

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

School Sports Programme
2024 Easy Sport Competition — TOUCH Rugby Competition

【Prospectus】

1. Objective: To offer former participants of the Easy Sport Programme — Rugby under the School Sports Programme (SSP) an opportunity for exchanges to develop their interests in Rugby and enhance their skills and gain experience in competitions.
2. Eligibility: Priority will be accorded to primary schools which participated in the Easy Sport Programme — Rugby between 1 September 2022 and 31 December 2023. Other applicants will be accorded a lower priority.

3. Date, Time and Venue:

Date	Time	Venue
2/6/2024 (Sunday)	8:30am – 6:00pm	Po Kong Village Road Park (Artificial Turf Pitch) (Address: 140 Po Kong Village Road, Diamond Hill, Kowloon)

4. Division and Quota:

Division		Age as at 2024 (Year of Birth)	Quota
Boys Team	Age 10-13	2011-2014	32 teams (7-14 students each team)
Girls Team			16 teams (7-14 students each team)

For efficient use of the 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/participants shall raise no objection.

5. Notes on application:

- a. Priority will be accorded to schools which participated in the Easy Sport Programme — rugby between 1 September 2022 and 31 December 2023. If the number of applying schools exceeds the quota, the places will be allocated by ballot. If there are remaining places after the first round of ballot, teams with lower priority may be considered. **Each school may enrol a maximum of 1 team in each division.** Any places still remaining will be allocated by ballot to schools which have never participated in the Easy Sport Easy Sport Programme — Rugby.
- b. Each student may only be in one team and should be a current student of the school represented by the team during the Competition. Participants may only enrol in the division appropriate to their age.

- c. Please submit completed application forms by post or by fax (fax number: 2684 9076 or 2697 5087) to this Office.
 - d. A list of successful applicants and payment details will be sent to the schools concerned by post.
 - e. The list of participants is not subject to change after payment has been completed.
6. Fee: \$80 dollars per team
7. Application submission period:
8 March to 26 March 2024 (The postmark date will be deemed the date of submission.)
8. Enrolment ballot:
The ballot will be held at 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters at 2:30 pm on 8 April 2024. Representatives of schools are welcome to attend. Schools allocated with places will be informed by post, while unsuccessful ones will not be notified. The ballot result will be posted on the following website on 12 April 2024:
http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition_info/competition_info.html
If an Acknowledgement Receipt is not received within two working days before the ballot date (i.e. 3 April 2024), please contact our staff on Team 1: 2601 7607 or 2601 7602 to check if we have received your application. Otherwise, we may not be able to process your application.
9. Payment period for successful applicants: 15 to 26 April 2024
10. Payment period for successful waiting list applicants: 27 April to 2 May 2024
11. Match Draw:
The match draw will be held at 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters at 2:30 pm on 9 May 2024. Visitors are welcome. Letters will be sent to participating schools informing them of the results of the draw and reporting time. The relevant information will also be posted on the LCSD's web page on 13 May 2024:
http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ssp/competition_info/competition_info.html
12. Format:
- a. Boy's division are separated in **8 Pools**. **The top teams from each pool** will process to quarter-finals. The winning teams in quarter-finals will compete for the Championship and 3rd runners up; the losing teams from quarter-finals will compete for the 4th to 7th runners up merits award.
 - b. Girl's division are separated in **4 Pools**. **The top two teams from each pool** will process to quarter-finals. The winning teams in quarter-finals will compete for the Championship and 3rd runners up; the losing teams from quarter-finals will compete for the 4th to 7th runners up merits award.
 - c. Unless explicitly stated in this prospectus, the 5th Edition FIT Rules will be adopted.
 - d. The Organiser has the right to change the format as necessary.

13. Reporting on Arrival:

- a. Participants shall report to the staff of the Organiser 30 minutes before the scheduled time of the match. Those who fail to show up within five minutes after the staff of the Organiser's roll call 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.

14. Inclement Weather Arrangements

- a. In case the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above, or Rainstorm Signal Amber / Red / 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 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**.
- c. The Organiser will re-arrange the matches affected on 10 June 2024 (Mon).

15. Remarks:

- a. 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 shall not request postponement of matches on the grounds of fatigue.
- b. Schools should remind their students to bring along their lunch and sufficient drinks.
- c. Any team leaving the playing area during a match shall be deemed to have forfeited the match. The opposing team shall be declared the winner by the Organiser.
- d. 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 shall have the right to disqualify the team from the Competition.
- e. All teams shall prepare two sets of sportswear in different colours (one in dark colour and

the other in light colour). Team members shall wear proper sportswear and shoes with non-marking rubber outsoles during the Competition.

- f. Due to the safety reason, no player is allowed to wear glasses. If students need to wear safety goggles. The Rugby Union Staff will decide the Safety goggles is appropriate or not, no appeal will be accepted. School and students should sign up the declaration immediately.
- g. 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.

16. Awards:

- a. Each team member will receive a commemorative certificate.
- b. A certificate, medal and trophy will be awarded to the Champion, 1st runner-up, 2nd runner-up, 3rd runner-up and 4th – 7th runner-up in each division immediately after the final match. (The actual number of awards may be subject to change due to the number of participants.)
- c. For participating teams which fail to show up for or complete any event, the Organiser has the right to revoke their eligibility for prizes and no trophies, medals or certificates will be given to them.

17. Appeal:

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

18. Enquiries:

School Sports Programme Unit, 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3, Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin. (Telephone number: 2601 7607)

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