Organised by The Baseball Association of Hong Kong, China
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**School Sports Programme**
**2026 Easy Sport Competition － Baseball5**

## Notes to Participants

Format:

a. The competition adopts a single round-robin group format. The top two teams advance to the final, while the third and fourth placed teams compete in a third-place playoff.

b. The rules and regulations of Baseball5 will be adopted.

c. Each game lasts for 25 minutes, and no new innings will be started after 20 minutes. All runs scored will be counted. Two completed innings will be considered a regulation game, with a maximum of five innings.

d. Mercy Rule:
A game is over if a team leads by 15 runs at the end of the third inning, or 10 runs at the end of the fourth inning. A game can also be brought to a close if a team leads by 10 or more runs during the top of the fifth inning. In the event of a tie at the conclusion of a regulation game, the team having scored more outs will be declared the winner. If the numbers of outs are the same, the winner will be determined by a draw.

e. The line-up card must list the five active players batting from one to five, and such batting order must remain the same throughout the game. In the event of a substitution, the substitute shall bat in the replaced player's position in the batting order.

f. Unless otherwise stipulated in this Prospectus, the existing rules of the Baseball Association of Hong Kong, China (BAHKC) shall apply.

g. The Organiser reserves the right to change the competition format as necessary.

Registration:

a. Participating teams must report to the Organiser with their line-up card 30 minutes before the start of the game. Those who fail to show up within five minutes of being called by the Organiser will result in a forfeit.

b. Members of participating team must present a valid photo-bearing identification document (e.g. student handbook, student card) for verification before the competition.

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

Inclement Weather Arrangements :

a. All matches will be cancelled if the Education Bureau announces school suspension or if Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above, Red or Black Rainstorm Warning Signal remains in force two hours before the reporting time for the first round of matches on the competition day. Participants will be notified of alternative arrangements in due course. Under other weather conditions, all participants are required to report to the Organiser on time. The referee on site will decide whether matches proceed as scheduled.

b. If the Environmental Protection Department announces that the Air Quality Health Index recorded by general stations in the area reaches 10+ ("Serious" health risk category), all ongoing matches will be **suspended immediately.**

Remarks:

a. Schools should remind their students to bring along their lunch and sufficient drinks.

b. All teams must prepare two sets of sportswear in different colours (one in dark colour and the other in light colour). Team members must wear proper sportswear and shoes with non-marking rubber outsoles during the Competition.

c. All participants must not wear metal spike shoes and metal jewellery during the matches.

d. The Organiser will provide Baseball5 balls.

e. Fielders must catch the ball with bare hands, catching with caps is not permitted.

f. The dimensions of a field are as follows:

g. Participating teams which play in consecutive matches may take a break of 5 to 10 minutes between each match. The Organiser reserves the right to make arrangements according to actual circumstances. Participating teams must not request postponement of matches on the grounds of fatigue.

h. Any team leaving the playing area during a match must be deemed to have forfeited the match. The opposing team must be declared the winner by the Organiser.

i. In case of a breach of the rules or regulations of the Competition or unsporting behaviour by a team leader or team member, the referee must have the right to disqualify the team from the Competition.

j. The Organiser 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 Leisure and Cultural Services Department, on the dedicated website, in publications of the Organiser and through other publicity channels, for promotion of activities or record purposes.

Appeal: No appeal will be accepted. The referees' decision on the competition results shall be final.