on the ground of fatigue.
- b. Schools shall remind their students to bring along their own food and drinks for the competition.
- c. In case of breach of the rules or regulations of the Competition or display of unsporting behaviour by the participant, the referees shall have the right to disqualify the participants concerned from the competition.

18. Awards:

- a. Each participant will receive a commemorative certificate issued by the LCSD.
- b. A certificate and trophy will be given to the Champion and the 1st to 3rd runners-up of each division. In addition, merit awards will be presented to 4 participants. (The actual number of awards may be subject to change due to the number of participants.) The prizes will be presented to the winners on the spot after finals completed.
- c. If any participants withdrawn or fail to complete all matches, they will be disqualified. All competition results and awards will be cancelled.

19. Appeal:

No appeal will be accepted. The referees’ decision on the results made on the competition day shall be final. Participants shall raise no objection.

20. Enquiries: School Sports Programme Unit, 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3, Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin. (Telephone number: 2601 7952)

*~If there is any inadequacy in this prospectus, the Organiser reserves
the right to amend it at any time without giving any prior notice.~*