

**School Sports Programme  
2019 Easy Sport Competition — Handball Competition**

**PROSPECTUS**

1. **Objective:** To offer participants of the “Easy Sport Programme — Handball” training course under the School Sports Programme (SSP) an opportunity for exchange to develop their interest in handball, enhance their skills and gain experience in competitions.
2. **Eligibility:** Priority will be given to primary schools which have participated in the “Easy Sport Programme — Handball” training course between 1 September 2017 and 31 December 2018 to take part in the competition. All primary schools are welcome if the quota is not full.
3. **Date, time and venue:**

	Date	Time	Venue
Preliminary Round	4 May 2019 (Sat)	10:00am – 4:30pm	Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre
	11 May 2019 (Sat)		
Final	19 May 2019 (Sun)	11:00am – 6:00pm	

4. **Divisions and quota:**

Division (age of <b>2019</b> )			Quota
Division	Age	Year of Birth	
Boys	13 or below	2006 or onwards	12 teams
Girls	13 or below	2006 or onwards	8 teams

- a. Each team is composed of 5-10 students.
  - 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 shall raise no objection.
5. **Notes on application:**
    - a. Priority will be given to schools which have participated in the “Easy Sport Programme — Handball” training course between 1 September 2017 and 31 December 2018. Places will be allocated by balloting according to the priority shown on the enrolment form in the maximum of 2 teams per division for each school (i.e. Team 1 & 2). Team 1 of each school will be allocated first and Team 2 will be allocated after all Team 1 enrolled. If there are remaining places, places will be allocated to other schools which have not participated in the “Easy Sport Programme — Handball” training course by balloting.
    - 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 and the entry fee will not be refunded.
    - c. Please submit completed application forms by hand or by fax (Fax number: 2684 9076 or 2697 5087) to the School Sports Programme Unit.

- d. Confirmation letters with payment details will be sent to successful applicants and successful waiting list applicants in due course.
  - e. The list of participants is not subject to change after payment has been completed.
  - f. The Organiser has the right to disqualify a member or his/her team if he/she is found taking part in the Competition without prior application.
6. Fee: \$161 per team
7. Application submission period:  
From 9 January (Wednesday) to 30 January 2019 (Wednesday)  
(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 (Conference Room 706) at 4:00pm on 18 February 2019 (Monday). Representatives of schools are welcome to attend. The balloting result will also be posted on the LCSD website on 25 February 2019 (Monday). Please access to our website:  
[http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition\\_info/competition\\_info.html](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. 14 February 2019 (Thursday)), 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: 25 February 2019 (Monday) to 8 March 2018 (Friday)
10. Payment period for successful waiting list applicants: 14 March (Thursday) to 20 March 2019 (Wednesday)
11. Transport:  
Schools are required to arrange their own transport to and from the competition venue. No parking arrangement will be made by the Organiser.
12. Fixture Draw:  
Fixture draw will be held at the Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters (Conference Room 402), at 4:00 pm on 27 March 2019 (Wednesday). Representatives of schools are welcome to attend. Schools will be notified of the result of the fixture draw and reporting time in writing. The result will be uploaded on our website on 10 April 2019 (Wednesday):  
[http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition\\_info/competition\\_info.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition_info/competition_info.html)
13. Format:
- a. A single round-robin system on group basis will be adopted in the preliminary rounds. Two points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and none for a defeat.
  - b. There will be 5 players from each team. A team will be regarded as withdrawing from a match if there are fewer than 5 players.
  - c. Each match is split into two halves, lasting 10 minutes each, with a 3-minute interval.
  - d. In each match, the suspension time will be changed from 2 minutes to 1 minute.
  - e. In the preliminary round, the winner of each match will gain 2 points, the loser no point, while tying teams will gain 1 point each. Rankings will then be determined by the total scores. If the total scores of two teams are the same, a higher ranking will be accorded to the winning team in their match. If that match has ended in a draw, the rankings will be determined by the goal differences of all their matches against other teams. If the goal differences are still the same, rankings will be determined by the total number of goals scored.
  - f. In the final, if a match is tied at the end of normal time, each team should immediately send 3 players to take the “6-metre shoot-out” until a goal is scored.

- g. Unless otherwise stipulated in this prospectus, the existing rules employed by the Handball Association of Hong Kong, China will be adopted.
- h. The following rules of Rule 4:11, Paragraph 1 should not be implemented in this competition.
  - After receiving medical care on the court, the player must leave the playing court.
  - He can only re-enter it when the third attack of his team is completed.
- i. The Organiser has the right to change the format as necessary.

14. Reporting on Arrival:

- a. Participants shall report to the staff of the Organiser 15 minutes before the scheduled reporting time. Those who fail to show up within five minutes after the staff of the Organiser's roll call will be deemed to have waived their right to participate.
- b. 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.
- c. The competition schedule shall be as announced on-site.

15. Inclement Weather Arrangements:

- a. In case the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above or Rainstorm Signal 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 adverse weather conditions, all participants are required to report to the Organiser 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 events in progress shall be **terminated immediately**.

16. Remarks:

- a. All participants shall wear proper sportswear and non-marking rubber-soled shoes during the Competition.
- b. Participants participate in consecutive matches may take a break of 5 to 10 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.
- c. Schools should remind their students to bring along their own food and drinks for the Competition.
- d. Any team leaving the field of play during the match shall be deemed to have automatically forfeited the match and their counterparts shall be deemed as winners by the Organiser.
- e. In case of a breach of the rules or regulations of the Competition or display of unsporting behaviour by a teacher-in-charge, leader or member of a team, the referees shall have the right to disqualify the team from the Competition.
- f. All teams shall prepare two sets of sportswear in different colours (one in dark colour and one in light colour) and proper sports shoes for the matches. If there is only 1 set of sportswear, participants are requested to prepare their own numbered vests for the matches.

17. Awards:

- a. Each participant will receive commemorative certificates issued by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

- b. A certificate, medal 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 teams in Boys Division. The medal and trophy will be presented to the winners on 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.
18. 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.
19. Enquiries: School Sports Programme Unit, 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin.  
(Telephone number: 2601 7952)

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