Organised by the Squash Association of Hong Kong, China (SAHKC)
Subvented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)
Co-organised by the Education Bureau

School Sports Programme
2027 Outreach Coaching Programme - Squash Team Competition
【Prospectus】

1. Objective ： To offer participants of the "Outreach Coaching Programme – Squash" training course under the School Sports Programme (SSP) an opportunity for exchange to develop their interest in squash, enhance their skills and gain experience in competitions.
2. Eligibility ： Priority will be given to schools which have participated in the Squash training course under the Outreach Coaching Programme between **1 September 2025 and 31 December 2026** to take part in the Competition. If the quota is not filled, other schools which have participated in the above programme on or before **31 August 2025** are welcome.
3. Time and Venue：

	Date	Time	Venue
Preliminary Round	28 February 2027 (Sunday)	9:00am – 6:00pm	Cornwall Street Squash and Table Tennis Centre
	6 March 2027 (Saturday)		
Final Round	7 March 2027 (Sunday)		

4. Division and Quota：

Division			Quota
	Group	Class	
Boys	Junior Primary	Primary 1-3	10 teams
	Senior Primary	Primary 4-6	10 teams
	Junior Secondary	Secondary 1-3	8 teams
	Senior Secondary	Secondary 4-6	8 teams
Girls	Junior Primary	Primary 1-3	8 teams
	Senior Primary	Primary 4-6	10 teams
	Junior Secondary	Secondary 1-3	8 teams
	Senior Secondary	Secondary 4-6	8 teams

   a. Each team is composed of **2-3 students**. All teams must meet the condition stated in paragraph 2 above.
   b. For efficient use of resources, the Organiser may adjust the quota for each division in the light of application response. The quota of each division will be finalised on the ballot date. Participating schools/ students shall raise no objection.

5. Notes on application:
   a. If the number of applications exceeds the quota, places will be allocated by ballot. Each school may submit applications for a maximum of **4 teams**. Team A of each school will be allocated first and Team B will have chance to be accepted if there are remaining places.
   b. Each student may only represent one team from his/ her school. Participants must be current students of their school during the Competition. If a participant is found representing more than one team, the teams concerned may be disqualified.
   c. Participants may only enrol in the division appropriate to their age.
   d. Confirmation letters with payment details will be sent to successful applicants and successful waiting list applicants in due course.
   e. The list of participants is not subject to change after payment has been completed.
   f. The Organiser has the right to disqualify a member or his/ her team if he/ she is found taking part in the Competition without prior application.

6. Submission of Enrolment Form:

   Each school should send the completed application form(s) together with a crossed cheque (payable to **"Squash Association of Hong Kong, China"**) for payment of the application fee(s) (**HK$140 per team**) to the Squash Association of Hong Kong, China Office (Address: **G/F, Hong Kong Squash Centre, 23 Cotton Tree Drive, Hong Kong**) by post. Please mark "**2027 Outreach Coaching Programme - Squash Team Competition**" on the envelope.

7. Application Fee: HK$140 per team

8. Deadline for Application:

   8 January 2027 (Friday) (The postmark date will be deemed the date of submission)

9. Important date:

   a. The quota ballot will be held at Hong Kong Squash Centre at **11:30 am on 11 January 2027 (Monday)**. School representatives are welcomed. The balloting result will also be posted on the SAHKC's webpage on **13 January 2027 (Wednesday)**. Please visit: www.hksquash.org.hk. Unsuccessful applicant will be returned cheque later.

   b. The open ballot of draw fixture will be held at Hong Kong Squash Centre at **11:30 am on 19 January 2027 (Tuesday)**. School representatives are welcomed. The fixtures will be sent to schools informing them of the reporting time on the competition day by email, or you may visit the following webpage on or before **25 January 2027 (Monday)**.

      SAHKC website: www.hksquash.org.hk
      LCSD website: www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/download_info/download.html#2

10. Transport:

    Schools are required to arrange their own transport to and from the competition venue. No parking arrangement will be made by the Organiser.

11. Format:

    a. An individual, single knock-out system or ranking matches (for groups with fewer than 8 participants) will be adopted in the competition. A match will be played to the Best of 3 games, Point-a-rally (PAR) scoring system up to 11 points. In the case of a 10:10 tie, the player who first achieves a 2-point lead will be the winner.

    b. The total score of each team will be the sum of the ranking scores of its players. (Results will be calculated on a team basis.)

    c. Unless otherwise stipulated in this prospectus, the existing rules employed by the Squash Association of Hong Kong, China will be adopted.

    d. The Organiser has the right to change the format as necessary.

