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Leisure and Cultural  
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## Masters Games 2014 – Tai Chi Competition

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1. Purpose : To provide an opportunity to people aged 35 or above to participate in tai chi competition and compete against people of similar age, so to enjoy the fun brought by sports and sustain their interest in sports activities.
2. Date & Time : 10 & 24 August 2014 (Sun)  
9:00 am – 10:00 pm (Sun)
3. Venue : Ma On Shan Sports Centre  
(Address: 14 On Chun Street, Ma On Shan, Shatin)
4. Eligibility : People aged 35 or above are welcome to participate in the Games. Participant's age is calculated against the first day on which the event commences (i.e. those who were born on or before 8 August 1979 are eligible to participate in the competition).

Activity No.	Division	Quota	
40359406	Tai Chi Chuen	Men's Individual	90 persons
40359407		Women's Individual	140 persons
40359408		Team's Open (5-10 persons/team)	40 teams
40359409	Tai Chi Sword	Men's Individual	60 persons
40359410		Women's Individual	120 persons
90359411		Team's Open (4-8 persons/team)	30 teams

- Notes to Applicants :
- (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) Applicants/teams may perform any schools of Tai Chi Chuen/Sword in the competition but they have to indicate the name of school to be performed in the enrolment form clearly.
  - (3) Participants/teams must perform in the school specified in their enrolment forms, and amendment on site is not allowed. Those who wish to change the participating school must submit their application in writing to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) on or before 17 July.
  - (4) Each applicant may enrol in a **maximum of one individual event and one team event**. To facilitate the ballot arrangement, the applicant should submit separate enrolment forms for individual and team events with declarations.
  - (5) Each applicant should submit only one enrolment form for individual and team event. In case of multiple submissions or has submitted an incomplete enrolment form, all enrolment forms submitted by the applicant will not be entertained.
  - (6) For better resource utilisation, the LCSD reserves the right to adjust the quota for each division with reference to the enrolment response. The applicants/participants should have no objection.
  - (7) 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.

6. Entry Fee : (1) **Individual event: \$20 per person**  
(those aged 60 or above, full-time students and persons with disabilities can enjoy a 50% off concessionary rate upon production of valid identity document(s) during payment.) Each applicant should pay the fee according to his/her age on the first day (**10 August 2014**) of the competition.  
(2) **Team event: \$60 per team**
7. Format : (1) Area for competition will be 14m x 18m.  
(2) If there are 20 or more participants perform in the same school in any individual divisions, scores and awards will be counted separately for that school. The Organiser reserves the final right on the definition of schools and grouping arrangement. Participants shall not raise any objection.  
(3) 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.  
(4) 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 scores tie, the final position will be determined by the chief judge.  
(5) The best 4 scorers of each division/school will be awarded.
8. Regulations : (1) Participants' number cloths will be distributed on the competition day. All participants should wear the number cloths during the competition.  
(2) Duration of performance for each participant/team is 3 to 4 minutes, those who fail to meet this criteria will have their scores deducted.  
(3) Participant/team gets ready in the competition area. When the time-keeper rings the bell once, the participant/team may start the performance. When the performance time reaches 3 minutes and 55 seconds, the time-keeper will ring the bell twice to remind the participant/team that they should finish the performance promptly within 4 minutes. When time reaches 4 minutes but the performance continues, the time-keeper will ring the bell continuously, the participant/team is requested to stop the performance immediately and leave the competition area. Otherwise, their scores may be deducted and they shall not raise any objection.  
(4) If only one participant/team shows up and completes the event on the competition day, the participant/team will still be given the respective award.  
(5) Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus, the competition will adopt all rules and regulations approved by the Hong Kong Tai Chi Association.
9. Marshall : (1) Participants should pay attention to the announcements of the Organiser and report to the Organiser and take part in the competitions on time. Otherwise, they will be deemed to have forfeited the right to compete.  
(2) Participants shall arrive at the competition venue at the scheduled time and report to the LCSD staff in person with their original copy of identity documents used for enrolment (Hong Kong residents should produce their Hong Kong Identity Cards. Persons without Hong Kong Identity Cards should produce their valid travel documents such as Passports, Exit-Entry Permits for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao) in order to collect their number cloths. Those who report late for over 15 minutes will be considered as forfeiting their rights of participation. For team events, team manager should report to the LCSD staff 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 members will be considered as forfeiting their rights of participation.

