# Jointly organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the Badminton Association of Hong Kong, China Co-organised by the Education Bureau

# School Sports Programme 2026 Easy Sport Competition — Badminton

# [Prospectus]

- 1. Objective: To offer former participants of the Easy Sport Programme Badminton Competition under the School Sports Programme (SSP) an exchange opportunity to develop their interest in badminton, enhance their skills and gain competition experience.
- 2. Eligibility: The competition is open to primary schools participated in the Easy Sport Programme—Badminton between <u>1 September 2024 and 31 December 2025</u>.

#### 3. Time and Venue:

	Date	Time	Venue
Preliminary Round	1 March 2026 (Sunday)	8:00am – 4:00pm	To Kwa Wan Sports Centre
Finals	8 March 2026 (Sunday)	8:00am – 4:00pm	To Kwa Wan Sports Centre
Fallback Day	15 March 2026 (Sunday)	8:00am – 4:00pm	To Kwa Wan Sports Centre

## 4. Division, Age and Quota:

Division		Age (Year of Birth)	Quota	
Boys' Single	A	Aged 10 or above (born in 2016 or before)	32	
	В	Aged 9 or below (born in 2017 or after)	32	
Girls' Single	A	Aged 10 or above (born in 2016 or before)	32	
	В	Aged 9 or below (born in 2017 or after)	32	

#### 5. Points to Note on Enrolment:

- a. Each student may represent only one school and must be a current student of the school at the time of the competition.
- b. Participants may only enrol in the division appropriate to their age.
- c. Each school may enrol a maximum of 8 students in each division. Please indicate their priority order on the enrolment form.
- d. For efficient use of resources, the Organiser may adjust the quotas for each division based on actual enrolment. The final quotas for each division will be determined on the ballot day, and all decisions shall be final.
- e. Quotas in each division will be evenly distributed among all participating school. Any remaining places will be allocated by ballot.
- f. Please submit the completed enrolment form to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) by email, post or by fax (Email address: applicationssp@lcsd.gov.hk; fax number 2684 9076 or 2697 5087) to this Office.

- g. Schools will be notified of the list of successful applicants and payment instructions by post in due course.
- h. All information provided in the enrolment form must be accurate and complete. Once submitted, no amendments to the form will be accepted, including changes to selected divisions and applicants' particulars (except for updates to contact telephone number and correspondence address).
- i. Applicants who provide false information will be disqualified. Their competition results will be nullified and enrolment fees will not be refunded.
- j. The Organiser reserves the right to disqualify any participants at its discretion.
- 6. Fee: HK\$30 per person (covers both preliminary round and finals)
- 7. Application Deadline:

28 November 2025 (Friday) (The postmark or email date will be taken as the enrolment date.)

#### 8. Place Allocation Ballot:

The ballot will be held at 2:30 pm on 8 December 2025 at 1/F lobby, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters. School representatives are welcome to attend. Successful schools will be notified by post, while unsuccessful schools will not be contacted further. The ballot result will be posted on the LCSD's website on 12 December 2025 (Friday):

http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition\_info/competition\_info.html

If an Acknowledgement Receipt is not received by 4 December 2025 (i.e. two working days before the ballot), please contact our staff on 2601 8861 or 2601 7602 to verify receipt of your enrolment. Otherwise, the Organiser may not be able to process your enrolment.

- 9. Payment Period for Successful Applicants: 15 to 30 December 2025
- 10. Payment Period for Waiting List Applicants: 7 to 14 January 2026

#### 11. Draw:

The draw will be held at 2:30 pm on 19 January 2026 at 1/F Lobby, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters. All are welcome to attend. Participating schools will be notified of the draw results and reporting times by post. The same information will also be posted on the LCSD website on 23 January 2026:

http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition\_info/competition\_info.html

#### 12. Format:

a. A single round-robin system on a group basis will be adopted in the preliminary round and a single knock-out system in the finals. In the preliminary round, participants shall compete in groups of 4 players. The group size may be adjusted based on the actual number of entries. Players are awarded 2 points for a win, 1 point for a loss, and 0 points for a forfeit (recorded as a 0:31 loss). In case of a tie between two players, the head-to-head record will determine the ranking. For ties involving multiple players, the total point differential across all matches will be used. If the tie remains unresolved, the ranking shall be determined by a draw. Depending on the number of entries, the top one or two players in each group will advance to the finals.

