



**Organised by Leisure and Cultural Services Department**  
**Wong Shek Kayak Race 2024**  
**Programme No.: WSG242412CAN**  
**Notice of Race**



1. **Objectives:** To promote public interest in kayaking, and to enable participants to gain race experience.
2. **Date:** 5 May 2024 (Sunday)
3. **Time:** 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
4. **Venue:** The Jockey Club Wong Shek Water Sports Centre
5. **Divisions:**

	Division	Race time	Distance
Individual Events	Long Distance Race	Morning	About 10-12 km
	Short Distance Race	Afternoon	About 200 m
	Rolling Challenge		Full rolling within time limit
Team Event	Short Distance Relay	Afternoon	About 200 m

Division <sup>(1)</sup> (Boat type)		Age <sup>(2)</sup>	Quota <sup>(3)</sup>	Entry Requirements	Remarks		
Individual Events	Long Distance Race (Sea Kayak)	Men's Youth	14-17	10 in total (a basic quota of 3 for each of the men's and women's divisions)	Holder of Kayak Three-Star Award Certificate or equivalent or above issued by the Hong Kong China Canoe Union, and participation in at least one kayak trip or race of 9 km or longer <sup>(4)</sup>	Not Applicable	
		Women's Youth					
	Long Distance Race	(Europa)	Men's Open	18 or above		22 in total (a basic quota of 9 for each of the men's and women's divisions)	Each participant may enrol and compete in only one of the divisions
		(Europa)	Women's Open				
		(Europa)	Men's Open	35 or above		36 in total (a basic quota of 9 for each of the men's and women's divisions)	
		(Europa)	Women's Open				
	Short Distance Race (Racing Kayak Salt 51)	Men's Open	14 or above	10 in total (a basic quota of 3 for each of the men's and women's divisions)		Holder of Racing Kayak Elementary Certificate issued by the Hong Kong China Canoe Union	Each participant may enrol and compete in only one of the divisions
Women's Open							
Short Distance Race (Europa)	Men's Open	14 or above	20 in total (a basic quota of 6 for each of the men's and women's divisions)	Holder of Kayak Three-Star Award Certificate or equivalent or above issued by the Hong Kong China Canoe Union	Each participant may enrol and compete in only one of the divisions		
	Women's Open						
Short Distance Race (Junior Kayak)	Men's Junior	8-13	20 in total (a basic quota of 6 for each of the	Holder of Junior Kayak Walrus Award issued by the Hong Kong	Not Applicable		

		Women's Junior		men's and women's divisions)	China Canoe Union or equivalent	Not Applicable
	Rolling Challenge (Europa)	Open	14 or above	20 in total (a basic quota of 4)	Holder of Kayak Proficiency Certificate or Kayak Proficiency Gold Award issued by the Hong Kong China Canoe Union (Attendance Certificate for Kayak Proficiency Gold Award Training Course does not count)	

Team Event	Short Distance Relay (Junior Kayak and Europa)	Mixed	<u>2 members</u> in each team: One should be aged 18 or above and the other 8-13	10 Teams	Member aged 18 or above: Holder of Kayak Three-Star Award Certificate or equivalent or above issued by the Hong Kong China Canoe Union; Member aged 8-13: Holder of Junior Kayak Walrus Award or equivalent or above issued by the Hong Kong China Canoe Union	Not Applicable
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- Notes:
- (1) If, after Phase I of Open Enrolment for Remaining Quota (i.e. 8 April 2024), fewer than 2 applicants are enrolled in a division, the race for that division will be cancelled.
  - (2) A participant's age is calculated as at the date of the race. Participants aged below 18 shall submit a completed declaration signed by their parent or guardian.
  - (3) When the basic quota of a division is filled, the male to female ratio for the remaining quota will be determined based on the gender composition of applicants for that division and the other division of the same level.
  - (4) Applicant who have participated in any trip of Kayak Round Island Tour (Yim Tin Tsai), Kayak Beaches Exploration Tour (Tung A), Kayak Mangrove Tour (Pak Tam Chung/Ting Kok), Kayak Corals Tour (Tung Sam Kei/Sze Tei), Kayak Coastal Tour (Ma Shi Chau) organized by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will be considered as fulfilled the requirement of participation in one 9km kayak trip.

**6. Entry Fee:** \$20 (A half-price concession is available to applicants aged below 15 or aged 60 or above, full-time students and persons with disabilities who are able to produce valid documentary proof.)

**7. Enrolment Method:** Places will be allocated by ballot. Enrolment details are as follows:

**Period for Submission of Enrolment Forms: 8-14/3/2024**

- Each applicant is required to submit only one ballot application form for enrolment in the competitions to be held on May 2024.

**Date of Ballot: 26-28/3/2024**

- Successful applicants will receive an electronic notification generated by the system of successful application and payment or confirmation.
- Members of the public may also have access to the ballot results through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage, smart self-service stations or notice boards at organising DLSOs and leisure venues, but will not be notified separately by post.

