



The Schools Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China

All Hong Kong Inter-Primary Schools Fencing Competition 2025-2026

General Rules

1. Competition Information (Tentative)

Competition	Date	Time	Venue
Foil's Girls C Grade & Sabre's Boys	3/4/2026 (Fri)	08:00-21:00	Tung Cheong Street Sports Centre
Foil's Girls A & B Grade, Sabre's Girls	4/4/2026 (Sat)	08:00-21:00	Po Wing Road Sports Centre
Foil's Boys C Grade	5/4/2026 (Sun)	08:00-21:00	
Foil's Boys A & B Grade	6/4/2026 (Mon)	08:00-21:00	
Epee's Boys & Girls	7/4/2026 (Tue)	08:00-21:00	

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Participating school must be member schools of the HKSSF in 2025-2026.
- 2.2 Participants must have registered with the HKSSF in 2025-2026.

3. Entry Fee

Entry Fee per participant is HK\$ 250.

4. Enrollment Details :

- 4.1 **Closing Date : 16 March 2026 (Monday).** [No late applications will be accepted]
The participating list will be uploaded on HKSSF's website at 12:00 noon, 20 March 2026 (Friday). Please report to HKSSF secretariat at external@hkssf.org.hk & 2768 8212 in case of any missing or incorrect information before 5:00 p.m., 24 March 2026 (Tuesday).
- 4.2 ONLY entry via online system and submitted by schools will be accepted.

5. Competition System

- 5.1 In pools event, each bout ends when a fencer has scored 5 hits; or reached the 3-minute time limit, fencer who has greater no. of hits is declared winner. In direct elimination, bouts are for 10 hits or end when the two periods of 3 minutes, with a one-minute rest between each period has passed. The fencer who has scored the greater number of hits is declared winner. The clock shall not stop for poule events bouts.
- 5.2 Around 50% will be eliminated from the round of pools.
- 5.3 For foil and epee event at table of 16 at elimination bout, the tip of the sword must undergo a weight test. (Foil 500g, Epee 750g), and Epee also require to conduct gauge test.
- 5.4 Seeding
 - 5.4.1 Based on the final rankings of last year's Hong Kong Inter-School Fencing Competition, the rankings for the first to sixteenth places will be calculated according to the same competition categories.
 - 5.4.2 Athletes must compete in the same category as last year in order to have their rankings counted; otherwise, they will not be included in the rankings.
 - 5.4.3 The rankings will be handled in a provisional manner and will not promote subsequent positions.

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6. Event, Category and Quota

- 6.1 Competition comprises Foil, Epee and Sabre events **while Epee and Sabre as demonstration events.**
- 6.2 Individual events include Foil's Boys and Girls A Grade, B Grade and C Grade (6 events);
Epee and Sabre's Boy and Girls (4 events)
A Grade : Holders of A Grade Student Athlete Registration Card
B Grade : Holders of B Grade Student Athlete Registration Card
C Grade : Holders of C Grade Student Athlete Registration Card
- 6.3 Fencers can only participate in one weapon competition, i.e. either in Foil, Epee or Sabre competition.
- 6.4 **Each school is allowed to enter not more than 3 fencers in an individual event.**

7. Competition Attire

Fencers must be in full fencing equipment, including fencing uniform (jacket, under plastron, breeches, stocking and shoes) and other necessary equipment (mask, conductive jacket, weapons, body wires, mask wires and glove). No fencing equipment will be provided by the organizer. The referee shall / might disqualify any fencer who does not comply with the equipment rules. In case of any disputes, the decision of the Chief Referee shall be final. Key Points on Competition Equipment Requirements are listed below:

7.1 Fencing Clothing

Includes a jacket, under plastron, and breeches. The clothing should be in good condition, undamaged, and must meet the length requirements specified in the regulations. It must comply with international standard EN13567:2002, with a minimum resistance to perforation by a force of at least 350 Newtons. All equipment must be certified by the CFA, CFA Pro or FIE (with an official certification label on the clothing) or approved by the FAHKC. Please refer to (Note 1) for details.

Participants must wear a fencing jacket appropriate for the sword-arm of the fencer. The fastenings (typically zippers) must be protected with a sewn-over flap that covers the fastening in the direction of the weapon arm — from right to left for right-handed fencers, and from left to right for left-handed ones.

