

**Organised by the Shuttlecock Association of Hong Kong, China
Subvented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Co-organised by the Education Bureau**

School Sports Programme

2026 Outreach Coaching Programme — Shuttlecock Competition

<<Prospectus>>

1. Objective: To provide more opportunities for matches and shared learning among participants of the shuttlecock training courses under the “School Sports Programme” (SSP), thereby enhancing their skills.
2. Target Participants and Eligibility: Priority will be accorded to schools participated in the “Shuttlecock Training Course” under either the SSP – Outreach Coaching Programme or the SSP – Easy Sports Programme between 1 September 2019 and 28 March 2026. Participants must be bona fide students of the school they represent for the duration of the Competition.
3. Date: 29 March 2026 (Sunday)
4. Time: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
5. Venue: Kowloon Bay Sports Centre
6. Division and Quota:

Division	Quota	
	Boys'	Girls'
Primary School (Junior) (Students born in 2017 or later)	8 teams	8 teams
Primary School (Senior) (Students born in 2016 or before)	8 teams	8 teams
Secondary School	16 teams	16 teams
7. Application Period: From now until 3 February 2026 (Tuesday)
(The postmark date will be deemed the date of submission.)

8. Notes to Applicants:

- I. Each team may consist of 3 to 6 members. Each school may enter a maximum of two teams in each division. Please indicate their priority order (“Team 1” or “Team 2”) on the application form.
- II. Each participant may represent only one team and compete in the division corresponding to his/her year of birth.
- III. Places will be determined by ballot. Priority will be accorded to schools that participated in the shuttlecock training courses under either the SSP - Outreach Coaching Programme or the SSP – Easy Sports Programme between 1 September 2019 and 28 March 2026. Teams will be accepted based on the priority order indicated on the application form. Any remaining places will be allocated to other schools by ballot.
- IV. The Organiser may adjust the quota of each division based on the response received. The final quotas for each division will be confirmed on the ballot day. Participating schools or participants shall raise no objections.
- V. Please submit the completed application form, together with a crossed cheque payable to “Shuttlecock Association of Hong Kong, China Limited”, to the School Sports Programme Unit (Address: 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Department Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Shatin) by the deadline.
- VI. If an Acknowledgement of Receipt from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is not received before 10 February 2026 (Tuesday), please contact our staff at 2601 7602 or 2601 8861.

9. Fee: \$220 per team

10. Quota Ballot and Fixture Draw: The quota ballot and fixture draw will be held at 11:00 am on 13 February 2026 (Friday) at 1/F, LCSD Headquarters, school representatives are welcome to attend. Successful schools will be notified in writing, while unsuccessful schools will not be contacted further. The results will also be posted on the LCSD website (https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/download_info/download.html#2) on 16 February 2026 (Mon).

11. Competition Format:

- (a) All matches will be held on the badminton court. The net height is 1.5m for both primary school boys’ and girls’ divisions; and 1.6m and 1.5m for secondary school boys’ and girls’ divisions respectively.
- (b) The preliminary rounds adopt the group single round-robin system, with 4 teams in each group. In the round robin, teams are awarded 2 points for a win, 1 point for a loss and 0 points for a forfeit. For divisions with 2 groups, the top two teams in each group advance; for divisions with 4 groups, the top team in each group advances. A single elimination system is adopted in the semi-finals.
- (c) If teams are tied on points in the group stage, the ranking will be determined according to the following order of tie breakers:
 - (i) Set difference in all matches;
 - (ii) If still tied, number of wins in head-to-head matches among tied teams;
 - (iii) Set difference in head-to-head matches among tied teams;
 - (iv) Score difference in head-to-head matches among tied teams;
 - (v) Overall score difference in all matches;
 - (vi) Total score in all matches;
 - (vii) Drawing of lots.

