



## Tennis Competition

Organised by the Sports Commission      Co-ordinated by the Community Sports Committee  
Co-organised by the 18 District Councils, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department,  
the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China and the Hong Kong Tennis Association

### 【Notes for Participating Units】

#### 1. Date, Time and Venue of Competition:

##### (1) Individual Events

Date of Competition	Time of Competition	Venue of Competition
12 March 2017 (Sunday)	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Yuen Wo Playground Tennis Courts
18 March 2017 (Saturday)	2:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Quarry Bay Park Tennis Courts
2 April 2017 (Sunday)	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Yuen Wo Playground Tennis Courts
8 April 2017 (Saturday)	2:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Quarry Bay Park Tennis Courts
15 April 2017 (Saturday)	2:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	
13 May 2017 (Saturday)	2:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Victoria Park Tennis Courts

##### (2) Team Events

Order of Play	Group	Date of Competition	Time of Competition	Venue of Competition
Preliminary Rounds (on group basis)	Group 1 & Group 3	26 March 2017 (Sunday)	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Tai Po Sports Ground – Squash and Tennis Centre
		9 April 2017 (Sunday)	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	
		30 April 2017 (Sunday)	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Quarry Bay Park Tennis Courts
	Group 2 & Group 4	26 March 2017 (Sunday)	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Tai Po Sports Ground – Squash and Tennis Centre
		1 April 2017 (Saturday)	2:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Morse Park (Park No.4) Tennis Courts
		9 April 2017 (Sunday)	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Tai Po Sports Ground – Squash and Tennis Centre
		22 April 2017 (Saturday)	2:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	
		30 April 2017 (Sunday)	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Quarry Bay Park Tennis Courts
Quarter-finals to Final	-	6 May 2017 (Saturday)	2:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Victoria Park Tennis Courts
		7 May 2017 (Sunday)	9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	
		14 May 2017 (Sunday)	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	

## 2. Fallback Date, Time and Venue of Competition

Date	Time	Venue
14, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 March 2017	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Morse Park (Park No.4) Tennis Courts/ Quarry Bay Park Tennis Courts/ Tai Po Sports Ground – Squash and Tennis Centre/ Victoria Park Tennis Courts/ Yuen Wo Playground Tennis Courts
5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 25, 29 April 2017		
1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 20, 21, 27 May 2017		

Note: The Organiser reserves the right to amend the above dates, times and venues of competition in the future.

## 3. Format:

- (1) In the preliminary rounds, a 6-game pro set will be played. When the game reaches 5-All, the set will be won by the player who first reaches 7 games. When the game reaches 6-All, a 7-point Tie-Break will be played. In the semi-finals and final, an 8-game pro set will be played. When the game reaches 7-All, the set will be won by the player who first reaches 9 games. When the game reaches 8-All, a 7-point Tie-Break will be played.
- (2) The “sudden death” rule will be adopted in the tennis competition. When the game reaches 40-All, the player/team who scores first will win the game. The receiver is entitled to choose the position to receive the service (i.e. to receive the service from the left half or the right half on his/her end of the court). In mixed doubles, under the “sudden death” rule, when a male player serves, the service shall be received by his male counterpart of the other side. When a female player serves, the service shall be received by her female counterpart of the other side. The receiver cannot change position. In other words, the server needs to change his/her serving position according to the position chosen by the receiver.
- (3) Individual Events:
  - (a) A single knock-out system will be adopted. The top 16 athletes and the 16 pairs of athletes having the highest combined ranking on the Hong Kong National Singles/Doubles Ranking Lists (excluding the National Junior Ranking Lists) of the Hong Kong Tennis Association will be named as the seeded athletes (only 8 athletes/pairs of athletes will be named as seeded athletes if there are 17 to 32 athletes/pairs of athletes participating in an event) and placed into designated groups according to the ranking of the athlete on the Singles Ranking Lists/the combined ranking of the two athletes on the Doubles Ranking Lists under a priority arrangement. The remaining athletes will then be placed into groups by drawing lots. The Singles Ranking Lists are applicable to Singles events only, while the Doubles Ranking Lists are applicable to Men’s Doubles/Women’s Doubles/Mixed Doubles events.
  - (b) For each event, the 2 athletes/2 pairs of athletes of the same district will be placed in the upper and lower groups separately.

- (c) Ranking playoffs will be held for losers in the quarter-finals to compete for the 5th to the 8th positions. A 6-game pro set will be played.

