

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
2026 Easy Sport Competition — Baseball5

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 2024 and 31 December 2025. Remaining quota will be allocated to other elementary/primary school students who have participated in training courses or programmes approved by the relevant Sports Association.

3. **Time and Venue:**

	Date	Time	Venue
Competition Day	7/2/2026 (Sat)	9:00am – 6:00pm	Wai Tsuen Sports Centre

4. **Quota:**
 - a. 8 Teams (Each team is composed of 5 to 8 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 must raise no objection.
5. **Notes on application:**
 - a. Priority will be accorded to schools which participated in the Easy Sport Programme — Baseball between 1 September 2024 and 31 December 2025. If oversubscribed, places will be determined 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”). Should any places remain after the first round of ballot, teams with lower priority may be considered. Any places still remaining after that will be allocated by ballot to schools which have not previously participated in the Easy Sport Programme — Baseball.
 - b. Each player 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 email (email address: almiissp2@lcsd.gov.hk) or by post 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: \$320 per team
7. Application Submission Period:
23/10/2025 to 13/11/2025 (The postmark or email date will be deemed the date of submission.)
8. Place Allocation Ballot:

The ballot will be held at 1/F Lobby, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters at 4:00 pm on 17 November 2025. School representatives are welcome to attend. Successful schools will be notified in writing, while unsuccessful schools will not be contacted further. The ballot result will be posted on the following website on 18 November 2025:

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

If an Acknowledgement of Receipt is not received within one working day before the ballot (i.e., 14 November 2025), please contact our staff on 2601 7648 or 2601 7602 to verify receipt of your application. Otherwise, the Organiser will be unable to process your application.
9. Payment Period for Successful Applicants: 19/11/2025 to 2/12/2025
10. Payment Period for Waiting List Applicants: 9/12/2025 to 15/12/2025
11. Fixture Draw:

The fixture draw will be held at 1/F Lobby, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters at 4:00 pm on 18 December 2025. All are welcome to attend. Participating schools will be notified of the draw results and reporting time in writing. The same information will also be posted on the LCSD's website on 22 December 2025:

http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition_info/competition_info.html
12. Format:
 - a. A single round-robin system on a group basis will be adopted, subject to the actual number of entries.
 - b. The rules and regulations of *Baseball5* will be adopted.
 - c. Each game lasts for 25 minutes, and no new innings will be started after 20 minutes. All runs scored will be counted. Two completed innings will be considered a regulation game, with a maximum of five innings.
 - d. Mercy Rule:

A game is over if a team leads by 15 runs at the end of the third inning, or 10 runs at the end of the fourth inning. A game can also be brought to a close if a team leads by 10 or more runs during the top of the fifth inning. In the event of a tie at the conclusion of a regulation game, the team having scored more outs will be declared the winner. If the numbers of outs are the same, the winner will be determined by a draw.
 - e. The line-up card must list the five active players batting from one to five, and such batting order must remain the same throughout the game. In the event of a substitution, the substitute shall bat in the replaced player's position in the batting order.
 - f. Unless otherwise stipulated in this Prospectus, the existing rules of the Baseball

Association of Hong Kong, China (BAHKC) shall apply.

- g. The Organiser reserves the right to change the competition format as necessary.

13. Registration:

- a. Participating teams must report to the Organiser with their line-up card 30 minutes before the start of the game. Those who fail to show up within five minutes of being called by the Organiser will result in a forfeit.
- b. Members of participating team must present a valid photo-bearing identification document (e.g. student handbook, student card) for verification before the competition.
- c. The competition schedule shall be as announced on-site.

14. Inclement Weather Arrangements:

- a. All matches will be cancelled if the Education Bureau announces school suspension or if Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above, Red or Black Rainstorm Warning Signal remains in force two hours before the reporting time for the first round of matches on the competition day. Participants will be notified of alternative arrangements in due course. Under other weather conditions, all participants are required to report to the Organiser on time. The referee on site will decide whether matches proceed as scheduled.
- b. If the Environmental Protection Department announces that the Air Quality Health Index recorded by general stations in the area reaches 10+ ("Serious" health risk category), all ongoing matches will be **suspended immediately**.

15. Remarks:

- a. Schools should remind their students to bring along their lunch and sufficient drinks.
- b. All teams must prepare two sets of sportswear in different colours (one in dark colour and the other in light colour). Team members must wear proper sportswear and shoes with non-marking rubber outsoles during the Competition.
- c. All participants must not wear metal spike shoes and metal jewellery during the matches.
- d. The Organiser will provide Baseball5 balls.
- e. Fielders must catch the ball with bare hands, catching with caps is not permitted.
- f. The dimensions of a field are as follows:

Fair territory is square in shape, 18 m (i.e. 59 ft) in length each side, where a home plate is placed at one of its corners. The no-hit zone in front of the home plate is not part of this fair territory.
- 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 must not request postponement

of matches on the grounds of fatigue.

- h. Any team leaving the playing area during a match must be deemed to have forfeited the match. The opposing team must 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 must have the right to disqualify the team from the Competition.
- j. 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. 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 BAHKC 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 the 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. Selection of Athletes:

The BAHKC will assign a member/coach of the Elite Training Committee to observe players' performance on the event day and recommend potential players to trial for the 2025-26 Baseball5 Regional Squad Training Scheme organised by the BAHKC. Please visit the BAHKC's website for details:

<https://www.hkbaseball.org/html/en/training-course/elite-training.html>

18. Appeal:

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

19. 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.