

Volleyball 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 Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China

【Notes for Participating Units】

I. Date, Time and Venue of Competition:

Order of Play	Group	Date	Time	Venue
Preliminary Rounds	Group 1	24 March 2019 (Sunday)	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Tsing Yi Sports Centre
		31 March 2019 (Sunday)	1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	
		7 April 2019 (Sunday)	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Sports Centre
	Group 2	17 March 2019 (Sunday)	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Tsuen Wan Sports Centre
		23 March 2019 (Saturday)	3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Tsing Yi Sports Centre
		31 March 2019 (Sunday)	1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	
		7 April 2019 (Sunday)	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Sports Centre
		14 April 2019 (Sunday)		Po Kong Village Road Sports Centre
	Group 3	24 March 2019 (Sunday)		Tsing Yi Sports Centre
		6 April 2019 (Saturday)	3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Sports Centre
		14 April 2019 (Sunday)	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Po Kong Village Road Sports Centre
	Group 4	17 March 2019 (Sunday)	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Tsuen Wan Sports Centre
		23 March 2019 (Saturday)	3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Tsing Yi Sports Centre
		31 March 2019 (Sunday)	1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	
		7 April 2019 (Sunday)	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Sports Centre
		14 April 2019 (Sunday)		Po Kong Village Road Sports Centre
Quarter-finals to Finals	—	1 May 2019 (Wednesday)	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	
		5 May 2019 (Sunday)		
		12 May 2019 (Sunday)	3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Tsing Yi Sports Centre
		19 May 2019 (Sunday)	11:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Tsuen Wan Sports Centre

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

- II. Format : (1) 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 the 6th HKG will be named as the seeded teams and placed into 4 different groups in the 7th HKG. 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.
- (2) Matches in the preliminary rounds are played to the best of 3 sets. The winner gains 2 points and the loser gains 1 point. The team that has withdrawn from the match gains no points and will be taken as being defeated in the match by 0:2 with an individual score of 0:25 for each set.
- (3) (a) If there are teams **winning the same number of sets**, the team **scoring higher points in the fixture** at that competition stage will be ranked higher.
- (b) If there are teams scoring the same total points, the one with a higher quotient derived from dividing the **number of sets** won in all matches at that competition stage by the **number of sets** lost in all matches at that competition stage will be ranked higher.
- A = **total number of sets** won in all matches at that competition stage
- B = **total number of sets** lost in all matches at that competition stage
- C = the team with the higher quotient will win
- (c) If the quotients obtained by the teams are identical, then the team with a higher quotient derived from dividing the **number of points** gained in all matches by the **number of points** lost in all matches will be ranked higher.
- X = **total number of points** gained in all matches at that competition stage
- Y = **total number of points** lost in all matches at that competition stage
- Z = the team with the higher quotient will win
- (d) If the ranking still cannot be determined, the following calculation methods should be adopted:
- In the case of 2 teams obtaining identical quotients, the winner will be the team that has won in the previous fixture between the 2 teams;
 - In the case of 3 or more teams obtaining identical quotients, the ranking will be determined by the Organiser using other methods.
- (4) A single knock-out system and the best of 5 sets will be adopted from the quarter-finals to the finals. 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 group will be allotted a team that came second in the other groups 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.)

- (5) 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.

III. Rules

- (1) All players of the participating teams who are going to play in a match 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), 30 minutes before the scheduled time of the match. Any player who fails to produce his/her identity document or whose identity is not found to be matched will not be allowed to participate in the match. Any participating team that fails to turn up in full team at the scheduled competition time set by the Organiser will be regarded as having withdrawn from the match.
- (2) If a team fails to turn up or less than 6 players of a team have turned up for a match 5 minutes after the roll call made by the referee, or if the gear or uniforms of team members do not meet the Organiser’s requirements, the team will be regarded as having withdrawn from the match. (The Organiser’s clock shall be the official clock.)
- (3) If a team leaves the court without notification in advance, it will be regarded as having withdrawn from the match after the referee has made a report to the Organiser.
- (4) In the preliminary rounds, 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 within 24 hours from the judgement made by the referee 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.
- (5) For knock-out competitions, participating teams who have withdrawn or are regarded as having withdrawn from the events will be knocked-out, with all the positions and points cancelled except in the following circumstance.
 - (a) If participating teams fail to turn up in full team in quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals due to absence of player(s) on the grounds of injury/illness or participating in major international competitions, the positions the teams obtained and the points they scored in the last match can only be retained if they can produce relevant supporting documents issued by approved medical practitioners or Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China. The chief team leader/team leader/person-in-charge is required to provide the original of the relevant supporting documents to the Secretariat of the 7th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee within two working days (i.e. Monday to Friday excluding General Holidays) after the competition from which the participating team was absent. Participating teams who were late in submitting the supporting documents would be regarded as not participating in the competitions.
- (6) Each team shall prepare 2 sets of approved sportswear in different colours for the competition. If the colours of the jerseys of the two teams in a match are the same or similar, the second team on the schedule of play (i.e. the visiting team) shall change their jerseys or wear the second set of jerseys in another colour for the match. Players of the same team shall wear

