Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Application for the Subvention Scheme for New Sports

Prospectus
(for applications for 2027-28)

I. Eligibility Criteria

Applicant sports organisations[1] wishing to apply for the "Subvention Scheme for New Sports" for 2027-28 must fulfill the following mandatory requirements in Part A and provide necessary supplementary information in Part B:

A. Mandatory Requirements

1. The applicant sports organisation must have successful experience in organising sports development programmes of various levels or types[2] with active participation by the public in the past two years;
2. The new sport under application must be distinct from those sports / disciplines currently solely governed by national sports associations under the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China[3];
3. The applicant sports organisation must be recognised by and affiliated to the International Federation/ Asian Federation/ Regional Federation/ recognised by the General Administration of Sport of China; and
4. The applicant sports organisation must be a non-profit making organisation[4] with articles of association registered as a company limited by guarantee under the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622).

B. Supplementary Information

1. To provide a comprehensive long-term development and promotion plan, including :-
   a. organisation of sports development programmes from grassroots level to territory-wide/international competition level;
   b. organisation of sports promotion programmes, including those with mass participation and territory-wide programmes / large scale events at international levels;
   c. nurturing of potential athletes and development of coaches and officials through official training programmes and registration system; and

1. The term "sports organisations" refers to any organisation with its articles of association specifying the development of sports / promotion of specific sports items as its core business.
2. The applicant sports organisation must have successful experience in organising training courses in the past two years.
3. Each case will be considered on its individual merits. For example, the status of the applicant organisation in the sport field concerned will be taken into account,
4. The applicant sports organisation must stipulate in its articles of association that it is run on a non-profit making basis.

d. development of a practicable implementation schedule to foster the development of the sport.

2. To provide relevant information on competency in the organisation and arrangement of programmes, including:-
   a. Relevant information on resources in respect of this application, e.g. provision and source of non-LCSD venues and non-governmental funding, and strategic plan for sustainability. Priority will be given to sports to be played at private and/or self-financed/non-LCSD venues;
   b. Relevant information on popularity of the sport involved in this application, such as the number of programmes and participants (elementary training programmes must be included in such an application), and recognition and support from the local community, e.g. joint venture with or funding support from non-governmental organisations and schools, etc.;
   c. Proven records on organisation of the relevant sports programmes in the past three years.

3. To put in place governance structure, policies with transparency and accountability, such as Code of Conduct, Procurement Guidelines and Accounting Procedure, etc. and composition of office bearers;

4. Priority will be given to the applicant sports organisations with any items in the following:
   a. The International Federation/ Asian Federation/ Regional Federation of the applicant sports organisation is a member of International Olympic Committee (IOC) / Olympic Committee of Asia;
   b. The applicant sports organisation is a member with Observer status of Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC); or
   c. The affiliated Federation of the applicant sports organisation is a member of Association of IOC Recognised International Sports Federations or Alliance of Independent Recognised Members of Sport but yet to be a member of SF&OC or eligible for applying Sports Subvention Scheme under the LCSD.

5. Priority will be given to the sports organisations which have never received subvention from the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports ("Pilot Scheme") or "Subvention Scheme for New Sports". If the applicant sports organisations have previously received subvention from the "Pilot Scheme" or "Subvention Scheme for New Sports", the LCSD will take into

consideration their past performance and records when vetting their applications.

II. Application Procedures

Eligible sports organisations wishing to apply for the "Subvention Scheme for New Sports" **(only for those sports events to be held locally)** must submit a duly completed application form together with all the required documents to the Sports Funding Office at 2/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin by post or via email at ssns@lcsd.gov.hk **on or before 5 January 2027**. For applications by post, the postmark date will be regarded as the date of submission. Late applications will not be entertained.

III. Briefing

- A briefing will be held to introduce the "Subvention Scheme for New Sports", the details of which are as follows:

Date & Time:	16 December 2026 (Wednesday) at 4:00 pm
Location:	Audio-Visual Room, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters Address: 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin, New Territories, Hong Kong
Note:	In case of Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above or a Black Rainstorm Signal issued by the Hong Kong Observatory, or "Extreme conditions" after super typhoons announced by the Government two hours before the briefing, the briefing will be cancelled.

- Each applicant organisation may assign **two representatives** to attend the briefing. The briefing session will be conducted in Cantonese.

- Please register by 14 December 2026 (Monday). Details of the contact are as follows:

Office	**Contact Number**	**Deadline for Registration**
Sports Funding Office	2601 8756	14 December 2026 (Monday)

IV. Application Results

- Applicant organisations will be informed of their application results in writing.
- In the event that the application is rejected, the decision shall be final and conclusive, against which no appeal mechanism is in place.

V. Enquiries

For further information, please contact the Sports Funding Office of the LCSD.
Telephone No. : 2601 8756
Fax No. : 2393 8177
Email : ssns@lcsd.gov.hk