(4) Team Events:

- (a) The order of events for each match will be:

First event – Men’s/Women’s Singles

Second event – Men’s/Women’s Singles

Third event – Men’s/Women’s Doubles

- (b) A single round robin system on a group basis will be adopted in the preliminary rounds. The 18 districts will be divided into 4 groups by drawing lots, with 2 groups of 4 districts and 2 groups of 5 districts. The 4 districts that secured the top 4 positions in an event of the 5th HKG will be named as the seeded teams in the same event of the 6th HKG and placed into 4 different groups. The remaining 14 districts will then be placed into the groups by drawing lots. The 2 districts that come first and second in each group will be qualified for the quarter-finals.

- (c) A match will be won by the team that is the winner of 2 events. For each match in the preliminary rounds, a participating team shall complete 3 events. If 2 districts have won equal number of matches, the result of the match(es) between the 2 districts involved will be used to determine their positions, with the team that has won given a higher position. If more than 2 districts have won equal number of matches, the results of the matches between the districts involved will be taken into account first, with the team winning the greater number of sets to be given a higher position. If there are still districts winning equal number of sets, the following formula will be applied to determine their positions:

$$\frac{\text{Number of games won (in the respective group)}}{\text{Total number of games (in the respective group)}} \times 100\% = \text{Percentage of games won}$$

In the case of 2 districts obtaining identical “percentage of games won”, the winner will be the district that has won in the previous encounter between the 2 districts. In the case of more than 2 districts obtaining identical “percentage of games won”, the positions will be decided by drawing lots.

- (d) There will be a fixture draw for the 8 teams that are qualified for the quarter-finals. The 4 teams that came first in their groups in the preliminary rounds will be allotted to 4 different matches by drawing lots. Then each match will be allotted a team that came second in the other group in the preliminary round by drawing lots. (To avoid placing teams that previously came first and second in the same group in the preliminary round in a match again, the lot for the team that came second will be taken away before drawing lots for the match with the team that came first in the same group in the preliminary round.) A single knock-out system will be adopted for matches from the quarter-finals to the final.
- (e) The Organiser has the right to make arrangements for multiple matches to take place at the same time.

- (f) For each match, each participant will be allowed to enter 1 event only.
- (g) Ranking playoffs will be held for losers in the quarter-finals to compete for the 5th to the 8th positions under a single knock-out system. A 6-game pro set will be played.

#### 4. Rules:

- (1) Participants/Teams shall report to the “Registration Counter” in person, bringing along with them the original of their valid photo-bearing identity document (e.g. Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card, Hong Kong Identity Card, student card or student handbook), 15 minutes before the scheduled time of the match. Any participant/team failing to report on time or produce his/her/their identity document(s) for reporting by the scheduled time of the match set by the Organiser (the Organiser’s clock shall be the official clock), will be regarded as having withdrawn from the match. For team events, all 4 players of each participating team shall report to the “Registration Counter” together, bringing along with them the completed “Players’ List”. Any participating team failing to submit a completed “Players’ List” for the respective match, produce the identity document(s) of its players when reporting or turn up in full team on time, will also be regarded as having withdrawn from the match.
- (2) Participants/teams shall stay in the court to get ready for the matches after reporting to the “Registration Counter”. If a player fails to turn up or a team fails to turn up in full team for the match 5 minutes after the roll call made by the referee/umpire, or if the gear or uniforms of team members do not meet the Organiser’s requirements, the player/team will be regarded as the loser in the match. (The Organiser’s clock shall be the official clock.)
- (3) In the preliminary rounds of team events, if a team is regarded as having withdrawn from the match after failing to turn up due to an emergency, it shall submit a written explanation to the Chief Judge of the competition event within 24 hours from the judgement made by the referee/umpire of the match. If the explanation is accepted by the Chief Judge, the absent team may participate in the remaining matches. In the case of non-acceptance or late submission, the absent team will be disqualified from the remaining matches in the competition with all its positions obtained and points scored cancelled. In any case, each team may be absent only once.
- (4) For team events, each team shall assign players to participate in the matches according to the order on the “Players’ List”, otherwise the team will be disqualified.
- (5) For matches adopting a knock-out system, any participant/team that has withdrawn or is regarded to have withdrawn from the match will be knocked out immediately. All the positions obtained and points scored by the participant/team will be cancelled.
- (6) If a player is injured during a match, the referee/umpire will suspend the match. If the player is unable to continue 3 minutes after his injury, he will be regarded as withdrawn from the match and judged as the loser of the match.
- (7) For matches adopting a knock-out system, a player who is injured during a match and unable to continue will be judged by the Organiser as the loser of the match. Nevertheless, the player can still retain the position(s) awarded and the point(s) scored. For team events, if a player is injured during a match and unable to continue, the player/team will be judged by the Organiser as the loser of the match. Nevertheless, the player/team may continue to participate in the remaining matches of the competition.
- (8) HEAD tennis balls will be used in this competition. Participants shall use their own rackets.