12. Reporting on Arrival:

    a. Participants shall **report to the staff of the Organiser 15 minutes before the scheduled reporting time**. Those who fail to show up **within five minutes** after the scheduled match time will be deemed to have waived their right to participate.

    b. Participants shall produce **unambiguous proof of identity bearing photos**, e.g. student handbooks, student cards, etc. to the staff of the Organiser on the competition day for verification.

    c. The competition schedule shall be as announced on-site.

13. Inclement Weather Arrangements:

    a. In case the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above, or Rainstorm Signal Amber, Red, or Black is issued by the Hong Kong Observatory two hours before the reporting time for the first round of events on the competition day; or the Environmental Protection Department has announced that the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) recorded at its general monitoring stations reaches 10+ ("Serious" health risk category) in the competition area; or the Education Bureau has announced the closure of schools, all events on the day will be cancelled. Participants will be notified of the corresponding arrangements. Under other adverse weather conditions, all participants are required to report to the Organiser as scheduled. The referees on the site shall decide whether the Competition should proceed or not.

    b. If the AQHI recorded at the general monitoring stations in the competition area reaches 10+ ("Serious" health risk category) during the Competition, all events in progress shall be **terminated immediately.**

14. Remarks:
    a. Players' lists cannot be altered once they have been confirmed. The Organiser has the right to disqualify such player and the team concerned not complying with this requirement.
    b. All participants should bring their own racket, wear proper sportswear, non-marking sports shoes and their own protective eyewear for matches.
    c. Schools should remind their students to bring along their own food and drinks for the Competition.
    d. In case of a breach of the rules or regulations of the Competition or display of unsporting behaviour by a teacher-in-charge, leader or member of a team, the referees shall have the right to disqualify the team from the Competition.
    e. The Organiser and the LCSD will carry out photo shoots/video-filming/arrange broadcasting during the competitions, and has the right to display/publish the event photos or videos on the Internet, at venues of the LCSD, on the dedicated website, in publications of the Organiser and through other publicity channels, for promotion of activities or record purposes.
15. Awards:
    a. Prizes will be awarded to the champion and the first, second and third runners-up of each division. Trophies and medals will be awarded to winners.
    b. Results will be calculated on a school basis. There will be an overall champion in each of the 4 divisions (Junior Primary, Senior Primary, Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary Divisions). Results will be determined by the sum of the ranking scores of each school's best 6 players in a division. If there is a tie in the numbers of champion, first, second and third runners-up titles won, the teams will share the position and the prizes will be presented later.
    c. If any participants withdrawn or fail to complete all matches, his/ her result will not be counted in the overall team score.
    d. If two or more schools have the same overall score, the best individual scores of the schools concerned will be compared, and the one with the higher ranking will be ranked first. If the results are the same again, compare the results of the next best player, and so on. If 6 players have the same ranking, the team results of the relevant schools will be tied.

Team Score

Position	Score
65th or above	1
33rd - 64th	2
17th – 32nd	4
9th - 16th	8
5th - 8th	10
3rd - 4th	12
2nd	14
1st	16

16. Other Award:
    a. This competition is a scoring event of the School Sports Programme Award Scheme – LCSD Cup.
    b. A total of 16 awards will be presented. Trophies will be awarded at the 2027 School Sports Programme Prize Presentation Ceremony cum Carnival to honour schools with the most outstanding performance between 1 September 2026 and 31 May 2027. The awards include:

    LCSD Cup–Primary School Boys' Division: Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up

    LCSD Cup–Primary School Girls' Division: Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up

    LCSD Cup–Secondary School Boys' Division: Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up

    LCSD Cup–Secondary School Girls' Division: Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up

    c. For details, please refer to the webpage of LCSD School Sports Programme at https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/lcsd_cup/lcsd_cup_intro.html

17. Appeal:

    No appeal will be accepted. The referees' decision on the results made on the competition day shall be final. Participants shall raise no objection.

    The organizer will not accept video footage submitted by any party as a basis for complaints.

18. Enquiries: Squash Association of Hong Kong, China (Telephone number: 2337 6202)
19. Squash Association of Hong Kong, China reserves the right to amend this prospectus at any time without giving any prior notice.
20. In case of discrepancy between the English and Chinese version in respect of all or any part of the contents, the Chinese version shall prevail.
21. The Organiser has the right for all decisions raised from the competition.

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