- (3) 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.
- (4) Participants/teams withdraw or fail to complete the competition will be disqualified. Their results and awards attained will be cancelled and the entry fee will not be refunded.

10. Judges : The judges will be arranged by the LCSD.
11. Appeal : No appeal will be accepted. The decision of the judge on the spot will be final.
12. Points to Note: : (1) Participants will be notified of the competition schedule, notes to participants and location map of the competition venue in writing by post/fax/e-mail in around two weeks prior to the competition starts. (If participants do not receive the information before the competition, please contact the LCSD as soon as possible or they may download the information from the LCSD 'Masters Games' webpage.)  
 (2) Participants shall pay attention to the announcement made / notice displayed by the LCSD on the spot and observe all the regulations of the venue.  
 (3) If any participant(s) is/are found to be impostors or having violated the rules or engaged in improper conduct that affects the competition results, the LCSD reserves the right to disqualify the participant(s) from the competition.
13. Attire : (1) Participants shall dress themselves in tidy Tai Chi attires and wear a pair of non-marking rubber-soled sports shoes during the competition.  
 (2) Participants should not wear in the uniform of the Hong Kong Tai Chi Association (i.e. same as judge's uniform) to avoid unnecessary disputes.
14. Awards : A medal will be awarded to the champion, first, second and third runners-up of each division. If there are 20 or more participants perform in the same school in any individual divisions, scores and awards will be counted separately for that school.
15. 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/prospectus.php](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/me/mastersgames/en/prospectus.php)
16. Enrolment Period : **21 – 29 May 2014**
17. Enrolment Method : (1) Completed application 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; or  
 b) By post to: (the date of postage chop is regarded as receipt date)  
 Major Events Section, LCSD  
 2/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters  
 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin, New Territories.  
 "Masters Games 2014 – Tai Chi Competition" ; or  
 c) Submission of enrolment forms via the Internet.  
 (2) If any division is over-subscribed, applicants will be selected by ballot. The ballot will be held **at 10:00 am on 17 June (Tue)** at Room 201, 2/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

- (3) The balloting result will be announced at the DLSOs, any recreational and sports venues with Leisure Link services and on the LCSD 'Masters Games' webpage on **20 June**. Both the successful and waiting list applicants will be notified in writing after the ballot (no priority number will be assigned to applicants on the waiting list). Please note that unsuccessful applicants will not be informed separately. LCSD should not be responsible for the postage delay due to the incorrect or incomplete correspondence address provided by the applicant.
- (4) Successful applicants shall bring along their notification letter, identification document (originals or copies) and entry fee to the DLSOs (during office hours) or any recreational and sports venues with Leisure Link services for verification of their personal particulars and payment of entry fee during the specified payment period. Successful applicants who do not complete the payment procedure within the payment period will be deemed to have abandoned their participation right. Unfilled places, if any, will be filled by waiting list applicants on a first-come-first-served basis during the specified payment period.

**Date for Payment  
by Successful Applicants**

**25 June – 2 July**

**Date for Payment  
by Waiting List Applicants**

**4 – 8 July**

- (5) If there are remaining places after the deadline for payment by waiting list applicants, or if the competition is under-subscribed, the LCSD will arrange open enrolment on a first-come-first-served basis from **14 July (starting from 8:30 am) to 15 July** at all DLSOs.

18. Inclement Weather Arrangement : Should Pre-No. 8 special announcement, tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 or above or red/black rainstorm warning signal is in force 2 hours before the reporting time for the first competition event of the competition, all competition events on that day will be cancelled. The Organiser will notify the participants of the corresponding arrangement in due course.
19. Supplementary Regulations : (1) The schedule for each division and events on the event days should follow the on-the-spot announcements.  
(2) The list of the winners for each division will be announced on the LCSD 'Masters Games' webpage.  
(3) LCSD reserves the right to amend this prospectus at any time without giving any prior notice.
20. Enquiries : LCSD 24-hour Customer Hotline: 2414 5555  
Major Events Section of the LCSD: 2601 7672  
Office hours: Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 6:00 pm  
(lunch break: 1 pm to 2 pm)  
(closed on Saturday, Sunday and general 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.

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