

Organised by the Hong Kong Squash
Subvented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Co-organised by the Education Bureau

School Sports Programme
2023 Easy Sport Competition – Fujifilm Mini Squash Competition
【Prospectus】

1. Objective : To offer former participants of the Easy Sport Programme – Squash under the School Sports Programme (SSP) an opportunity for exchanges to develop their interest in squash, enhance their skills and gain experience in competitions.
2. Eligibility : The Competition is open to primary schools which participated in the Easy Sport Programme – Squash between 1 September 2018 and 31 December 2022.

3. Time and Venue :

	Date	Time	Venue
Preliminary Round	6 May 2023 (Saturday)	9:00am – 6:30pm	Hong Kong Squash Centre
	7 May 2023 (Sunday)		
Final Round	13 May 2023 (Saturday)		

4. Division, Age and Quota :

Division		Age as at 2023 (Year of Birth)	Quota
Boys' Single	A	10-12 (2011-2013)	50
	B	9 or below (2014 or onwards)	50
Girls' Single	A	10-12 (2011-2013)	50
	B	9 or below (2014 or onwards)	50

5. Notes on application :
 - a. Applicants must pay attention to and comply with the latest epidemic prevention guidelines and requirements announcement by the Education Bureau and the Government.
 - b. Applicants must comply with the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F), the mandatory mask-wearing requirement under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Wearing of Mask) Regulation (Cap. 599I), the latest related guidelines and requirement of the LCSD's venues.
 - c. Each student may only represent one school and should be a current student of the school during the Competition.
 - d. Participants may only enrol in the division appropriate to their age.
 - e. Each school may enrol a maximum of 8 students in each division (please refer to the quota of each game). Please indicate their priority on the application form.
 - f. 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.
 - g. Places in each division will be evenly allocated to schools in the first round of processing. The remaining places that cannot be evenly distributed will be allocated by ballot.

- h. Please submit completed application forms by post or by fax (fax no.: 2684 9076 or 2697 5087) to this Office.
- i. A list of successful applicants and payment details will be sent to the schools concerned by post.
- j. The list of participants is not subject to change after payment has been completed.
6. Fee : \$32 dollars per person (The fee covers both the preliminary and final competitions.)
7. Application submission period :
09/02/2023-23/02/2023 (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 (Rm G02) at 4 pm on 01/03/2023. Representatives of schools are welcome to attend. School 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 10/03/2023:
https://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. 27/02/2023), please contact our staff on 2601 7952 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 : 14/03/2023 to 23/03/2023
10. Payment period for successful waiting list applicants : 30/03/2023 to 06/04/2023
11. Match Draw :
The match draw will be held at the Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters (Rm G02) at 4 pm on 14/04/2023. Visitors are welcome. Letters will be sent to participating schools informing them of the results of the draw and reporting time. The relevant information will also be uploaded on the LCSD's web page on 20/04/2023:
https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition_info/competition_info.html
12. Format :
a. This will be a single elimination competition. Winners of the preliminary round will proceed to the final round.
b. All matches will be played to the best of 3 sets. The first team to reach 9 points wins in a set.
c. The Competition will be held in standard squash courts where the short lines will be moved towards the front wall by **1 metre** for Group A and **1.5 metres** for Group B respectively.
d. Pink and green mini-squash balls will be used in Group A and B respectively.
e. Participants may serve anywhere inside the own back half of the court but not necessarily inside the service box.
f. Unless otherwise stipulated in this prospectus, the existing rules employed by the Hong Kong Squash will be adopted.
g. The Organiser has the right to change the format as necessary.
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 5 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.

14. Inclement Weather and Unexpected Incidents 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; or unexpected incidents happened, 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 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.**

15. Remarks :

- a. Participants shall wear proper sportswear and shoes with non-marking rubber outsoles during the Competition.
- b. Participants shall bring their own mini-squash rackets. According to the suggestion of the Hong Kong Squash, the length of a racket shall not exceed 63.5cm. Balls to be used in the Competition shall be provided by the Association. (Remark: All modified racket is not allowed to use during the competition.)
- c. Participants who 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. Participants shall not request postponement of matches on the grounds of fatigue.
- d. Schools should remind their students to bring along their lunch and sufficient drinks.
- e. In case of a breach of the rules or regulations of the Competition or display of unsporting behaviour by a participant, the referee shall have the right to disqualify the participant from the Competition.

16. Awards :

- a. Each participant will receive a commemorative certificate.
- b. Certificate and trophy will be awarded to the Champion, first, second, third runners-up and four merit award winners in each division. The champion, first, second and third runners-up in each group will also obtain a prize from Fujifilm individually. The prizes will be presented to the winners on the spot after the finals are completed.
- c. For participants who fail to show up for or complete any event, the Organiser has the right to revoke their eligibility for prizes and no trophies 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. Points to Note in Response to the Latest COVID-19 Situation :

- a. Applicants should have their body temperature checked before entering sports premises; before and after participating in activities, participants should perform hand hygiene procedures properly.
- b. Participants shall report to the registration counter according to the specified reporting time, comply with the latest Regulation of Sports premises. If participants fail to report to the Organiser on time, the LCSD has the right to disqualify them and the enrolment fee will not be refunded.
- c. Participants shall register at the registration counter before entering the competition field, failing which the Organiser has the right to refuse their entry or ask them to leave the venue.
- d. Participants and coaches should wear a mask in accordance with the latest regulations of our venues. In case of non-compliance, referees and staff of the Organiser have the right to refuse the entry of participants and coaches or order them to leave the venue.
- e. During the Competition, athletes must wear masks at all times, irrespective of whether they arrive at the competition area, registration counters, marshal area or waiting area, except for those doing warm up exercises or taking part in competitions.
- f. Physical contacts among players should be avoided as far as possible. There will be no handshaking before and after the competition.
- g. Participants should bring their own drinking water and personal belongings.
- h. Participants should maintain good personal hygiene and pay attention to their health condition. They should not attend the class if they have the most common symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, vomiting and diarrhoea.

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.