

Organised by the Volleyball 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 — Mini-volleyball

【Prospectus】

1. **Objective:** To offer former participants of the Easy Sport Programme — Mini-volleyball under the School Sports Programme (SSP) an opportunity for exchanges to further develop their interests in Mini-volleyball, enhance their skills and gain competition experience.
2. **Eligibility:** Priority will be accorded to primary schools which participated in the Easy Sport Programme — Mini-volleyball between 1 September 2024 and 31 December 2025.

3. **Time and Venue:**

	Date	Time	Venue
Preliminary Round	18/4/2026 (Sat)	9:00am – 6:00pm	Osman Ramju Sadick Memorial Sports Centre
	19/4/2026 (Sun)	9:00am – 6:00pm	
Final Round	25/4/2026 (Sat)	9:00am – 6:00pm	

4. **Division and Quota:**
 - a. Each division (boys and girls) comprises 32 teams (4-8 members per team).
 - b. To ensure efficient use of resources, the Organiser may adjust division quotas based on the response received. The final quotas will be confirmed on the day of the ballot. Participating schools/participants shall raise no objection.
5. **Points to Note:**
 - a. (i) Priority will be given to schools which participated in the Easy Sport Programme — Mini-volleyball between 1 September 2024 and 31 December 2025. Each school may enter a maximum of 2 teams in each division. Please indicate their priority order (i.e. “Team 1” and “Team 2”) on the application form. If oversubscribed, places will be determined by ballot. Should any places remain after the first round of ballot, teams with lower priority may be considered. Any remaining places thereafter will be allocated by ballot to schools which have not previously participated in the Easy Sport Programme — Mini-volleyball.
 - b. Each student may represent one team only and must be a bona fide student of the school represented by the team for the duration of the Competition.
 - c. Completed application forms should be returned to the School Sports Programme Unit of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) by email or post.

Email address: applicationssp@lcsd.gov.hk

Postal address: 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3, Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin

- d. A list of successful applicants and payment details will be sent to the relevant schools in due course.
 - e. No changes to the list of participants will be permitted once payment has been made.
6. Fee: \$150 per team (covering both the preliminary and final competitions.)
7. Application period:
12/1/2026 to 26/1/2026 (The postmark or email date will be deemed the date of submission.)
8. Quota ballot:
The ballot will be held at conference room (room number to be confirmed), Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters at 10:00am on 6/2/2026. School representatives are welcome to attend. Successful schools will be notified in writing; unsuccessful applicants will not be contacted further. The ballot result will be posted on the LCSD website on 13/2/2026:
http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition_info/competition_info.html
If a school has not received the Acknowledgement of Receipt two working days before the ballot date (i.e. 4/2/2026), please contact our staff on 2601 7615 or 2601 7602 to confirm the receipt status. Otherwise, the organiser will be unable to process your application.
9. Payment period for Successful Applicants: 23/2/2026 to 6/3/2026
10. Payment period for Waiting List Applicants: 9/3/2026 to 13/3/2026
11. Fixture Draw:
The fixture draw will be held at the Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters (room number to be confirmed) at 5:00 pm on 17/3/2026. Schools Representatives 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 website on 24/3/2026:
http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition_info/competition_info.html
12. Format:
- a. The single round robin system on a group basis shall be adopted. The team that comes first in each group shall proceed to the First Knockout Round. (If there are fewer than eight groups, the team that comes second in each group shall draw lots for the right to take the place(s), the number of which is subject to that of unfilled place(s).) The rally point scoring system shall be adopted in the competition, in which the team shall have the right to serve after scoring a point. The 31-point scoring system shall be adopted for all sets. There shall be no ties in the Preliminary Round and the First Knockout Round, and the team that first scores 31 points shall win. Ties shall be played in the Second Knockout Round, Semi-finals & Finals. The team that first scores 31 points and is 2 points ahead of its opponent shall win. The winning team shall score two points, the losing team one point and the teams withdrawing from the competition no points.

Preliminary Round:

In both Boys' and Girls' Divisions, teams are drawn into eight groups of four. Each group will play a single round

	robin.
First Knockout Round:	The first-placed team from each preliminary group advances to this stage. These eight teams will be divided into two groups of four, where they again play a single round robin. Teams in each group will be ranked from 1st to 4th based on their points. All teams will proceed to the Second Knockout Round.
Second Knockout Round:	Cross knockout matches will be played in each group as follows: 1st place vs 4th place, and 2nd place vs 3rd place. The winning teams will advance to the Semi-finals, while the losing teams will enter the playoffs for the 5th to 8th places.
Semi-finals & Finals:	The four winning teams from the Second Knockout Round will compete in the cross-matched Semi-finals. The winning teams will play in the Final and the losing teams will play in the Third Place Playoff.