- (9) Participants of the same team in the doubles and team events shall wear competition uniforms (jersey) of the same colour and design. For requirements on the competition uniform, please refer to the “Guidelines on the Sportswear for the 6th Hong Kong Games”.
- (10) Participants shall comply with the rules, regulations and announcements of the venue and the Organiser. For participants who have violated any rules/regulations or displayed any misbehaviour which may affect the competition, the Organiser has the right to disqualify them and their teams from the competition and the results obtained by them/their teams will be cancelled.
- (11) Any objection to the match results may be verbally directed to the Duty Organiser by the chief team leader/team leader/person-in-charge of a participating team within 30 minutes after the announcement of the results of that particular match. The Duty Organiser will refer it to the Chief Judge of the event day for follow-up action.
- (12) If the participating team is not satisfied with the decision made by the Duty Organiser/the Chief Judge, the head or deputy head of the delegation may lodge an appeal in writing to the Secretariat of the 6th HKGOC within 2 working days after the match in question. The Secretariat will issue an acknowledgement to the appellant within 2 working days after the receipt of the appeal, and follow up on the appeal with the relevant NSA/unit. The results of the follow-up action will be regarded as the final decision of the Organiser. Except in extraordinary circumstances, the Secretariat will reply to the appellant in writing within 10 calendar days after the receipt of the appeal, notifying him/her of the results of the follow-up action.
- (13) During the appeal process, all matches will be held according to the announced schedule. The Organiser will not arrange any re-play in respect of any match that has been completed.
- (14) For complaints relating to a participant’s district of residence, the Organiser will request the respective participating unit to provide valid documentary “proof of place of residence” of the participant within 2 working days to prove that the participant is a resident of the respective district. Participants failing to provide such proof will be regarded as ineligible for the competition. If a complaint is substantiated, the results obtained by the participant being complained about and his/her team in the matches will be cancelled and no points will be scored by him/her and the team.
- (15) Unless explicitly stated in the prospectus and this notes to participating units, all rules and regulations will follow those currently used by the International Tennis Federation and the Hong Kong Tennis Association.

## 5. Awards and Scoring Methods

- (1) Prizes will be awarded to the Champion, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up of each event.
- (2) The “Overall Champion, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up” prizes for the tennis competition will be awarded to the top 3 districts with the highest accumulated points. The scoring method is set out as follows:

From the Champion to the 7th Runner-up of each individual event, each winner will score 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2 points respectively, i.e. the Champion will score 10 points, the 1st Runner-up will score 8 points, etc. until the 7th Runner-up will score 2 points. From the 8th Runner-up onwards, participants who have successfully finished the event will score 1 point. The points awarded for the team events will be doubled, i.e. the Champion will score 20 points, the 1st Runner-up will score 16 points and so forth. If a participant/participating team is disqualified by the Organiser due to misbehaviour or is absent from the competition, no point will be awarded. The top 3 districts with the highest accumulated points will be

awarded the prizes for the “Overall Champion, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up” of the tennis competition respectively.

- (3) The “District with Impressive Progress” prize for the tennis competition will be awarded to the district that has made the most remarkable progress in this competition as compared to its results in the last HKG. The scoring method is set out as follows:

To get the net score difference by deducting the overall score obtained in the 5th HKG from the overall score obtained in the 6th HKG by each district in the tennis competition; and the district showing the greatest net score difference wins.

- (4) Prizes for the “Overall Champion, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up of the 6th Hong Kong Games” will be awarded to the top 3 districts with the highest accumulated points from all the 8 sports competitions, namely athletics, badminton, basketball, futsal, swimming, table tennis, tennis and volleyball. The scoring method is set out as follows:

The Champion (e.g. the “Overall Champion” of the tennis competition) of each sports competition will score 10 points, and the 1st to the 7th Runner-up will score 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2 points respectively. For the remaining districts from the 8th Runner-up onwards, districts that have successfully finished the competition will score 1 point. The top 3 districts with the highest accumulated points from all the 8 sports competitions will be awarded the prizes for the “Overall Champion, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up of the 6th Hong Kong Games” respectively.

- (5) The “District with the Most Gold Medals” prize will be awarded to the district that obtains the most gold medals in the separate events under the 8 sports competitions of the 6th HKG. If the number of gold medals obtained is the same, the districts concerned will be awarded the same prize.
- (6) The “District with the Greatest Participation” prize will be awarded to the district having the greatest actual number of athletes participating in the 8 sports competitions of the 6th HKG. (The actual number refers to the number of enrolled athletes who have turned up for the roll call in the relevant event.)
- (7) The “District with the Best Progress” prize will be awarded to the district achieving the greatest increase in the accumulated points from all the 8 sports competitions over the last HKG. The scoring method is set out as follows:

To get the net score difference by deducting the overall score obtained in the 5th HKG from the overall score obtained in the 6th HKG by each district in all the 8 sports competitions; and the district showing the greatest net score difference wins.

