

Masters Games 2010/11 – Tai Chi Competition

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1. Aim : Targeted at people aged 35 or above, the Masters Games emphasise participation and enjoyment rather than the winning of prizes. The Games also offer participants the opportunity to compete against people of similar ages to sustain their interest in sports activities.
2. Date & Time : 5 & 12 September 2010 (Every Sun)
9:00 am – 8:00 pm
3. Venue : Lai Chi Kok Park Sports Centre (Address: 1 Lai Wan Road, Lai Chi Kok)
4. Eligibility : People aged 35 or above are welcome to participate in the Games. Participants' age is calculated against the first day on which the event commences (i.e. those who were born on or before 5 September 1975 are eligible to participate in the competition).

5. Division & Quota :

| Activity No. | Division | Quota |
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| 40230972 | Tai Chi Chuen | Men's Individual 130 persons |
| 40230974 | | Women's Individual 140 persons |
| 40230977 | | Team's Open (5-15 persons/team) 35 teams |
| 40230975 | Tai Chi Sword | Men's Individual 60 persons |
| 40230976 | | Women's Individual 70 persons |
| 40230978 | | Team's Open (3-8 persons/team) 35 teams |

- Points to note :
- (1) Participants should be aware of their health condition, and consider whether it is suitable for them to enrol in this Games. In case of doubt, please consult a doctor prior to the enrolment of activity.
 - (2) Each participant may enter one individual and one team event each, i.e. a maximum of two events, and submit one enrolment form for each event only. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) reserves the right to disqualify any participant who has made repeated enrolments or has submitted an incomplete enrolment form.
 - (3) The LCSD reserves the right to adjust the quota of each division subject to the enrolment condition.
 - (4) If the number of participants/teams enrolled in any division is less than two, the LCSD reserves the right to cancel the event in that division.
 - (5) In case only one participant/team turns up and completes the event on the day of competition, he/she/the team will still be awarded the prize.
 - (6) There is no restriction on schools for optional Tai Chi (traditional or modern). Participants/teams must perform in the event specified in their enrolment forms, and amendment on site is not allowed. Those who wish to change the participating event must submit their application on or before 9 August 2010.

6. Entry Fee : (1) Individual event - \$20 / person
(2) Team event - \$60 / team
[For individual event, concessionary rates at half the normal charges are granted to persons aged 60 or above, full-time students and persons with disabilities and upon production of valid identification documents at the time of payment.]
7. Schedules & Rules : (1) Relevant supplementary information including schedules, notes to participants and location maps of the competition venues will be delivered to participants by post/fax/e-mail, or can be downloaded from the LCSD Masters Games webpage. If participants do not receive any information on the competition when the date of competition is drawing near, please contact the LCSD as soon as possible.
(2) Area for competition will be 12m x 18m.
(3) Participants must bring along the notification letter of the competition and their identification documents and report to LCSD at the specified time and collect their number cloths. Those who turn up late to report for 15 minutes will be considered as forfeiting their right of participation. Team manager should represent the team to report first. The staff of LCSD will verify the identities of respective team members according to the competition rundown. Those who are late for the competition or teams with insufficient team members will be considered as forfeiting their right of participation.
(4) Participants shall produce their valid identification documents for verification of eligibility when they report in and before the game begins. The LCSD reserves the right to disqualify those who fail to produce valid identification documents.
(5) The number cloths will be distributed on the competition day. All participants should wear the number cloths during the competition.
(6) The duration of a participant's performance is at the longest of 4 minutes but not shorter than 3 minutes. Participants/teams failing to meet this criteria will have their marks deducted.
(7) When the time-keeper rings the bell once, it means that the participant/team may start his/her/their performance. When the bell rings twice, it means that the time is up and the participant/team shall complete the performance immediately. If the participant /team fail to do so, the time-keeper will ring the bells continuously, meaning that the participant/team is requested to stop performing and leave the competition area. In this situation, marks will be deducted from the participant's/team's score and he/she/they shall raise no objection.
(8) Assessment Criteria: Taking the standard forms of Tai Chi Chuen and Tai Chi Sword as the assessment basis, the judges will consider the participant's/team's general coordination as well as the presentation of style and characteristics of his/her/their school of Tai Chi before giving him/her/their an overall score.
(9) The score of participants/teams will be the sum of three scores from five judges (The highest and lowest scores from judges will be excluded). The position will be subject to the total score of 5 judges in case of equal scoring. In case the total score ties, the final position will be determined by the chief judge.
(10) The best 4 scorers of each event in the performance will be awarded.
(11) Participants shall pay attention to the announcement made/notice displayed by the LCSD on the spot and comply with the rules and regulations of the venue.