- b. In Preliminary Round and First Knockout Round, if two teams tie on points, the winner of the match between the two teams shall be awarded the higher position. If three or more teams tie on points, their ranking will be decided by the quotient of points gained divided by points lost in the matches involving such teams. Should the tie still present, their ranking will be decided by the quotient of points gained divided by points lost in all their games played in group. If still tie, ranking will be decided by lots drawing or balloting.
- c. Each mini-volleyball team shall consist of a minimum of 4 players and a maximum of 4 substitute players. 2 teams will play on a court divided by a net. The height of the mini-volleyball net is 2.1 metres.
- d. Players' positions: there will be no restrictions on front-row and back-row positions, but the service order must be followed. All players can hit the ball over the net to the opposite court or block shots from the opposite court at any time, but they are not allowed to block an opponent's service.
- e. Like volleyball players, mini-volleyball players mainly use their hands or palms to hit the ball, but any part of the body may touch the ball. The game is played by each team sending the ball over the net with the aim of grounding it on the opposite court with a limited number of hits, following the prescribed rules, and preventing the ball from grounding on its own court.
- f. A rally begins when the player at the right of the back row (i.e. No. 1 position) player serves the ball from behind the end line over the net into the opposite court and ends when either the ball grounds on the opposite court, grounds outside the court or touches any obstacle and hence cannot be hit back according to the rules.
- g. In the matches, each team is entitled to a maximum of 3 hits before sending the ball over the net. A player cannot hit the ball twice consecutively (except for shot blocking). Any part of the body can be used to hit the ball.
- h. Service order: when a team wins a point and is awarded the right to serve, the next server must move to No. 1 position in the back row to serve the ball.
- i. Exchange of court sides: when one of the teams earns 16 points, the 2 teams shall exchange their court sides.

- j. Time-out: the coach or captain of each team is allowed one 30-second time-out in each set.
- k. Substitution: the coach or the captain of each team can make 4 substitutions in each set. A substitute player shall be paired with the player he/she will replace. In other words, if a substitute player has replaced a player, the former can only be replaced by the latter in the same set.
- l. Points shall be deducted when faults are committed as follows:
The ball fails to cross the net or is out of the court when it is served / the ball grounds on the same court of the playing team / the ball is hit out of the court / a player hits the ball twice consecutively / one of the teams hits the ball more than thrice consecutively / the net is touched by any player(s) etc.
- m. The team should complete all matches. If a team withdraws from a match; its opponent will be adjudged the winner with a set score of 31 to 0. The withdrawers will be disqualified from playing in the remaining matches.
- n. Unless otherwise stipulated in this prospectus, all other rules shall follow the current competition regulations employed by the Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China.
- o. The Organiser reserves the right to make any changes to the format as deemed necessary.

13. Reporting on Arrival:

- a. Teams must report to the Organiser 15 minutes before the scheduled time of the match. Any team failing to appear within five minutes after being called shall forfeit the match.
- b. Participants must present a valid photo-bearing identity document (e.g. student handbook, student card) before the match for verification of eligibility.
- c. The competition schedule shall be as announced on-site.

14. Inclement Weather Arrangements:

- a. 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 competition area reaches 10+ (“Serious” health risk category); or
 - The Education Bureau has announced class suspensions.

Under other weather conditions, participants must still report to the Organiser as scheduled. The umpires on site shall decide whether the matches will proceed as scheduled.

- b. If the AQHI recorded at the general monitoring stations in the competition area reaches 10+ (“Serious” health risk category) during the Competition, all ongoing matches shall

be **suspended immediately.**

15. Remarks:

- a. Teams required to play consecutive matches may take a break of 5 to 10 minutes between each match. The Organiser reserves the right to adjust such arrangement as appropriate. Teams shall not request postponement of a match on the grounds of fatigue.
- b. Schools are advised to remind their students to bring along their lunch and sufficient drinks.
- c. Any team that leaves the playing area during a match shall be deemed to have forfeited the match. The opposing team shall be declared the winner.
- d. The referee reserves the right to disqualify any team whose manager or players commit serious foul play, violate the rules or regulations of the Competition or display unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- e. All teams must prepare two sets of jerseys in contrasting colours (one dark and one light). Team members must wear appropriate sports attire and non-marking rubber-soled shoes during matches.
- f. The Organiser reserves the right to take photographs, video 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 promotional or record-keeping 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 as well as to four merit award winners in each division. (The actual number of awards is subject to the number of teams.) Winning teams will receive trophies, and their members will each be presented with medals and certificates. Awards will be presented immediately after the finals.
- c. Should any team fail to attend or complete any scheduled match, the Organiser reserves the right to disqualify that team from award eligibility. In such cases, the team shall forfeit all claims to trophies, medals and certificates.

17. Appeal:

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

18. Other Award:

- a. This competition is a scoring event of the School Sports Programme Award Scheme (Pilot Scheme) – LCSD Cup.

- b. 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

- c. For details, please refer to the webpage of LCSD School Sports Programme at <https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/tc/ssp/index.html>

19. Enquiries:

LCSD’s School Sports Programme Unit (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.