

THE SCHOOLS SPORTS FEDERATION OF HONG KONG, CHINA
General Rules of All Hong Kong Schools
Jing Ying Badminton (Team) Tournament

1. Unless otherwise stated, the rules of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) shall be applied.
2. Eligibility of Participants
 - 2.1 This Tournament will be contested in Open Grades. Participating schools can send Grade A, Grade B and Grade C students with HKSSF athlete registration cards to participate in the Tournament.
 - 2.2 **Participants MUST present their valid Student Athletes Registration Card 2025-2026 (Electronic) when reporting. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.**
 - 2.3 All teams participating are required to submit their team lists, each school may enter not more than 10 players and fill out maximum 7 players on the score sheet for each game. There must be at least 5 players present before the start of any match.
 - 2.4 Players' name MUST be submitted to the Federation office on or before the specified closing date in the application. The same players will represent the team throughout the entire competition. **No amendment or substitutions will be allowed under any circumstances after submission deadline.**
 - 2.5 Participating schools **must report to the HKSSF 20 minutes before the match time set properly attired and fill out the player list.** Failure to start the game on time will result in a walkover.
 - 2.6 No alteration thereof shall be made after submission of respective team list. Any discrepancy will lead to the forfeiture of the game(s) in question.
3. Seeding Arrangement
 - 3.1 8 seeding places evenly allotted to HKSSRC and 6 ACs of NT.
 - 3.1.1 For HKSSRC:

Top 4 teams of current year Division I competition, will be seeded with reference to last year's Jing Ying Tournament results. Should any seeded teams withdraw from the competition, the seeding place will be substituted by the subsequent team(s) in the same Division. The teams of the same Region will be evenly drawn to compete in upper and lower tiers.
 - 3.1.2 For ACs of NT:

4 out of the Champion teams of the 6 respective Area Committees will be seeded **based on the top 8 positions of last year's Jing Ying Tournament,** otherwise, drawing of lots will be arranged. Should any seeded teams withdraw from the competition, the seeding place will be substituted by the subsequent team(s) in the same A/C.
 - 3.2 Besides the 8 seeded places, the other places will be evenly allotted to the teams of HKSSRC and 6 ACs of NT by drawing lots.
 - 3.3 Teams from the HKSSRC and ACs of NT will, where possible, be allotted to compete with each other in the first round competition.
 - 3.4 Teams from the same divisions or areas will, where possible, be allotted to compete separately in upper and lower tiers of the knock out table.

4. System of Play

4.1 The tournament is run on a knock-out basis.

4.2 Based on the Badminton World Federation, the 21 points/game system is adopted for all games including singles and doubles. The winner of the match shall be the team that wins 3 games first.

4.3 The order of play shall be as follows:

<u>Game</u>	<u>Home Team</u>	<u>Away Team</u>
1	First Singles	First Singles
2	First Doubles	First Doubles
3	Second Singles	Second Singles
4	Second Doubles	Second Doubles
5	Third Singles	Third Singles

4.4 Each team shall be arranged in such a way as to provide 3 singles and 2 doubles. Players can play in one single and one doubles pairing only, and two singles cannot play together in a doubles game. Doubles players cannot play in two doubles.

5. Uniform

Players MUST wear competition jerseys, shorts/shirts and jacket that are provided by sponsor.

6. Official Shuttlecock

RSL Tourney#1 (Speed 50) will be used as the official shuttlecock.

7. Official referees shall be appointed by the Badminton Association of Hong Kong, China (BAHKC) for all matches. For all technical problems, the referee's decision is final.

8. Interruption of Play

In the case when a match cannot be completed as scheduled, the re-match shall continue from where it has been stopped using same players of the interrupted match.

9. Prizes

9.1 The top 4 winning teams in Boys and Girls Team will be awarded.

9.2 Awarding schools will receive 1 Trophy, 10 medals and 10 certificates.

10. Others

10.1 Only during the specific time out interval, two coaches or team manager from the designated coaching area may coach the players. No interference or distraction by the coach or team manager is allowed during the game. If the referee finds the behaviour or actions of any coach is unfair or causes disturbance to competition, he/she may request the coach/team manager to leave the field of play.

- 10.2 Participating teams must be accompanied by one Team Manager who is a full time staff member or an authorized member (non-staff member) appointed and registered with HKSSF, otherwise teams will not be allowed to participate in the Tournament. The Team Manager shall be responsible for the conduct of the athletes, students and supporters both on and off the field.
Registration: Application of non-staff member must be submitted online at least four working days prior to the Team Manager's assumption of duty. (<https://star.hkssf.org.hk/login>)
- 10.3 In the event of bad weather, team manager, referee and player should refer to the HK Observatory weather report as indication; 6:30am for competition before 1:00pm and 11:00am for competition on or after 1:00pm. All competitions will be cancelled automatically whenever air pollution index reaches 10+, typhoon signal No. 3, red rainstorm warning, or other higher warning signal is hoisted. However, if matches have been started, the organiser will decide whether or not the matches will continue. Please refers to the Secondary Schools General Information Booklet 2025-2026 for further details.
- 10.4 The Organizer has the right to make necessary changes and its decision will be final in all cases.
- 10.5 For further enquiries, please contact the Secretariat at 2768 8212.

Remarks: In the event of discrepancies between the Chinese and English versions, the Chinese version shall prevail.