**Period for Payment by Successful Applicants: 29/3/2024 – 2/4/2024**

**(Payment/ Confirmation until 2/4/2024 11:59 pm) (Smart Self-service Stations until 11:00pm)**

- Successful applicants must settle the fees by electronic means or complete the confirmation procedures within the specified payment or confirmation period in a month through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage or smart self-service stations;
- For those who use the SmartPLAY webpage, fees can be settled by online payment methods including credit cards, PPS, FPS, Apple Pay or Google Pay. For those who use My SmartPLAY App, electronic payments may be made by credit cards, FPS, Apple Pay or Google Pay. For those who use the smart self-service stations, fees can be settled by Octopus Card or FPS;
- Successful applicants may also bring originals or copies of their identity documents along with reference number of the activity successfully applied to settle the fees in cash or by Octopus Card or complete the confirmation procedures at the DLSOs or recreation and sports venues with the SmartPLAY system set up;
- For team competitions, fees must be settled by prime applicants; In case the prime applicant of a team fails to settle the fee within the specified period, the team as a whole will automatically be regarded as having forfeited the right of a successful applicant.

**Date of Announcement of Remaining Quota :4/4/2024**

- If there are places available after the payment or confirmation period in a month, the number of such places will be announced through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage and smart self-service stations on a specified date of the month.

**Phase I of Open Enrolment for Remaining Quota: 5-7/4/2024**

- Such places will be open for enrolment in Phase I on a first-come-first-served basis from 8:30 am on 5 April 2024 of a specified period through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage and smart self-service stations.
- Applicants under 18 must submit a declaration of consent for participation in recreation and sports programmes before being allowed to enrol in competitions. Such a declaration must be made by their parents or guardians aged 18 or above who are themselves SmartPLAY users, with the use of the “Declaration” function under “My Profile” in SmartPLAY. The applicants may alternatively enter the passwords of their parents’ or guardians’ SmartPLAY accounts in submission of applications.

**Phase II of Open Enrolment for Remaining Quota: 11-16/4/2024**

- If places are available after the payment due date for the Phase I of Open Enrolment, the organiser will flexibly adjust the quotas for each division. Such places will be open for enrolment in Phase II on a first-come-first-served basis from 8:30 am on 11 April 2024 of a specified period through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage and smart self-service stations.

**Race Day: 5/5/2024**

- If there are places remaining which no show by the enrolled participant after the reporting time (please see paragraph 10 below for details) on the race day, the outstanding application(s) will be processed immediately by ballot for entertaining the on the spot enrolment.

Remarks:

1. Applicants must submit ballot e-application forms through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage or smart self-service stations within the specified period in a month.
2. Applicants enrolling in competitions must be themselves the registered SmartPLAY users. Applications made by groups, organisations or schools will not be accepted.
3. Each applicant/team may submit only one ballot application for enrolment in competitions organised by District Leisure Services Offices (DLSOs), Water Sports Centres or Tuen Mun Recreation and Sports Centre in a given month. In the event of duplicate application submissions, submission of incomplete information, non-compliance with competition requirements or ineligibility on the part of applicants/teams, the applications in question will be rejected by the system. Each ballot application form can be used to apply for up to 10 competitions, of which a maximum of three will be allocated to the applicant.
4. No waiting lists will be held for any ballot. Applicants are required to make a fresh application for the remaining places, if any, upon ballot on a first-come-first-served basis during the open enrolment period.

5. Each applicant may submit only one enrolment form. Late/duplicate submission of enrolment forms or submissions without all the required information will render the applicants concerned disqualified from the ballot.
6. As far as the competitions held by the Water Sports Centres are concerned, applicants can enter a ballot only after valid certificates or qualification proof are uploaded in their submission of ballot e-application forms. In addition, they must produce the originals of valid qualification proof and logbooks for verification by the LCSD staff on the competition day as proof that the relevant certificates or qualifications and the required number of sailing hours are acquired before ballot. Failure to meet such requirements will disqualify the applicants from the competitions, and no refund for the fees paid will be made.
7. Each applicant may take part in a maximum of two events, including event(s) entered through on-the-spot enrolment on the day of race. Whether the applicant takes part in one or two events, he/she only needs to pay the fee once, i.e., \$20.
8. Each applicant could apply no more than one place in an individual event and one place in the team event by ballot based on the priorities indicated on his/her enrolment form on SmartPLAY. If there are places remaining in the periods of the first and second phases of open enrolment, applicants may enrol in additional event(s), given that the total number of events they take part in shall not exceed that stated above.
9. To ensure equal opportunities among applicants in taking part in a long distance race, each applicant may enrol in only one long distance event.
10. Applicants who take part in both individual and team events should ensure that they have received receipts for both events. For the team event, both team members shall make payment together. If any team fails to make the payment within the specified dates or only one team member has made the payment, will be regarded as waiving their right of being successful applicants or applicants on the waiting list. The enrolment fee will not be refunded and their places will be allocated to other applicants/teams.
11. Alterations to all the details provided by an applicant will not be allowed after the submission deadline of application forms. The e-application forms must be completed in full and all of the details therein must be true and correct. Alternations to all the details provided, participating event(s) and personal particulars will not be allowed once the applications have been confirmed, except for the circumstances of altering contact numbers and addresses, in which any updates must be made via SmartPLAY as soon as possible.
12. Applicants under 18 must submit a declaration of consent for participation in recreation and sports programmes before being allowed to enrol in competitions. Such a declaration must be made by their parents or guardians aged 18 or above who are themselves SmartPLAY users, with the use of the “Declaration” function under “My Profile” in SmartPLAY. The applicants may alternatively enter the passwords of their parents’ or guardians’ SmartPLAY accounts in submission of applications.
13. Applicants providing false information will be disqualified from the events, with all the results declared void. Enrolment fees paid will not be refunded.
14. Withdrawal or Release of Quota on or after 8 / 4 / 2024 will not be opened for enrolment.

