

The Schools Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China
General Rules of All Hong Kong Schools
Jing Ying Football Tournament

1. Unless otherwise stated, the competition will be played according to the rules of the International Football Federation (FIFA).
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 A minimum of 7 players must be present before a team can play.
 - 2.4 All teams participating are required to submit their team lists, each school may enter not more than 26 players and fill out maximum 20 players (18 players and 2 goalkeepers) on the score sheet for each game.
 - 2.5 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.**
 - 2.6 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. Once the match has started, the completed roster cannot be replaced.10.
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 be seeded. Should any seeded teams withdraw from the competition, the seeding place will be substituted by the subsequent team(s) in the same Division.
 - 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 competition**
 - 4.1 The Tournament is in knock-out basis.
 - 4.2 35 minutes for each half.
 - 4.3 **Each team will be permitted to use a maximum of five substitutes.**
Each team will have a maximum of three opportunities to make substitutions during the game; substitutions may also be made at half-time.
If both teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one of the three opportunities for each team.

4.4 Should the match end in a draw at full time, no extra time will be played and the match will be decided by taking of kicks from the penalty-spot in the method stipulated by FIFA.

5. The competition balls will be provided by the Federation. Match ball: adidas FIFA World Cup 26™ Trionda.

6. Uniform and Colours

- 6.1 Players MUST wear competition jerseys, shorts & socks that are provided by sponsor starting from quarter-finals.
- 6.2 Players are required to wear their uniform tops bearing school name / abbreviation / badge, which should be sewn, stenciled or marked on permanently.
- 6.3 Players' numbers should be sewn or stenciled permanently.
- 6.4 Players should wear identical uniform tops in same colour and style.
- 6.5 Players' numbers shall be from 1 to 99 and there cannot be duplicate number on the same team.
- 6.6 Teams should wear the jersey with colour as indicated in the application form. In the event of clash of colour, lots will be drawn to decide which team has to wear number vest which is provided by the Organiser.
- 6.7 Team captain should wear an arm band of distinguishable colour.

7. Football Boots and Stockings

- 7.1 Football boots can be worn by players provided that they conform with football rules and specification of venues.
- 7.2 Long stockings and shin pads must be worn by all players.

8. Protective Equipment

Should players require the use of protective equipment such as face masks or sports spectacles during the competition, approval must be gained from the HKSSF. Application must be submitted by school at least fourteen days prior to the match. Please refer to the website for further details.

9. Official referees shall be appointed by the HKFA for all matches. For all technical problems, the referee's decision is final.

10. Discipline

- 10.1 Please refer to General Rules of Sports Competition item 3.
- 10.2 When a player is sent off due to disciplinary actions, the referee shall report the incident to the Organiser for action.
- 10.3 A send-off (red card) shall result in a mandatory suspension of one match. Two cautions (yellow cards) accumulated in different matches shall result in a mandatory suspension of one match. The player will serve his suspension immediately in the coming match. Serious offences shall be dealt with separately by the Organiser.

11. Inclement weather

- 11.1 Please refer to "General Rules of Sports Competition" item 6.
- 11.2 Participating schools should refer to the HK Observatory weather report at 6:30am for competition before 1:00pm and 11:00am for competition on or after 1:00pm.
- 11.3 All matches will be cancelled automatically when:
 - 11.3.1 Public announcement made by the Education Bureau that all schools are to be closed because of adverse weather;
 - 11.3.2 Tropical cyclone warning signal No.3 or higher warning signal is hoisted;
 - 11.3.3 Amber rainstorm warning or higher warning signal is hoisted;

11.3.4 Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) recorded at the General Station of the affected district (competition venue) reaches the band of 10+ with serious health risk.

11.4 In the event of wet weather, participating teams must report to the competition venues. The referee and the duty officer will decide postponement of the fitness of ground condition before the start or during the course of a match.

12. Interruption of play
In the case when a match cannot be completed as scheduled, all disciplinary sanctions of the cancelled match should be retained and penalties imposed accordingly. If a re-match is necessary, the whole match shall be replayed.

13. Prizes

13.1 Trophies and medals will be awarded to the top 4 winning teams.

13.2 Trophies will be awarded accordingly:

13.2.1 "Top Scorer" <First round goals will NOT include in the Top Scorer List>

13.2.2 * "Most Valuable Player"(MVP), will be selected from the Final by the committee members of the Football Technical and Selection Committee. (*Players who have been given a send-off (red card) will not be considered in the selection of the MVP.)

13.2.3 "Best Defender" will be selected starting from Semi-Finals by the committee members of the Football Technical and Selection Committee.

13.3 Eleven players will be selected starting from Semi-Finals by the committee members of the Football Technical and Selection Sub-Committee as "All-Star Team Players" and each player will be awarded a medal.

14. Each team shall be accompanied by a staff member or an authorized member appointed by Head of school. (Non-staff member must be registered via online registration system (star.hkssf.org.hk) 4 days before the scheduled competition.) The staff or authorized member shall remain with the team until the end of the match. He/She shall be responsible for the conduct of the players and the supporters both on and off the ground. **Only listed players and a maximum of 5 (7 for Semifinals and Final) officials (including coaches) will be allowed to sit on the team bench.**

15. The Organiser has the right to make necessary changes and its decision will be final.

16. For further enquiries, please contact the Secretariat at 2768 8212.