- (d) The preliminary rounds adopt a single game, 21-point rally scoring system; while the semi-finals adopt a best-of-three format, with each game played under the 21-point rally scoring system.
- (e) The Organiser reserves the right to make any changes to the competition format as deemed necessary.
- (f) Unless otherwise specified in this Prospectus, all other rules shall follow the current competition regulations employed by the Shuttlecock Association of Hong Kong, China.

12. Reporting: Participating teams must report to the venue staff 15 minutes before the scheduled match time and are required to present the original or electronic version of a valid photo-bearing student identification document, e.g. a student handbook or student identity card, for verification of eligibility. If a team fails to field at least 3 members within five minutes of being called, it will be considered a forfeit.

13. Inclement Weather Arrangements:

- I. All matches scheduled on the competition day will be cancelled under any of the following circumstances. Participating schools will be notified of alternative arrangements in due course.
 - Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above, or Red/Black Rainstorm Signal is in force two hours before the reporting time for the first round of matches; or
 - The Environmental Protection Department has announced that the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) recorded at its general monitoring stations in the Kwun Tong District reaches 10+ (“Serious” health risk category); or
 - The Education Bureau has announced class suspensions.

Under other weather conditions, participants are still required to report to the venue staff on time. The referee on site will determine whether the matches will proceed as scheduled.

- II. If the AQHI recorded at the general monitoring stations in the Kwun Tong District reaches 10+ (“Serious” health risk category) during the Competition, all ongoing matches shall be suspended immediately.

14. Appeal: Matches will be officiated by the referees appointed by the Shuttlecock Association of Hong Kong, China. No appeal will be entertained. All decisions made by the referees on site shall be final. Participants may not raise objections.

15. Awards: Trophies will be awarded to the champion, 1st runner-up, 2nd runner-up, and 3rd runner-up of each division, with medals presented to all members of these teams. Additionally, the Organiser will present 4 merit prizes. All awards will be presented on site following the conclusion of the Competition.

16. LCSD Cup : This Competition is a scoring event of the School Sports Programme Award Scheme (Pilot Scheme) – LCSD Cup. A total of 16 awards will be presented. Trophies will be awarded at the 2026 School Sports Programme Prize Presentation Ceremony cum Carnival to honour schools with the most outstanding performance between 1 January 2026 and 10 June 2026. The awards include:

LCSD Cup – Primary School Boys’ Division: Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up

LCSD Cup – Primary School Girls’ Division: Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up

LCSD Cup – Secondary School Boys’ Division: Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up

LCSD Cup – Secondary School Girls’ Division: Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up 3

For details, please refer to the leaflet of the School Sports Programme Award Scheme (Pilot Scheme) – LCSD Cup.

17. Additional Rules: I. The team roster cannot be altered after the draw. If a player is found representing more than one team or if a team fields an unregistered player, the Organiser has the right to disqualify the team concerned and nullify all its results.

II. Teams required to play consecutive matches may request a break of five to ten minutes between each match. The Organiser will make a decision based on the actual circumstances at the time. Teams may not request a postponement of matches on the grounds of fatigue.

III. The final competition fixture is subject to the announcements on-site.

IV. All participating teams must wear jerseys with printed numbers and non-fading sports shoes during the Competition.

V. There may be no lunch break due to the tight schedule. Schools are advised to remind students to bring their own lunch and sufficient drinks.

VI. Participating schools must assign at least one person aged 18 or above as the teacher-in-charge or guardian to be present on site to assist students with registration and supervise their participation.

VII. The Organiser reserves the right to take photographs, videos or audio recordings, or conduct live broadcasts during the event, and to use such recorded materials on the Internet, at LCSD venues, on the Organiser’s dedicated website, in publications, and through other publicity channels for promotion and record purposes.

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

18. Enquiries:

- I. Shuttlecock Association of Hong Kong, China
(Telephone No.: 2504 8134 / 2891 9299)
- II. School Sports Programme Unit of the LCSD
(Telephone No.: 2601 7602 / 2601 8861)