8. Rules:

The race will be governed by the Canoe Marathon Competition Rules and the latest revised rules and regulations issued by the International Canoe Federation, and the instructions of the Hong Kong China Canoe Union.

9. Format:
- (a) There are no preliminary or semi-final rounds in the race. Participants in each division will be ranked according to their finishing time.
  - (b) The Rolling Challenge adopts the following format:  
Participants shall complete full rolling (time limit 1 minute and 30 seconds), participants will be ranked according to their counting number.
10. Reporting Time:
- (a) Competitors in the long distance events are required to Check-In via SmartPLAY by arriving the Centre between 8:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. on the race day, while competitors in the short distance events, the Short Distance Relay and the Rolling Challenge shall report and Check-In via SmartPLAY between 12:00 noon and 12:45 pm.
  - (b) Participants should bring along their admission cards, recognized qualification and original copy of identity documents used for enrolment for verification when attending class: Hong Kong China residents should produce their Hong Kong China Identity Cards (Birth Certificates / Documents of Identity for Visa Purposes / HKSAR Re-entry Permit / One-way Permit also acceptable for children aged below 11). Children aged 14 or below may produce a copy of their identity documents. The original of a valid photograph-bearing student handbook / card should also be produced if their identity documents supplied do not bear a photograph. Non-Hong Kong China residents should produce their valid travel documents (such as Passports, Exit-Entry Permits for Travelling to and from Hong Kong China and Macao). Participants should keep their admission cards until the end of the competition.
  - (c) Craft and relevant equipment will be allocated by the Organiser by ballot during the reporting time.
11. Race Instructions:
- These will be sent to the participants by email before the race.  
([http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/tc/watersport/activities/acti\\_race/acti\\_race\\_instructions.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/tc/watersport/activities/acti_race/acti_race_instructions.html))
12. Race Cancellation:
- (a) If the Thunderstorm Warning, the Strong Monsoon Signal, the Red Rainstorm Warning Signal or Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 1 is issued on the day of race, participants are required to report to the Centre. The Organiser will decide whether the races should proceed as scheduled in the light of the prevailing weather conditions.
  - (b) If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above or the Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is in force at 6:30 am on the day of race, the **long distance races** will be cancelled and shall not be rescheduled.
  - (c) If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above or the Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is in force at 10:00 am on the day of race, all short distance races, the Short Distance Relay and the Rolling Challenge will be cancelled and shall not be rescheduled.
  - (d) In case of safety and public health issue, the LCSd reserves the right to cancel the races without prior notice to the competitors

13. Prizes: The number of prizes will be determined according to the number of participants in the

following manner:

No. of participants in each division	2-3	4-5	6-10	11-15	16 or more
Prizes	Champion	Champion and 1 <sup>st</sup> runner-up	Champion, 1 <sup>st</sup> runner-up and 2 <sup>nd</sup> runner-up	Champion, 1 <sup>st</sup> runner-up, 2 <sup>nd</sup> runner-up and 3 <sup>rd</sup> runner-up	Champion, 1 <sup>st</sup> runner-up, 2 <sup>nd</sup> runner-up, 3 <sup>rd</sup> runner-up and 2 merit awards

14. Equipment: Participants must use the kayaks and paddles provided and allocated by the Organiser. Those who change the equipment without prior permission of the officials may be disqualified. The Organiser reserves the right to claim for compensation from the users for any damage to its equipment.
15. Insurance: Participants should take out an insurance at their own expense.
16. Protest: Participants are required to deliver their protest to the Protest Committee in writing within 30 minutes after all races of the day have finished. The decision of the Organiser shall be final.
17. Meals: Participants should bring their own food and drinks.
18. Enquiries: 2328 2311
19. If there is any discrepancy or inconsistency between the Chinese and English versions, the Chinese version shall prevail.
20. In case of any deficiency in this Notice of Race, the Organiser reserves the right to make any amendments to it without prior notice to the participants