

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

**School Sports Programme**  
**2024 Easy Sport Competition – Baseball Competition (Baseball SIX)**

**【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 the Easy Sport Programme – Baseball between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2023. Remaining quota will be allocated to other elementary primary school students who have participated in training courses or programs approved by the relevant Sports Association.

3. Time and Venue:

	Date	Time	Venue
Competition Day	27/1/2024 (Sat)	8:00am – 6:00pm	Shek Kip Mei Service Reservoir Playground

4. Quota:
  - a. 8 Teams (Each team is composed of 8 to 12 members. Mixed teams of boys and girls are allowed.)
  - b. For efficient use of the resources, the Organiser may adjust the quota in the light of application response. The quota will be finalised on the ballot 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” and “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 student 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: \$290 per team

7. Application submission period:

3/11/2023 to 23/11/2023 (The postmark date will be deemed the date of submission.)

8. Enrolment ballot:

The ballot will be held at 1/F Lobby, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters at 4:00 pm on 4/12/2023. 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 11/12/2023:

[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., 30/11/2023), 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: 13/12/2023 to 28/12/2023

10. Payment period for successful waiting list applicants: 2/1/2024 to 8/1/2024

11. Match draw and team manager's meeting:

The match draw will be held at 1/F Lobby Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters at 4:00 pm on 10/1/2024. The Organiser will introduce the rules and regulations of the competition after the draw. Please arrange team manager 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 15/1/2024:

[http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition\\_info/competition\\_info.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition_info/competition_info.html)

12. Format:

- a. The competition will be run on a group round-robin system, all subject to the actual number of teams enrolled.
- b. Rules and regulations of *Baseball Six* will be adopted.
- c. Games shall last five innings or will be played in a time in which no new inning starts after 30 minutes.
- d. Mercy Rule

2 completed innings will be regarded as a regulation game. If a team is losing by:

- i. 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 Baseball Association of Hong Kong, China will be adopted.
- g. The Organiser has the right to change the format as necessary.

### 13. Reporting on Arrival:

- a. Participating teams 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 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. Participating team members 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.

### 14. Inclement Weather Arrangements

- a. In case the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above, or Amber/Red/Black Rainstorm Signal 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 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**.

### 15. Remarks:

- a. Schools should remind their students to bring along their lunch and sufficient drinks.
- b. All teams shall prepare two sets of sportswear in different colours (one in dark colour and the other in light colour). Team members shall wear proper sportswear and shoes with non-marking rubber outsoles during the Competition.
- 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 postponement of matches on the grounds 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 Baseball Association of Hong Kong, China 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. For participating teams which fail to show up for or complete any event, the Organiser has the right to revoke their eligibility for prizes and no trophies, medals or certificates will be given to them.

#### 17. Appeal:

No appeal will be accepted. The referees' decision on the competition results shall be final.

#### 18. 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.*