

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

1. Unless otherwise stated, the rules of the International Handball Federation (IHF) 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 A minimum of 5 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 18 players and fill out maximum 16 players 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 15 minutes before the game 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.
3. Seeding arrangement
 - 3.1 4 seeding positions will be allotted to the HKSSRC and ACs of NT based on the results of last year's Jing Ying Tournament.
 - 3.2 Allocation will then be arranged according to the current year's inter-school competition result of the HKSSRC and ACs of NT.
 - 3.3 The Champion teams of the HKSSRC (Division One Boys / Girls) and ACs of NT will not be drawn to compete with each other in the first round competition.
 - 3.4 Teams from the HKSSRC and ACs of NT will, where possible, be allotted to compete with each other in the first round competition.
 - 3.5 Teams from the same areas of NT will, where possible, be allotted to compete separately in upper and lower tiers of the knock out table.
4. Uniform
 - 4.1 Players MUST wear competition jerseys & shorts that are provided by sponsor **starting from quarter-finals.**
 - 4.2 All the court players on a team must wear identical uniforms. The combinations of colours and design for the two teams must be clearly distinguishable from each other.
 - 4.3 Players used in the goalkeeper position on a team may wear different uniforms, with colour that distinguishes them from the court players of both teams and the goalkeeper(s) of the opposing team.

- 4.4 In the event that any court player is required to become a goalkeeper after match begins, such player will be allowed to wear a "number vest with openings" on top of its court playing shirt so as to expose the player's original number to become a goalkeeper. Such number vest must also bear school name / abbreviation / badge, which should be sewn or stenciled on permanently.
- 4.5 No player can wear black colour uniform which has been reserved for the referee.
- 4.6 The players must wear numbers that are at least 20cm high in the back of the shirt and at least 10cm in the front. The numbers used should be from 1 to 99. There should be no duplicate number on the same team.
- 4.7 The colour of the numbers must contrast clearly with the colours and design of the shirt.
- 4.8 Uniform colour
 - 4.8.1 Teams should wear the colour as indicated in the team colours list, otherwise they will be responsible in the event of clash or similar of colour.
 - 4.8.2 In case of clash of colour between players and goalkeeper, the team that requires to wear vest (provided by organizer) will be determined by the toss of a coin.
 - 4.8.3 In the case of controversy on uniform and colours, the referee's decision is final.
- 4.9 Please refer to General Rules of Sports Competition item 7 & 8.

5. Classification of teams

- 5.1 The match will be in knock out basis.
- 5.2 The match duration is 20 minutes for each half, with a 5-minute halftime break
- 5.3 In the case of a draw in full time in knock out stage, the match will be decided by taking of the 7-metre throw. Each team will take 5 throws alternatively to decide the winner.
- 5.4 All registered players of the match who are not disqualified, excluded, or suspended when the whistles finished at the second half are entitled to throw.
- 5.5 Each throw will be taken by different players.
- 5.6 If scores are equal after five throws for each team, the process is repeated using "sudden death" method until a decision is reached.
- 5.7 In the second (or any other following) set of five throws, a further five players entitled to throw are named (players who have thrown may be used again).

6. Match ball: Molten 5000. Boys: Size No.3; Girls: Size No.2.

7. Referees

- 7.1 Official referees and a scorer/timekeeper shall be appointed by the Handball Association of Hong Kong, China for all matches. All protests concerning technical rules and interpretation should be made to the Referee. The decision of the Referee shall be final.
- 7.2 In the event of bad weather, the referee and the duty officer have the power to decide on postponement if the ground is not suitable for competition.
- 7.3 In the event of amber rain storm warning, all OUTDOOR handball matches will be cancelled automatically but indoor matches will be conducted as usual.
- 7.4 Please refer to General Rules of Sports Competition Item 6 for further information on inclement weather.

8. Discipline
 - 8.1 A red card shall only result in a mandatory suspension of the current match.
 - 8.2 If a blue card showing after the red card, the player will serve his suspension of the current match and the coming match immediately. Referee shall forward written report to the Federation for necessary action
9. Interruption of play

In the case when a match cannot be completed during any time of play (1st half, 2nd half and 7-metre throw) and the Management Committee has decided a replay, team players, scores and foul record will be retained and the remaining time to be replayed.
10. Prize
 - 10.1 The top 4 in Boys' and Girls' groups will each receive team trophies and medals.
 - 10.2 "Most Valuable Player" with 1 boy and 1 girl will be selected by the handball technical and selection sub-committee members, and the winner will receive a Trophy.
11. Due to disciplinary and safety measures, each participant school should assign a staff member or an authorized Team Manager (Non-staff member) to accompany the participants until the end of the competitions and he/she should take full responsibility of the conduct of the participants and their supporters both on and off the courts. The application of authorized Team Manager (Non-staff member) must be submitted online at least 4 working days prior to the Team Manager's assumption of duty. (<https://star.hkssf.org.hk/login>).
12. HKSSF reserves the right to make amendments on any matters when necessary.
13. If you have any enquiries, please contact the Secretariat at 2768 8212.