In addition, fencers are **not required** to have their surname or initials printed in Chinese or English on the back of their fencing jacket or conductive jacket.

7.2 Mask and Mask Wire

All fencers in each event must prepare mask of specific weapon, which are not damaged and in good condition; the mask must contain two different safety systems at the rear of the mask, with the two ends of the straps of the systems firmly affixed to the two sides of the mask, size is fit which will not tilt after wearing, and It must comply with international standard EN13567:2002, with a minimum resistance to perforation by a force of at least 350 Newtons. All equipment must be certified by the CFA, CFA Pro or FIE (with an official certification label on the mask) or approved by the FAHKC. Please refer to (Note 1) for details.

Coiled mask wire is not allowed for Foil and Sabre events. Fencers must bring at least two functioning mask wires for competition, to allow for immediate replacement in case of damage.



7.3 Conductive Jacket

Fencers competing in Foil and Sabre events must wear a conductive jacket. And must wear an electric jacket appropriate for the sword-arm of the fencer. The conductive jacket must be complete, undamaged, in good condition, have reliable electrical conductivity, meet the competition's length requirements, and fully cover the valid target area of the fencer.

All fencers are additionally **prohibited** from using conductive jackets manufactured by the brand YiPing.

7.4 Glove

Glove must be worn on the sword-arm. Sabre fencer must wear sabre glove or conductive glove's cuff for the sabre. The direction of the glove's cuff must comply with the regulations and rules. Please refer to (Note 1) for details.

7.5 Shoes

Shoes must be non-marking sneakers or fencing shoes.

7.6 Socks

Fencers must wear socks which cover the legs right up to the knees, the socks must be held up in such a way that they cannot fall. Socks in black, either entirely or primarily black, are not allowed.

7.7 Weapon

All fencers must prepare at least two functioning weapons for the replacement in case of malfunction.

Fencers in A&B Grade can use weapon of size 5 (adult size) or below, while C Grade foil fencers must use weapon of size 0 (children's size).

For épée competitors, the socket inside the guard may contain one or two separate holes, allowing wires encased in insulating tubing to pass through and connect to the socket.

7.8 Body Wire

Fencers must prepare at least two functioning body wires for the matches, and to replace immediately in case of malfunction.

The sockets at the end of the body wire do not need to be made of transparent material.

7.9 Chest Protector

All fencers are required to wear at least a plastic chest protector (hard chest protector) during matches. Fencers may choose whether or not to use an additional soft chest protector padding.

7.10 Hair style

Hair must be tucked / tied into the mask before the match can be played, or else the fencer will be given a yellow card warning.

(Note 1) Please see the links for details of competition equipment. For detailed information on competition equipment, please refer to the official website of the FAHKC. All participants are also encouraged to visit the site regularly to stay updated on the latest equipment regulations and related announcements.

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[2025 SEMI New regulation and procedure](#)

[Display of National Flag & Emblem, Regional Flag & Emblem on fencing equipment](#)

[Banned to use YiPing conductive jacket](#)

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8. The Award

- 8.1 1st, 2nd and two 3rd places will be awarded in each individual event. Each winner will receive one medal; and the top 8 fencers will receive a certificate.
- 8.2 All six team events including Boy's and Girl's A,B,C Grades will be awarded.
- 8.3 In team competition,
16 teams or below with the top 4 awarded with trophies;
17 teams or above with the top 8 awarded with trophies.
- 8.3.1 Point system for team event

Position	Points
1st	16
2nd	14
3rd	12
5th	8
6th	7
7th	6
8th	5
9th-12th	4
13th-16th	3
17th-20th	2
21st-32nd	1

- 8.3.2 Only the sum of the scores of the three fencers with the best results will be calculated for each school in each group; schools with less than two competitors will not be awarded the team score.
- 8.3.3 The competition is divided into preliminary rounds and finals. Athletes who fail to enter the finals will be ranked after those who entered the finals to calculate group points. In case of a tie on points, the one with the higher ranking in the individual competition shall win.

