

Masters Games 2012/13 – 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 : 10 & 24 June 2012 (Sun)
9:00 am – 10:00 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 10 June 1977 are eligible to participate in the competition).

Activity No.	Division	Event	Quota
40291848	Tai Chi Chuen	Men's Individual	Group A: Traditional Schools * Group B: Other Schools * and Taolu
40291849		Women's Individual	100 persons
40291850		Team's Open (5-15 persons/team)	150 persons
40291853	Tai Chi Sword	Men's Individual	-
40291852		Women's Individual	40 teams
40291851		Team's Open (4-8 persons/team)	60 persons
			100 persons
			30 teams

* : Definition of Traditional Schools and Other Schools have Chinese version only. Details please refer to the Chinese version of this prospectus.

Remarks : As this is the first time for participants to compete in two different groups, the organizer reserve the final right on grouping arrangement. Participants shall not raise any objection.

- 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) 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 21 May 2012.
6. Entry Fee : (1) Individual event - \$20 / person
(2) Team event - \$60 / team
[For individual event, 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. 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 shall report to the LCSD staff in person by bringing along with their the notification letter of the competition and the identification document in order to collect their number cloth at the specified time. Those who report late for over 15 minutes will be considered as forfeiting their right of participation. For team events, team manager should represent the team to report first. The LCSD staff 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 competition 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 not raise any objection.
(8) For Group A (Traditional Schools) and Group B (Other Schools and Taolu) of individual division, scores will be calculated separately.
(9) Assessment Criteria: A combined score will be given on the form of movement, power, coordination, spirit, consciousness, rhythm, etc, for individual division; the quality of movement, content of style and overall coordination, etc, for team division.

- (10) The score of participants/teams will be the sum of three scores from five judges (The highest and lowest scores 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.
- (11) The best 4 scorers of each event will be awarded.
- (12) 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.
- (13) If any participants fail to complete all matches, they will be disqualified and not be given any award.
- (14) 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.
- (15) 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.
- (16) No appeal will be accepted. The decision of the umpire on the spot will be final.
- (17) The list of the winners for each division will be announced on the LCSD Masters Games webpage.
- (18) 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 tai chi wear and non-marking rubber-sole sport shoes.
(2) Participants should not wear 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 event.
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. Enrolment Period : **29 March – 10 April 2012**
13. Enrolment Methods : (1) Completed enrolment forms should be submitted during the enrolment 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 if the applications exceed the quota. The ballot will be held on 23 April 2012 at 4:30 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 26 April 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**

30 April – 7 May 2012

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

9 – 11 May 2012

- (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**

15 – 16 May 2012

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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