- (12) If any participants fail to complete all matches, they will be disqualified and not given any award.
- (13) If any participants violate the regulations or display any misbehaviour which may affect the competition, the LCSD reserves the right to disqualify them from the competition.
- (14) If a participant withdraws from any match or is disqualified from taking part in the Games, the entry fee paid by him/her will not be refunded.
- (15) No appeal will be accepted. The decision of the umpire on the spot will be final.
- (16) The list of the winners for each division will be announced on the LCSD Masters Games webpage.
- (17) Unless explicitly stated in this prospectus, all rules and regulations will follow those currently adopted by the Hong Kong Tai Chi Association.

- 8. Judge : The judge services will be arranged by the LCSD.
- 9. Attire : (1) Tidy sportswear and non-marking rubber-sole sport shoes.
(2) Participants should not compete in the uniform of the Hong Kong Tai Chi Association (i.e. same as judge uniform) to avoid unnecessary disputes.
- 10. Awards : Medals will be awarded to the champion, 1st runner-up, 2nd runner-up and 3rd runner-up of each division.
- 11. Prospectus & Enrolment Forms Available at/on : (1) District Leisure Services Offices (DLSOs) of the LCSD;
(2) Any recreational and sports venues with Leisure Link services; or
(3) Masters Games website: www.lcsd.gov.hk/me/mastersgames/en
- 12. Period for submission of Enrolment Forms : **18 – 29 June 2010**
- 13. Enrolment Methods : (1) Completed enrolment forms should be submitted during the submission period (originals/copies of identification documents need not be attached or produced when the forms are submitted):
 - a) In person to: DLSOs of the LCSD (during office hours) or any recreational and sports venues with Leisure Link services;
 - b) By post to:
Major Events Section,
Leisure and Cultural Services Department,
2/F., Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters,
1-3 Pai Tau Street, Shatin,
New Territories; or
 - c) Submission of enrolment forms via the Internet.
- (2) Each participant may enter one individual and one team event each, i.e. a maximum of two events, and submit one enrolment form for each event only. The LCSD reserves the right to disqualify any participant who has made repeated enrolments or has submitted an incomplete enrolment form.
- (3) Participants/teams will be selected by ballot.

- (4) The ballot will be held on 12 July 2010 at 11:00 am at Audio-Visual Room, 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin. Members of the public are welcome to attend.
- (5) The balloting results (only the Chinese and English names of participants will be disclosed) will be announced at the DLSOs of the LCSD, any recreational and sports venues with Leisure Link services and on the LCSD Masters Games webpage on 16 July 2010. Notification letters will be sent to successful applicants and applicants on the waiting list (no priority number will be assigned to applicants on the waiting list) while unsuccessful applicants will not be notified.
- (6) Successful applicants shall bring along their notification letters/identification documents (originals or copies) and entry fees to the DLSOs of the LCSD (during office hours) or any recreational and sports venues with Leisure Link services for verification of their personal particulars and payment of entry fees during the specified payment period. Successful applicants who fail to pay the required fees within the specified payment period will be regarded as waiving their rights. The unfilled places will be allocated to the applicants on the waiting list. Enrolment on a first-come-first-served basis will be accepted during the specified payment period for the applicants on the waiting list.

**Payment Period for the
Successful Applicants**

21 – 28 July 2010

**Payment Period for the
Applicants on the Waiting List**

30 July – 1 August 2010

- (7) If there are still unfilled places in individual divisions after the payment period for the applicants on the waiting list, or the number of submitted applications is less than the regular quota, the remaining quota will be open to the public for enrolment during the following period at DLSOs on a first-come-first-served basis.

**Open Enrolment Period
for Remaining Quota**

4 – 5 August 2010

14. Remarks : If there is any inadequacy in this prospectus, the LCSD reserves the right for appropriate amendments.
15. Postponement : If Pre-No.8 special announcement, Tropical Cyclone Warning No.8 or above or a Black Rainstorm Signal is issued two hours before the first match scheduled to be held on the event day, all matches on that day will be cancelled and re-scheduled. Participants will be notified of the details in due course.
16. Enquiries : **1823 / 2601 7672**

** The Chinese version of this prospectus and the application form is available upon request at the above offices or can be downloaded from the LCSD Masters Games webpage.

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