



Organised by Leisure and Cultural Services Department

# Wong Shek Kayak Race 2026

Programme No.: WSG260710CAN

## Notice of Race



**1. Objectives:** To promote public interest in kayaking, and to enable participants to gain race experience.

**2. Date:** 3 May 2026 (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 with technique
Team Event	Short Distance Relay	Afternoon	About 200 m

Division & Group <sup>(1)</sup>		Age <sup>(2)</sup>	Quota <sup>(3)</sup>	Entry Requirements	Remarks
Individual Events	Europa (about 10 km)	Men's Open	14 or above	19 in total	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>
	Sea Kayak (about 10 km)	Women's Open		13 in total	
	Europa (about 12 km)	Men's Master A	35-54	28 in total (a basic quota of 9 for each Men's Master A and B's divisions)	
		Men's Master B	55 or above	28 in total (a basic quota of 9 for each Men's Master A and B's divisions)	
	Sea Kayak (about 12 km)	Women's Master	35 or above	8 in total	
Short Distance Race	Racing Kayak Salt 51 (about 200 m)	Men's Open	14 or above	10 in total (a basic quota of 3 for each men's and women's divisions)	Holder of Racing Kayak Elementary Certificate issued by the Hong Kong China Canoe Union
		Women's Open		10 in total (a basic quota of 3 for each men's and women's divisions)	
	Europa (about 200 m)	Men's Open	14 or above	20 in total (a basic quota of 6 for each men's and women's divisions)	
		Women's Open		20 in total (a basic quota of 6 for each men's and women's divisions)	
	Junior Kayak (about 200 m)	Men's Junior	8-13	20 in total (a basic quota of 6 for each men's and women's divisions)	
		Women's Junior		Holder of Junior Kayak Walrus Award issued by the Hong Kong China Canoe Union or equivalent	

Division & Group <sup>(1)</sup>		Age <sup>(2)</sup>	Quota <sup>(3)</sup>	Entry Requirements	Remarks
Individual Events	Rolling Challenge (Europa)	Open	14 or above	10 in total	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 be 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

Notes: (1) If, after Phase I of Open Enrolment for Remaining Quota (i.e. 12 April 2026), fewer than 2 applicants are enrolled in a division, the race for that division will be cancelled.  
 (2) An applicant's age is calculated as at the date of the race. Applicants aged below 18 shall submit a completed declaration signed by their parent or guardian.  
 (3) To effectively utilise resources, the Organiser may adjust the quotas for specific divisions based on their respective enrolment status. If there are remaining quotas after the Phase I of Open Enrolment, the Organiser will flexibly adjust the final quotas for each division according to the number of remaining quota.  
 (4) Applicants 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 9-km kayak trip. Applicants should select respective required qualification in SmartPLAY, and choose / upload relevant required qualification document. They must produce the originals of valid qualification proof and logbooks for verification by the LCSD staff on the race day as proof that the relevant certificates or qualifications are acquired before ballot.

**6. Entry Fee:** \$20 per person, \$40 per team for Team event, payable only once in the case of enrolment in both Individual and Team events (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: 8-14/3/2026**

- Each applicant is required to submit only one ballot application form for enrolment in the competitions to be held in May 2025.

**Date of Ballot: 30/3 – 1/4/2026**

- 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 the water sports centres.

**Period for Payment by Successful Applicants: 2-6/4/2026****(Payment/ Confirmation until 6/4/2026 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 : 7/4/2026**

- If there are places available after the payment or confirmation period in a month, 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: 8-11/4/2026**

- Such places will be open for enrolment in Phase I on a first-come-first-served basis from 8:30 am on 8 April 2026 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 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: 17-23/4/2026**

- 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 17/4/2026** through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage and smart self-service stations.

**Race Day: 3/5/2026**

➤ If competitors do not sign in within the reporting time(please see paragraph 10 below for details), their places will be filled by on-the-spot stand-by applicants by ballot after 9:15 a.m.

**Remarks:**

- a) 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.
- b) Applicants enrolling in competitions must be themselves the registered SmartPLAY users. Applications made by groups, organisations or schools will not be accepted.
- c) 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.
- d) No waiting lists will be held for this race. Applicants are required to make a fresh application for the remaining places, if any, on a first-come-first-served

basis during the open enrolment period.

e) 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.

f) To ensure equal opportunities for all applicants, each applicant would be allowed to enrol in and be allotted up to four events via the SmartPLAY system. Specifically, this includes a **maximum of one long-distance race, one short-distance race, one rolling challenge, and one short-distance relay race** (including event(s) entered through on-the-spot enrolment on the day of race). Eligible applicants who wish to participate in the long-distance or short-distance race may only select one group when applying. The system will allot the place(s) to the applicant according to the availability after balloting. 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.

g) 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.

h) Alterations to all the details provided by an applicant will not be allowed after the submission deadline of application forms.

i) Applicants under 18 must submit a declaration of consent for participation in recreation and sports programmes before being allowed to enrol in competitions. Such 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.

j) Applicants providing false information will be disqualified from the events, with all the results declared void. Enrolment fees paid will not be refunded.

k) Withdrawal or Release of Quota **on or after 6 p.m. on 22/4/2026** will not be opened for enrolment. If there are places remaining after the reporting time on the race day (i.e. after 9:15 am), the places will be allocated to other interested persons on the spot by ballot.

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. Competitors in each division will be ranked according to their finishing time.
- (b) The Rolling Challenge adopts the following format:  
Competitors shall complete full rolling.  
Competitors will be ranked according to their fastest completion time and counting number.

10. Reporting Time:

- (a) Competitors are required to sign the health declaration after 7 am on the race day. Long distance race competitors must check in via SmartPLAY and report at the Centre between 8:30 am and 9:15 am on race day. Short distance race, short distance relay and rolling challenge competitors must check in and report between 12:00 noon and 12:45 pm. All competitors should produce the original of the identity document used for enrolment, receipt and proof of relevant qualifications for verification. Recognised identity documents include the Hong Kong Identity Card, the Birth Certificate / Document of Identity for Visa Purposes / HKSAR Re-entry Permit / One-way Permit (only for children aged below 11, copy also acceptable) and valid travel documents such as passports or the Exit Entry Permit for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao (only for non-Hong Kong residents).
- (b) Competitors under 18 must submit a declaration of consent for participation in recreation and sports programmes before being allowed to enrol in competition. Such 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. Failure to provide proof of relevant qualifications will render the competitors concerned disqualified.
- (c) Craft and relevant equipment will be allocated by the Organiser by ballot during the reporting time.

11. Race Instructions:

Please visit the website of LCSD Water Sports Centre before the race.  
([https://www.lcscd.gov.hk/en/watersport/activities/acti\\_race/acti\\_race\\_instructions.html](https://www.lcscd.gov.hk/en/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, competitors 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 competitors in the following manner:

No. of competitors in each	2-3	4-5	6-10	11-15	16 or more
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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: Competitors 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: Competitors should take out an insurance at their own expense.

16. Protest: All protests must reach 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: Competitors 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 competitors.