Organised by the Fencing Association of Hong Kong, China Subvented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department Co-organised by the Education Bureau

School Sports Programme 2026 Outreach Coaching Fencing (Foil) Team Competition [Prospectus]

Objective To offer participants of the "Outreach Coaching Programme - Fencing"

> training course under the School Sports Programme (OC Fencing) an opportunity for exchanges to further develop their interest in Fencing, enhance

their skills and gain competition experience.

Schools that have participated in the OC Fencing training course are eligible to Eligibility

apply. Priority will be accorded to schools that joined the course between

1 September 2024 and 30 November 2025.

4 January 2026 (Sunday) Date

Time 9:00 am - 7:00 pm4.

5. Arena of Hong Kong Park Sports Centre Venue

Division		Date of Birth	Quota
Boys	Senior	Born on or before 31/12/2011	12 teams
	Junior	Born on or after 1/1/2012	12 teams
Girls	Senior	Born on or before 31/12/2011	12 teams
	Junior	Born on or after 1/1/2012	12 teams

(Each team is composed of 3 fencers and 1 substitute. Each school may enter a maximum of 3 teams in each division, namely Team A, B and C.)

Notes to Applicants

Division and Quota

- Each student may represent one team only and must be a bona fide student of the school represented by the team for the duration of the Competition. Students eligible for the Junior division may enter the Senior division.
- b. If a student is unable to compete due to injury or illness, the school must apply for a player substitution by sending a copy of the medical certificate to the Fencing Association of Hong Kong, China (FAHKC) via email (info@hkfa.org.hk) by noon on 12 December 2025 (Friday). The FAHKC has the final decision on whether to accept such an application. No changes to the list of participants will be accepted on the day of the Competition.
- c. If oversubscribed, places will be determined by ballot. Priority will be given to Team A of each school. Should there still be vacancies, Team B will be considered, and so on.
- How to Apply
- Please submit by post or in person the completed application form, together with a crossed cheque payable to "Fencing Association of Hong Kong, China", to the Fencing Association of Hong Kong, China (FAHKC) Office (Address: Rm 1011, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong). Please mark on the envelope "2026 Outreach Coaching Fencing (Foil) Team Competition". A separate form and a cheque are required for each team; otherwise the application will not be processed, and no further notice will be given.
- b. Once a team's participation is confirmed, all fees paid shall not be refunded.

- 9. Entry Fee
- HK\$125 per team (The cheque will be cleared only after the team's participation has been confirmed.)
- 10. Application Deadline
- 21 November 2025 (Friday) (For applications by post, the postmark date will be deemed the date of submission).
- 11. Quota Ballot
- The quota ballot will be held at 3:00 pm on 28 November 2025 (Friday) at the Office of the FAHKC (Address: Room 1011, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong). School representatives are welcome to attend. The ballot results will be announced no later than 5 December 2025 (Friday) under the "Latest News" section of the FAHKC website (Address: http://www.hkfa.org.hk). The entry fees for unsuccessful teams will be refunded in due course.

12. Format

- a. The Competition comprises two stages. The preliminary stage will adopt a single round robin format. Teams will be divided into pools of 3 or 4 by a live draw on the event day. Each match consists of 9 bouts, and the first team to score 36 points wins. Teams are ranked1st to 12th based on their preliminary results. The top eight teams advance to the second stage, which follows a direct elimination format. Each match again consists of nine bouts, and the first team to score 45 points wins.
- b. Each bout lasts up to 3 minutes. The clock runs continuously in the pool rounds, but stops on the referee's command during the direct elimination rounds.
- c. Only a maximum of 4 fencers and 1 coach or team manager from each team are permitted in the competition area. If more than 5 individuals are present, the referee may immediately issue a yellow card to the entire team as a warning. For repeated offences, a red or black card may be issued, and the team may be disqualified immediately.
- d. The team manager, coach or captain must verify their team's fencing order before each match. If a fencer is found to be competing out of the designated order, the match will be terminated immediately. The offending team will be declared the loser of that match with a score of 36-0 (for pool round matches) or 45-0 (for direct elimination matches).
- e. A starting team member who has been substituted by a reserve may be reinstated once to replace the same reserve. However, under no circumstances may a substituted member be used to substitute any other team member.
- f. Teams must complete all scheduled matches. Failure to do so will be considered a forfeit. The Organiser will disqualify the team from award eligibility.
- g. If a team withdraws from the Competition voluntarily or is disqualified, the entry fee will not be refunded.
- h. The Organiser reserves the right to modify the competition format as necessary.
- i. Unless otherwise specified in this prospectus, the existing rules and regulations of the FAHKC shall apply.