- (8) The “District with the Best Sportsmanship” prize will be awarded to the top 3 districts with the highest average attendances of participating athletes in the 8 sports competitions of the 6th HKG to recognise the sportsmanship displayed by the athletes in their active participation, dedication and enjoyment in the competition.

**【Note: If 2 or more districts accumulate the same points from all competitions, the one that holds more first places will win; and if they hold the same number of first places, the one holding more second places will win. The same method applies until the overall positions are determined. If all the results are the same, the districts concerned will be awarded the same position and presented with the same prize.】**

6. Referee/Umpire:

The Hong Kong Tennis Association will be invited to provide referee/umpire services.

7. Inclement Weather Arrangements:

- (1) If a Pre-No. 8 Special Announcement has been issued, or Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above or Red or Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is still in force 2 hours before the scheduled time for the first round of the matches on the match day, all matches on that day will be cancelled. The Organiser will notify the participants of the corresponding arrangements separately in due course.
- (2) “High” Health Risk Category (Air Quality Health Index:7)  
Activities shall be held as scheduled. The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) advises that persons with existing heart or respiratory illnesses (such as coronary heart disease and other cardiovascular diseases, asthma and chronic obstructive airways diseases including chronic bronchitis and emphysema), children and the elderly should reduce outdoor physical exertion, and reduce the time of their stay outdoors, especially in areas with heavy traffic. Persons with existing heart or respiratory illnesses should also seek advice from a medical doctor before participating in sport activities and take more breaks during physical activities. As the health effects on individuals may vary, participants should seek advice from a medical doctor if they are in doubt or feel uncomfortable.
- (3) “Very High” Health Risk Category (Air Quality Health Index: 8 to 10)  
Activities shall be held as scheduled. The EPD advises that persons with existing heart or respiratory illnesses (such as coronary heart disease and other cardiovascular diseases, asthma and chronic obstructive airways diseases including chronic bronchitis and emphysema), children and the elderly should reduce to the minimum outdoor physical exertion, and reduce to the minimum the time of their stay outdoors, especially in areas with heavy traffic. The general public is advised to reduce outdoor physical exertion, and to reduce the time of their stay outdoors, especially in areas with heavy traffic. As the health effects on individuals may vary, participants should seek advice from a medical doctor if they are in doubt or feel uncomfortable.
- (4) “Serious” Health Risk Category (Air Quality Health Index:10+)  
Activities shall be held as scheduled. The EPD advises that persons with existing heart or respiratory illnesses (such as coronary heart disease and other cardiovascular diseases, asthma and chronic obstructive airways diseases including chronic bronchitis and emphysema), children and the elderly should avoid outdoor physical exertion, and avoid staying outdoors, especially in areas with heavy traffic. The general public is advised to reduce to the minimum outdoor physical exertion, and to reduce to the minimum the time of their stay outdoors, especially in areas with heavy traffic. As the health effects on individuals may vary, participants should seek advice from a medical doctor if they are in doubt or feel uncomfortable.

8. Rescheduling:

- (1) The Organiser has the right to change the date of competition or make any alternative arrangements in extraordinary circumstances, and will notify the participating teams of the details. Should any special incident happen during the competition, the referee/umpire on the spot or the Organiser will have the sole right to decide whether or not the competition should continue and the participants shall raise no objection.
- (2) No application for rescheduling shall be accepted by the Organiser.

9. By-law:

- (1) The personal data submitted by the participants will be destroyed in the 4th month after the 6th HKG. Any requests for proof of the results obtained by individual athletes in the competition should be submitted to the Secretariat of the 6th HKGOC within 3 months after the 6th HKG.
- (2) The results obtained in the team events of the 6th HKG will be used as a reference for setting up seeded teams for the preliminary rounds of the team events of the next HKG. The HKGOC shall make the final decision on whether a seeding system will be adopted for the grouping arrangements in the next HKG.
- (3) The Organiser reserves the right to amend the prospectus and this notes for participating units in the future.

10. Miscellaneous:

- (1) “The 6th Hong Kong Games – Dynamic Moments Photo Contest” will be held during the tennis competitions. Participants of the photo contest may take photos outside the wire mesh fences of tennis courts or at the spectator stands of the main court.
- (2) Athletes should take care of their own belongings. The Organiser shall not be responsible for any loss of the belongings.
- (3) For the latest information and results on tennis competitions, please visit the website at [www.hongkonggames.hk](http://www.hongkonggames.hk).

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**Office Hours**

8:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday

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