

**The Schools Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China**  
**All Hong Kong Schools Jing Ying Football Tournament 2023-2024**

**NOTICE TO PARTICIPATING TEAM**

1. Competition Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Match</u>
20 Feb 2024 (Tue)	10:00 – 16:00	<b>Po Kong Village Road Park Artificial Turf Pitch</b>	First Round
23 Feb 2024 (Fri)	10:00 – 16:00		Second Round
1 Mar 2024 (Fri)	10:00 – 13:30		Quarter-Finals
12 Mar 2024 (Tue)	10:00 – 13:30		Semi-Finals
16 Mar 2024 (Sat)	12:00 – 14:00(TBC)		3 <sup>rd</sup> place
	14:30 – 16:30(TBC)		Final
	16:30(TBC)		Prize Presentation Ceremony

2. Unless otherwise stated, the rules of the Football Association of Hong Kong, China (HKFA) shall be applied.
3. For other rules and regulations, please refer to the Secondary Schools General Information Booklet issued by Hong Kong Island & Kowloon Regional Committee (English P.51-53, Chinese P.45-47) and New Territories Regional Committee (Chinese P.50-52).
4. The Tournament is an open grade competition and on school basis. Participating schools may send any of their registered students to take part regardless of the grades their students registered.
5. Players should report to roll call area 20 minutes before the match schedule and fill in the team list. If any team is not ready to start the match on time, the referee has the right to declare a walk-over.
6. Once the match starts, no alternative of team list allowed.
7. **Participants MUST present their valid Student Athletes Registration Card 2023-2024 (either Physical or Electronic) when reporting. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.**
8. Football will be provided by HKSSF.
9. System of Competition:
  - 9.1 The Tournament is in knock-out basis.
  - 9.2 35 minutes for each half.
  - 9.3 20 players can be entered in the team sheet.
  - 9.4 A minimum of 7 players must be present before a team can play.
  - 9.5 **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.**
  - 9.6 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.
10. Uniform and Colours:
  - 10.1 Players are required to wear their uniform tops bearing school name / abbreviation / badge, which should be sewn, stenciled or marked on permanently.
  - 10.2 Players' numbers should be sewn or stenciled permanently.
  - 10.3 Players should wear identical uniform tops in same colour and style.
  - 10.4 Players' numbers shall be from 1 to 99 and there cannot be duplicate number on the same team.
  - 10.5 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.
  - 10.6 Team captain should wear an arm band of distinguishable colour.
11. Football Boots and Stockings:
  - 11.1 Football boots can be worn by players provided that they conform with football rules and specification of venues.
  - 11.2 Long stockings and shin pads must be worn by all players.

12. 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](http://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 players and a maximum of 5 (7 for Semifinal and Final) officials (including coaches) will be allowed to sit on the team bench.**
13. Official referees shall be appointed by the HKFA for all matches. For all technical problems, the referee's decision is final.
14. Discipline:
  - 14.1 When a player is sent off due to disciplinary actions, the referee shall report the incident to the Organiser for action.
  - 14.2 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.
15. 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 ([www.hkssf.org.hk](http://www.hkssf.org.hk) ☞ Inter-Secondary Schools Sports Competitions (HK Island and Kowloon) ☞ Football ☞ Competition Information ☞ Application procedure of using protective equipment for Football Competition)
16. Prizes:
  - 16.1 Trophies and medals will be awarded to the top 4 winning teams.
  - 16.2 Trophies will be awarded accordingly:
    - 16.2.1 "Top Scorer"(最佳射手) <First round goals will not include in the Top Scorer List>
    - 16.2.2 \*"Most Valuable Player"(MVP-最有價值球員), 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.)
    - 16.2.3 "Best Defender" (最佳防守球員) will be selected starting from **Semi-Finals** (Amendment) by the committee members of the Football Technical and Selection Committee.
  - 16.3 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" (明星隊球員) and each player will be awarded a medal.
17. Inclement Weather:
  - 17.1 In the event of the public announcement by the Education Bureau that all schools are to be closed because of adverse weather (e.g. typhoon, rainstorm), all competitions on that day will be cancelled automatically.
  - 17.2 All competitions will be cancelled automatically under below situations:
    - 17.2.1 Tropical cyclone warning signal No. 3 or amber rainstorm warning or other higher warning signal is hoisted.
    - 17.2.2 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.
  - 17.3 However, if matches have been started, the duty officer and the referee will decide whether or not the matches will continue. In the case of cancellation, the Organiser will arrange new fixtures accordingly.
  - 17.4 In the event of wet weather, participating teams have to report to the competition centre according to the scheduled time. The referee and the duty officer will decide postponement, if necessary, on the suitability of ground condition before the start or during the match.
  - 17.5 Staff member, 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.
18. The Organiser has the right to make necessary changes and its decision will be final.
19. For further enquiries, please contact secretariat at 2768 8212.