13. Awards

Trophies will be awarded to the Champion, the First Runner-up and two Second Runners-up (Double third Place) of each division. Members of the

winning teams will receive individual medals. Teams ranked fifth to eighth in each division will each receive a certificate.

14. Registration

- a. Participants must <u>report to the Organiser between 8:30am and 9:00am</u> on the event day. Any team failing to show up within three minutes after being called will be considered a forfeit.
- b. Participants must present a valid photo-bearing identification document (e.g. student handbook or student card) at registration for verification of eligibility. Those failing to do so will not be allowed to play in a match.
- c. If a team is found to have fielded an unregistered or unapproved player, the Organiser has the right to disqualify the player and the team concerned.
- d. The final competition schedule is subject to the announcement on-site.
- e. There will be no scheduled lunch break. Schools are advised to remind students to bring their own lunch and beverages and to plan their meals around the on-site schedule announcements.
- 15. Competition
 Equipment and Safety
 Regulation
- a. The foil mask with conductive bib and uniform used in the Competition must conform to the general rules and safety requirements, particularly the EN13567:2002 standard, i.e. the material can resist a pressure of at least 350 Newtons. (For details and the list of approved equipment brands, please refer to the relevant notices on the FAHKC website (http://www.hkfa.org.hk/EN/index.html).)
- b. Standard fencing equipment and clothing contain a fencing glove, a foil mask with conductive bib, a set of full uniform (including a jacket, breeches and an under-plastron), a pair of non-black knee-high socks, an electric jacket (left-handed fencers must wear left-handed jackets, and right-handed fencers must wear right-handed ones), an electric foil, a bodywire, a mask wire, and sufficient spare equipment.
- c. The foil mask with conductive bib must contain two independent safety systems, made of robust material, and be rust-free.
- d. Participants must prepare their own full set of standard fencing gear, and wear non-marking rubber-soled shoes during matches. The Organiser will not provide any equipment.
- e. Before taking the piste, participants must undergo a general inspection where referees will examine the brand labels on participants' masks and uniform to ensure the equipment meets the requirements. (For details of the approved equipment brands, please refer to the relevant notices on the FAHKC website (http://www.hkfa.org.hk/EN/index.html).
- f. Participants must use equipment that complies with the above safety standards. Should any non-conforming equipment be identified during a match, the Organiser reserves the right to order immediate replacement and issue a warning for each violation. Those who fail to replace the equipment promptly may result in disqualification.
- g. Non-competitors must stay clear of the competition area during matches and comply with the on-site arrangements.
- No appeal will be accepted. The referees' decisions on the spot shall be final. Participants shall raise no objection.

17. Inclement Weather Arrangements

- a. All matches scheduled on the competition day will be cancelled under any of the following circumstances. Participating schools will be notified of alternative arrangements in due course.
 - Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above, or Red/Black Rainstorm Signal is in force two hours before the reporting time for the first round of matches; or
 - The Environmental Protection Department has announced that the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) recorded at its general monitoring stations in the Central and Western District reaches 10+ ("Serious" health risk category); or
 - The Education Bureau has announced class suspensions.

Under other weather conditions, participants must still report to the Organiser as scheduled. The referees on site shall decide whether the matches will proceed as scheduled.

b. If the AQHI recorded at the general monitoring stations in the Central and Western District reaches 10+ ("Serious" health risk category) during the Competition, all ongoing matches shall be **suspended immediately.**

18. Remarks

The Organiser will take photographs and videos during the programme, and reserves the right to display/publish these materials on the Internet, at venues of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, on the Organiser's dedicated website, in publications and through other publicity channels for promotional or record-keeping purposes.

19. Enquiries

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In case of any inadequacy in this Prospectus, the Organiser reserves the right to amend it at any time without further notice.