

**The Schools Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China**  
**All Hong Kong Inter-Primary Schools Fencing Competition 2023-2024**

**General Rules**

Organiser :



HKSSF

Supported by :



HKFA

Subvented by:



LCSD

**1. Competition Information**

1.1 The Competition is organized by the Schools Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China (HKSSF), supported by the Hong Kong Fencing Association (HKFA), and is subvented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

Competition	Date	Time	Venue
Foil's Girls A,B &C Grade	10/3/2024(Sun)	0700-1900	Hong Kong Park Sports Centre
Foil's Boys A Grade Epee's Girls	24/3/2024(Sun)	0800-1800	Tin Shui Sports Centre
Foil's Boys B Grade Epee's Boys	6/4/2024(Sat)	0900-2100	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Sports Centre
Foil's Boys C Grade Sabre's Boys & Girls	13/4/2024(Sat)	0900-2100	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Sports Centre

Fallback Day: 9/6/2024(Sun)

**2. Eligibility**

- 2.1 Participating school must be member schools of the HKSSF in 2023-2024.
- 2.2 Participants must have registered with the HKSSF in 2023-2024.

**3. Entry Fee**

Entry Fee per participant is HK\$ 120.

**4. Enrollment Details :**

- 4.1 **Closing Date : 28 February 2024 (Wednesday).** [No late applications will be accepted.]  
The participating list will be uploaded on HKSSF's website on or before **29 February 2024(Thursday)**. Please report to HKSSF secretariat at 2768 8212 in case of any missing or incorrect information before 12:00 noon, **1 March 2024 (Friday)**.
- 4.2 Please refer to circular E-Application Procedure for details of online entry.
- 4.3 ONLY entry forms 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 pool event bouts and direct elimination bouts until table of 16.
- 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 gravity test. (Foil 500g, Epee 750g), and Epee also require to conduct Gauge test) °

## 6. Event, Category and Quota

- 6.1 With Foil, Epee and Sabre **while Epee and Sabre as demonstration events.**
- 6.2 Individual events include Foil's Boys and Girls A Grade, B Grade and C Grade, Epee and Sabre's Boy and Girls  
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 Each fencer may participate in one weapon only.
- 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, underplastron, breeches, stocking and shoes) and other necessary equipment (mask, conductive jacket, swords, body wire and glove). No fencing equipment will be provided by the organiser. 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.

- 7.1 Fencing Clothing  
Including jacket, underplastron and breeches. The clothing should be in good shape, and must comply with the standard EN13567:2002 and is able to resist perforation by a force of at least 350 Newtons. Please refer to (Note 1) for details.
- 7.2 Mask and Mask Wire  
All fencers in each event must prepare mask of specific weapon, which are not damaged and in good performance; the mask must contain safety system at the rear of the mask, with the two ends of straps of the system firmly affixed to the two sides of the mask, size is fit which will not tilt after wearing, and must comply with the standard EN13567:2002 and at least 350 Newtons of penetration resistance.  
Coiled mask wire is not allowed for Foil and Sabre events. Please refer to (Note 1) for details.
- 7.3 Conductive Jacket  
Fencers of Foil and Sabre events must be equipped with conductive jacket. Left-handed fencer must use left-handed conductive jacket and right-handed fencer must use right-handed conductive jacket. The conductive jacket used in all competitions must be complete, with no damage, has good electrical conductivity, meets the length requirements of the competition, and completely covers the valid target of the fencer.
- 7.4 Glove  
Glove must be worn on the sword-arm. Sabre fencer must wear sabre glove or special sleeves for the sabre.
- 7.5 Shoes  
Shoes must be non-marking sneakers or fencing shoes.
- 7.6 Stocking  
Fencers must wear stockings which cover the legs right up to the knees, the stockings must be held up in such a way that they cannot fall down. No black (main) color stocking is allowed.
- 7.7 Weapon  
All fencers must prepare at least two weapons in normal condition for the replacement in case of malfunction. Every foil and epee needs to be tested. Weight of 500g to test the springs of the points in Foil and weight of 750g to test the springs of the points in Epee. The weight test will be conducted from Table of 16 onwards for Foil & Epee events. Those who do not meet the specifications will receive a yellow card warning according to the competition regulations and the weapon need to be replaced immediately.  
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).
- 7.8 Body Wire  
Fencers must prepare at least two body wires for the match, and to replace immediately in case of malfunction.
- 7.9 Chest Protector  
All fencers must equip with chest protector.
- 7.10 Hair style  
Hair must be tucked / tied into the mask before the game can be played, or else the fencer will be given a yellow card warning.

