

Masters Games 2012/13 – Table Tennis Competition

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1. Aim : Targeted at people aged 35 or above, the Masters Games emphasises participation and enjoyment rather than the winning of prizes. The Games also offers participants the opportunity to compete against people of similar ages to sustain their interest in sports activities.
2. Date & Time : 9 – 23 September 2012 (Every Sat & Sun)
2:00 pm – 11:00 pm (Sat)
9:00 am – 11:00 pm (Sun)
3. Venue : Cornwall Street Squash & Table Tennis Centre
(Address: Junction of Cornwall Street & Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon Tong)
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 9 September 1977 are eligible to participate in the competition).

5. Division & Quota :

Activity No.	Event	Division	Age	Quota
40301203	Singles	Men's A Grade	70 or above	32 players
40301204		Men's B Grade	65 – 69	32 players
40301205		Men's C Grade	60 – 64	64 players
40301207		Men's D Grade	55 – 59	96 players
40301208		Men's E Grade	50 – 54	96 players
40301209		Men's F Grade	45 – 49	96 players
40301210		Men's G Grade	40 – 44	96 players
40301212		Men's H Grade	35 – 39	64 players
40301213		Women's A Grade	70 or above	8 players
40301214		Women's B Grade	65 – 69	16 players
40301216		Women's C Grade	60 – 64	16 players
40301219		Women's D Grade	55 – 59	32 players
40301221		Women's E Grade	50 – 54	32 players
40301222		Women's F Grade	45 – 49	32 players
40301223		Women's G Grade	40 – 44	16 players
40301224		Women's H Grade	35 – 39	16 players
40301226	Doubles	Men's A Grade	55 or above	32 teams
40301228		Men's B Grade	45 or above	32 teams
40301230		Men's C Grade	35 or above	32 teams
40301231		Women's A Grade	50 or above	8 teams
40301233		Women's B Grade	35 or above	16 teams
40301235		Mixed A Grade	50 or above	24 teams
40301236		Mixed B Grade	35 or above	32 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 participate in a maximum of two events i.e. one singles event and one doubles event. He/She shall 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) For participants entering the doubles event, the division they enter shall be the one to which their youngest team member belongs.
- (5) If the number of participants/teams enrolled in any division is less than two, the LCSD reserves the right to combine it with a division of younger age or cancel all events in that division.
- (6) In case only one participant/team turns up and completes the reporting on the event day, he/she/the team will still be awarded the prize.

6. Entry Fee : \$20/person

[Persons aged 60 or above, full-time students and persons with disabilities can enjoy a 50% discount upon production of valid proof at the time of payment.]

7. Format : (1) The single knock-out system will be adopted in all events.

(2) The “best of 5 games” system will be adopted in the preliminary rounds with 11 points per game.

8. Schedules & Rules : (1) Relevant supplementary information including schedules, notes to participants and location map of the competition venue 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) Participants shall arrive at the competition venue at the scheduled time and report to the LCSD staff in person with their valid identification document. Those who turn up late to report (both participants shall report at the same time for doubles event) more than 5 minutes, the LCSD staff reserve the right to disqualify them from the competition. Participants shall stay at the venue to prepare for the match after reporting.

(3) Those who fail to turn up or dispatch not enough players in a doubles event for the match 5 minutes after the roll call made by referee/umpire will be regarded as having withdrawn from the match.

(4) If any participants withdraw or fail to complete all matches, they will be disqualified. All competition results and winning qualifications will be cancelled and the entry fee paid by him/her will not be refunded.

(5) 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.

(6) 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.

(7) No appeal will be accepted. The decision of the umpire on the spot will be final.

(8) The list of the winners for each division will be announced on the LCSD Masters Games webpage.

(9) Unless explicitly stated in this prospectus, all rules and regulations will follow those currently adopted by the Hong Kong Table Tennis Association.

9. Competition Balloting : The balloting will be held on 7 August 2012 at 7:30 pm at the Audio-Visual Room, 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin. Participants are welcome to attend.
10. Umpire : (1) **Players on bye will take turns to serve as umpires in the preliminary rounds and they shall report on schedule for carrying out the umpire duties.** To enrich participants' knowledge on umpire works, LCSD will give a brief introduction of the rules and latest information of table tennis competition after the balloting. Participants are welcome to attend.
(2) From the Round of 16 onwards, the referee services will be arranged by the LCSD.
11. Equipment : (1) Participants shall bring their own rackets. The colour of the covering blades should be red on one side and black on the other and the covering material used should be of a brand and type currently approved by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF). For details of the covering material, please browse the ITTF webpage at www.ittf.com.
(2) Table-tennis balls (white or orange in colour and 40 mm in diameter) for matches will be provided by the LCSD.
(3) Participants shall wear approved sportswear (consisting of a short-sleeved sports shirt, shorts/skirt, socks and non-marking rubber-soled sports shoes). The main colour of the shirt shall be clearly different from that of the ball in use.
12. Awards : Medals will be awarded to the champion, 1st runner-up, 2nd runner-up and 3rd runner-up of each division.
13. Prospectuses & 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
14. Enrolment Period : **7 – 18 June 2012**
15. 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, Sha Tin,
New Territories; or
c) Submission of enrolment forms via the Internet.
(2) Each participant may participate in a maximum of two events, i.e. one singles event and one doubles event. He/She shall 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 will be selected by ballot if the applications exceed the quota. The ballot will be held on 3 July 2012 at 5:00 pm at the 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.
(4) The balloting results (only 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 6 July 2012. 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.

- (5) 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**

10 – 17 July 2012

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

19 – 23 July 2010

- (6) 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**

1 – 2 August 2012

- (7) For participants in doubles events, both players in a team shall pay the entry fees, or else the team will be regarded as waiving their rights of participation.

16. Remarks : If there is any inadequacy in this prospectus, the LCSD reserves the right for appropriate amendments.

17. Postponement : If Pre-No.8 special announcement (an advance notice to the public issued by the Observatory when the tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 is expected within two hours) is issued before the reporting time of first match scheduled to be held on the event day or Tropical Cyclone Warning No.8 or above or a Black Rainstorm Signal is issued two hours before the reporting time of 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.

18. Enquiries : Government Hotline: 1823 (24 hours)
Major Events Section of the LCSD: 2601 7672
Office hours: Monday to Friday: 8:45 am to 6:00 pm
(lunch break: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm)
(closed on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays)

** 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.

本章程和報名表另備有中文版。如有需要，可向上述辦事處的職員索取，或從康文署先進運動會網頁下載。