non-marking sports shoes and uniforms of the same design and in the same colour, except for the Libero's jersey, which should be in a colour distinct from that of other players. For requirements on the sportswear, please refer to the "Guidelines on the Sportswear for the 7th Hong Kong Games".

- (7) The height of the net for this competition will be 2.43 m for the men's division and 2.24 m for the women's division.
- (8) Volleyballs provided by the Organiser shall be used in the competition, i.e. MIKASA MVA300.
- (9) Participants shall comply with the rules, regulations and announcements of the sports centre 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.
- (10) The decision of the referees on the match results shall be final.
- (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 a 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 7th 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 this prospectus, all rules and regulations will follow those currently used by the Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China.

- IV. Awards and Scoring System : (1) Prizes will be awarded to the "**Champion, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up**" of each event.

- (2) There will be an **"Overall Champion, a 1st Runner-up and a 2nd Runner-up"** and the **"District with Impressive Progress"** prize. The scoring method is set out as follows:
- From the Champion to the 7th Runner-up of each competition event, each winner/ winning team 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. The remaining participants/participating teams who have successfully finished the competition event will score 1 point.
 - If a participant/participating team is disqualified by the Organiser due to misbehaviour or fails to turn up for a competition (excluded item VII (5a)), no point will be awarded.
 - The top 3 districts with the highest accumulated points in each of the sports competitions will be the **"Overall Champion, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up"** of the volleyball competition.
 - The district achieving the greatest increase in the accumulated point over the last HKG will be awarded the **"District with Impressive Progress"** prize for the volleyball competition.
- (3) Prizes for the **"Overall Champion, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up of the 7th Hong Kong Games"**
- 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 will be awarded the prize. The scoring method is set out as follows:
- The district which is the Champion (i.e. the "Overall Champion") of this competition will score 10 points, and the 1st to the 7th Runners-up will score 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2 points respectively. The 8th to the 17th Runners-up 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 7th Hong Kong Games" respectively.
 - If there are districts with the same accumulated point 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.
- (4) The **"District with the Most Gold Medals"** prize
The district that obtains the most gold medals in the 8 sports competitions will be awarded the prize. If the number of gold medals obtained is the same, the districts concerned will be awarded the same prize.
- (5) The **"District with the Greatest Participation"** prize
The district having the greatest actual number of athletes participating in the 8 sports competitions will be awarded the prize. (The actual number refers to the number of enrolled athletes who have turned up for the roll call in the HKG.)
- (6) The **"District with the Best Progress"** prize
The district achieving the greatest increase in the accumulated point from all the 8 sports competitions over the last HKG will be awarded the prize.

- (7) The "**District with the Best Sportsmanship**" prize
The top 3 districts with the highest average attendances of participating athletes in all the 8 sports competitions will be awarded the prize.
- (8) The "**District with the Strongest Cheering Squad**" prize
The district represented by the cheering squad with the highest attendance on the competition days will be awarded the prize.

V. Referee : The Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China will be invited to provide referee services.

VI. Inclement Weather Arrangements : (1) If a Pre-No. 8 Special Announcement has been issued, or Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above or Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is still in force 2 hours before the reporting 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)**
Competitions 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)**
Competitions 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+)**
Competitions 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.

- VII. 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 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.
- VIII By-law : (1) The personal data submitted by the participants will be destroyed in the 4th month after the 7th HKG. Any requests for proof of results obtained by individual athletes in the competition should be submitted to the Secretariat of the 7th HKGOC within 3 months after the 7th HKG.
- (2) The results obtained in the team events of the 7th 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 concerned shall make the final decision on whether a seeding system will be adopted for the grouping arrangements in the next HKG.
- IX. Enquiries : 2601 7671
Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 8:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
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