- b. All matches will adopt a 31-point rally scoring system with no deuce. Players shall change ends when one side reaches 16 points.
- c. Unless otherwise stipulated in this prospectus, the current rules employed by the Badminton Association of Hong Kong, China will be adopted.
- d. The Organiser reserves the right to change the competition format as necessary.

## 13. Registration:

- a. Participants must pay close attention to the announcements, report on time and compete as scheduled. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit.
- b. Participants must report to the court 15 minutes before the scheduled time of the match. Those who fail to start the game within <u>five minutes of being called</u> by the umpire will result in a walkover. Their results and awards will be nullified and the enrolment fee will not be refunded. No objection shall be raised.
- c. Participants must present <u>a valid photo-bearing identification document</u> (e.g. student handbook, student card) for verification before the competition.
- d. The competition schedule shall be as announced on-site.

#### 14. Awards:

- a. Each participant will receive a commemorative certificate.
- b. The actual number of awards will be determined based on the number of participants, as detailed below. All winners will be awarded trophies and/or certificates immediately following the finals.

Number participants	<u>of</u>	Awards		Remarks
Under 6		Champion, first runner-up ar second runner-up	nd	
7 to 11		Champion, first runner-usecond runner-up and this runner-up	1	
12 or more		Champion, first runner-usecond runner-up and this runner-up	•	4 additional merit awards

c. For participants who fail to attend or complete any event, the Organiser reserves the right to revoke their eligibility for prizes, and no trophies or certificates will be awarded.

## 15. Other Award:

- a. This competition is a scoring event of the School Sports Programme Award Scheme (Pilot Scheme)–LCSD Cup.
- b. A total of 16 awards will be presented. Trophies will be awarded at the 2026 School Sports Programme Prize Presentation Ceremony cum Carnival to honour schools with the most outstanding performance between 1 January 2026 and 10 June 2026.

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 <a href="http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/tc/ssp/index.html">http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/tc/ssp/index.html</a>

# 16. Appeal:

The officiating duties of the matches are performed by qualified umpires. Participants must accept all decisions as final. No appeal will be entertained.

## 17. Inclement Weather Arrangements

- a. If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above, or a Red/Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is in force two hours before the reporting time for the first round of events on the competition day; or the Environmental Protection Department announces an Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) of 10+ ("Serious" health risk category) recorded at its general monitoring station in the concerned area (i.e. Kowloon City District); or the Education Bureau announces class suspension, all events on that day will be cancelled. Participants will be notified of alternative arrangements. Under other weather conditions, participants are still required to report to the venue on time. The Referee on site will determine whether competitions proceed as scheduled.
- b. All ongoing competitions will be <u>suspended immediately</u> if the AQHI recorded at the general monitoring station in the area reaches 10+ ("Serious" health risk category).

### 18. Remarks:

- a. Participants must wear appropriate sportswear and sports shoes with non-marking rubber outsoles during the competition.
- b. Those sitting in the coach stand should be dressed properly and avoid improper clothing such as jeans, shorts, flip-flops or sandals. The Referee will decide if a coach is properly dressed. For details, please refer to the Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct of the Badminton World Federation:

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In case of violation, the Referee or the Organiser reserves the right to ask the person in question to leave the arena.

c. Participants shall bring their own rackets. According to the suggestion of the Badminton Association of Hong Kong, China, the length of a racket shall not exceed 68 cm. Shuttlecocks to be used in the Competition shall be provided by the Organiser.

- d. Participants who play in consecutive matches may take a break of 5 to 10 minutes between each match. The Organiser reserves the right to adjust according to actual circumstances. Participants must not request postponement of matches on the grounds of fatigue.
- e. Schools should remind their students to bring along their lunch and sufficient drinks.
- f. Participants must observe all the regulations stipulated by the Organiser and the competition venue.
- g. If any participant is found to have engaged in impersonation or is deemed by the Organiser to have violated the rules or engaged in misconduct that adversely affects the competition, the Organiser reserves the right to order the participant(s) in question to withdraw from the Competition and to void all the results attained. The enrolment fee paid will not be refunded.
- h. The LCSD reserves the right to publish the results of the competition.
- i. In addition to the rules and remarks stated in this prospectus, participants must also comply with all the detailed provisions specified in the attached Notes to Participants.
- j. The Organiser will take photographs/videos/audios during the competition, and reserves the right to display/publish these materials on the Internet, at LCSD venues, on the Organiser's dedicated website, in publications, and through other publicity channels for promotion and record purposes.

## 19. Enquiries:

School Sports Programme Unit, 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3, Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin. (Telephone number: 2601 7602)

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