Organised by the Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association of Hong Kong, China (CMADLDA of HK, China) Subvented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) Co-organised by the Education Bureau

School Sports Programme 2024 Easy Sport Competition — Dragon Dance Competition

[Prospectus]

- 1. Objective: To offer former participants of the Easy Sport Programme Dragon Dance under the School Sports Programme (SSP) an opportunity for exchanges to develop their interests in Dragon Dance and enhance their skills and gain experience in competitions.
- 2. Eligibility: Priority will be accorded to primary schools which participated in at least 2 Dragon Dance training courses under the Easy Sport Programme between 1 September 2019 and 31 December 2023. Other applicants will be accorded a lower priority.

3. Time and Venue:

Date	Time	Venue
18 May 2024 (Sat)	8:00am – 2:00pm	Tai Kok Tsui Sports Centre

4. Division and Quota:

- a. 16 teams (There shall be no more than 13 students in each team, including 2 reserves. Boys and girls can play in the same team.)
- b. For efficient use of the 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/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. Participants may only enrol in the division appropriate to their age.
- 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: \$150 dollars each team
- 7. Application submission period:

01/02/2024 to 23/02/2024 (The postmark date will be deemed the date of submission.)

8. Enrolment ballot:

The ballot will be held at Room 706, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters at 10:00 am on 01/03/2024. 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 12/03/2024:

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. 29/02/2024), please contact our staff on 2601 7615 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: 18/03/2024 to 02/04/2024
- 10. Payment period for successful waiting list applicants: 03/04/2024 to 10/03/2024

11. Match Draw:

The match draw will be held on the spot on the competition day. Letters will be sent to participants informing them of the reporting time. The relevant information will also be posted on the LCSD's web page on 24/04/2024:

http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition_info/competition_info.html

12. Format:

- a. The assessment criteria of the CMADLDA of HK, China shall be adopted in this competition;
- b. Each team shall send no less than 10 participants for the competition;
- c. In the course of the competition, the participant manipulating the dragon head shall only be replaced once, and there shall be no replacement for participants of other positions. Any team breaching this rule shall be disqualified;
- d. Daylight dragon shall be used in the competition, only nine-segmented dragon with the body measurement of at least 10 inches in diameter shall be used;
- e. Each dance shall last for 4 to 6 minutes and only music provided by the Organiser shall be used (coaches can be consulted for details);
- f. The participating teams may either use their own dragon dance equipment or borrow a small dragon with the body measurement of at least 10 inches in diameter from the Organiser;

- g. Unless explicitly stated in this prospectus, the rules and regulations currently used by the CMADLDA of HK, China will be adopted.
- h. The Organiser has the right to change the format of competition in consideration of the actual situation.

13. Reporting on Arrival:

- a. Participants shall report to the staff of the Organiser 15 minutes before the scheduled time of 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. Participants shall produce <u>unambiguous proof of identity bearing photos</u>, 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. 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 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. 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.
- b. Schools should remind their students to bring along their lunch and sufficient drinks.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. Team members shall wear proper sportswear and shoes with non-marking rubber outsoles during the Competition.
- f. The Organiser will carry out photo shoots/video-filming/arrange broadcasting during the competitions, and has the right to display/publish the event photos or videos on the Internet, at venues of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, on the dedicated website, in publications of the Organiser and through other publicity channels, for promotion of activities or record purposes.

16. Awards:

- a. Each team member will receive a commemorative certificate.
- b. Trophies will be awarded to the champion, first, second and third runners-up and four merit award winners in each division. (The actual number of awards is subject to the number of participants.) Medals and certificates will also be awarded to members of the winning teams. The prizes will be presented to the winners on the spot after the finals are completed.
- c. 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 7615 / 2601 7602)

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