Note 1) For details of registered equipment brands with the HKFA for use in local competitions, please visit the official website (<http://www.hkfa.org.hk/Brandname.pdf>) to read the notices about the equipment. If you have any questions, please contact HKFA at 2504-8106.

## 8. The Award

- 8.1 All ten individual events, namely Boy's Foil A Grade, Boy's Foil B Grade, Boy's Foil C Grade, Girl's Foil A Grade, Girl's Foil B Grade, Girl's Foil C Grade, Boy's Epee, Girl's Epee, Boy's Sabre and Girl's Sabre will be awarded.
- 8.2 Boy's Epee, Girl's Epee, Boy's Sabre and Girl's Sabre as demonstration events only.
- 8.3 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and two 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be awarded in each individual event. Each winner will receive one medal; and the top 8 fencers will receive a certificate.
- 8.4 All six team events including Boy's and Girl's A,B,C Grades will be awarded.
- 8.5 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.

### 8.5.1 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

- 8.5.2 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.
- 8.5.3 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 HKFA.
- 9.2 Competition schedule may subject to change, please pay attention to onsite official announcement.
- 9.3 Any fencer fails to report after the third (final) call will declare walkover.
- 9.4 Fencers are required to bring their own fencing equipment, if the equipment fails to pass the inspection process by the chief referee, a grace period of approximately 3 minutes will be given for fencers to get change. Those who fails to comply, the organiser has the right not to allow subject fencers from participating.
- 9.5 During preliminary pools and direct elimination, match ends when either party reaching the specified score first or the specified time of each match.
- 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 12:00 noon, 4 March 2024 (Monday)**
  - 9.6.4 The list of Coach Permit Holders will be uploaded on HKSSF's web on **7 March 2024 (Wednesday)** 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 five to ten minutes rest in case of consecutive matches. However, the organiser 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 Two degree of warnings:  
A fencer penalized with a yellow card is warned but no other action is taken;  
a fencer penalized with a red card is warned and a hit is awarded to his/her opponent.
- 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 HKFA.

## 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](http://hkssf.org.hk) ;
- 10.2 Fencers must present 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 ;
- 10.3 After finish reporting, fencers should scan the QR code for information including pool divisioning, results and wait for HKFA's onsite announcement for roll calling;
- 10.4 Fencers should get dressed and bring along the HKSSF card and report to roll call area ;
- 10.5 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.**

*\* Fencers must show valid HKSSF card to officials and referees during reporting and roll call.*

## 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 Fencers should prepare their own packed meals and no specific lunch hour is scheduled for the competition.
- 11.4 Lost and found service is available during competition at Secretariat. Lost property will then be transferred to the Competition Venue after end of the Competition.
- 11.5 The school must submit the substitution of team event application no later than 3:00 p.m. two working days before the competition day supported by registered doctor's certificate. Late application will not be entertained.
- 11.6 Entry fee receipts and athletes certificates will send to schools by post within one month after completion of last date of competition.
- 11.7 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](http://star.hkssf.org.hk))
- 11.8 Due to limited space at the venue, in order to ensure the smooth progress of the competition, it is recommended that the number of companion for a fencer should limit to 1 person (excluding the coach/or the person mentioned in 11.7 above); if the venue is overcrowded, the HKSSF will implement crowd control to limit the number of people entering the competition venue.
- 11.9 If typhoon signal No. 3 or above, red or black rainstorm warning signal is hoisted by the Observatory, the matches on that day will be cancelled / Rescheduled (Schools will not be notified individually of rescheduled information, please pay attention to the announcement on the HKSSF website, if you have any questions, please call HKSSF). For details, please refer to Point 9 of the Competition Rules (page 11) of the Hong Kong Primary School Sports Competition Handbook 2023-2024.
- 11.10 The Organiser has the right to make any necessary changes and its decision will be final.

**12. Enquiries**

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