9. Competition Rule

- 9.1 Unless stipulated, all rules and regulations will follow the General Rules of HKSSF's Primary Schools Sports Competition and the rules of the FAHKC.
- 9.2 Competition schedule may subject to change, please pay attention to onsite official announcement (mainly apply FIE rules).
- 9.3 Any fencer **fails to report after final call** will declare walkover.
- 9.4 All participants must bring their own complete competition gear. If any equipment fails to meet the organizer's requirements, they will be given **approximately three minutes** to replace the relevant gear. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the competition at the organizer's discretion.
- 9.5 During poule and direct elimination, each match concludes when either one side reaches the designated score or the match reaches the specified time limit — whichever comes first.
- 9.6 **Coaching Permit**
- 9.6.1 Start from elimination bout, only coaches with valid coach permit are allowed to enter the field of competition for coaching.
- 9.6.2 Unregistered coaches are NOT allowed to enter the Field of Competition.
- 9.6.3 Registered coaches must submit Coach Permit Application Form and affix a recent photo. Deadline for application: **before 5:00 p.m., 26 March 2026 (Thursday)**
- 9.6.4 The list of Coach Permit Holders will be uploaded on HKSSF's web at **12:00 noon, 30 March 2026 (Monday)** and the Coach Permits will distribute on day of competition;
- 9.6.5 Please report to the Reporting Area in case of loss of Coach Permit. Reissue of permit requires HKD\$50 as administration fee.
- 9.7 Fencers who fail to complete all competitions will declare walkover.



- 9.8 Fencers may request **a three minutes (in pool round) or a five minutes (in DE round) rest** in case of consecutive matches. However, the organizer has the right to adjust the rest time according to onsite situation. Fencer cannot ask for a delay in the match on the basis of fatigue.
- 9.9 Three levels of warnings:
Yellow Card - Warning;
Red Card – Penalty Hit;
Black Card – Exclusion from the competition.
- Additional warnings for Unwillingness to fight (Non-combativity)
P-Yellow – Warning for both fencers
P-Red – Penalty Hit for both fencers
P-Black –If the fencer receive P-black cards simultaneously, the fencer with the higher ranking after pool will be the winner of the match. If both fencers are tied rank, the winner will be determined by drawing lots.
- 9.10 Fencer must sign on result sheet to confirm the scores after finish of match. No alteration of results is allowed once scores are confirmed.
- 9.11 Please keep quiet during the competition. Referees are authorized to stop the competition and give warnings or even request the person who disturbs the competition to leave the venue.
- 9.12 There is no appeal for the competition and all decisions of the Referees shall be final.
- 9.13 Referees will be appointed by the FAHKC.

10. Competition Flow

- 10.1 Before queue up for reporting, fencers please check his/her respective participating number shown on left side of the participating list at hkssf.org.hk ;
Fencers must present their valid HKSSF student registration card (HKSSF card) in person during designated reporting period. Those who fails to show the HKSSF card will not be allowed to take part in the competition ;
Registration card is only valid when stamped by the HKSSF and marked with 'E-Card'.
- 10.2 After finish reporting, fencers should scan the QR code for information including pool divisioning, results and wait for FAHKC's onsite announcement for roll calling;
- 10.3 Fencers should get dressed and bring along the HKSSF card and report to roll call area;
- 10.4 When pool/elimination round match finishes, fencers should leave the field of competition via designated exit area and proceed to the registration counter to retrieve the HKSSF card and wait for results or prize presentation right away.**

11. Points to note

- 11.1 It is strictly forbidden to use flashlights to take pictures and make noise in the competition venue during competition.
- 11.2 The use of sword for practise other course of matches are not allowed due to safety reason.
- 11.3 Substitution of registered athletes
For details, please refer to Point 4 of the Competition Rules (page 9) of the HKSSF Primary Schools Sports Competition Booklet 2025-2026.
- 11.4 Entry fee receipts and athletes' certificates will send to schools by post within one month after completion of last date of competition.



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- 11.5 Due to disciplinary and safety reasons, schools are required to appoint a staff member / Team Manager to accompany their students throughout the competition. If the appointed person is not a staff member, schools are required to complete a registration for such persons. Application must be submitted online at least four working days prior to the Team Manager’s assumption of duty. (star.hkssf.org.hk)
- 11.6 Inclement weather
For details, please refer to Point 9 of the Competition Rules (page 10) of the HKSSF Primary Schools Sports Competition Booklet 2025-2026.
- 11.7 The Organiser has the right to make any necessary changes and its decision will be final.

12. Enquiries

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