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# [Prospectus]

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

Division	Group	Date	Time	Venue
	First Group	17 March 2024 (Sunday)		Macpherson Playground
Group Preliminary Round	Second Group	24 March 2024 (Sunday)	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	
	Third Group	7 April 2024 (Sunday)		

Division	Group	Date	Time	Venue
		8 May 2024 (Wednesday)	7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	
Semifinals to Finals	/	18 May 2024 (Saturday)	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	
		25 May 2024 (Saturday)	5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Shek Kip Mei Park Sports Centre
Self-training	1	27 May 2024 (Saturday)	10:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	
		28 April 2024 (Sunday)	10:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	

#### II. Fallback Date, Time and Venue of Competition:

Date	Time	Venue	
24 March 2024 (Sunday)	5:00 n m 8:00 n m	Maanhaman Dlavaround	
7 April 2024 (Sunday)	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Macpherson Playground	
14 April 2024 (Sunday)	6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Sha Tsui Road Playground	
19 May 2024 (Sunday)	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.		
22 May 2024 (Wednesday)	6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Shek Kip Mei Park Sports Centre	
1 Jun 2024 (Saturday)	7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.		

III. Participating Units Invitation to participate in the 2023-2024 Jockey Club Women's Football League is open to clubs (first come first served) with the following conditions:

- 1. Invitations will be extended to teams in the 1st Division (first come first served).
- 2. If there are still available slots, invitations will be extended to teams in the 2nd Division (first come first served).
- IV. Divisions : Women's

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V. Eligibility (1) Participants must be born in 2009 or earlier and hold a valid "Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card" or hold a valid "Hong Kong Identity Card" and have resided in Hong Kong for a minimum of 3 years.

Applicants must meet the age requirement of the respective group, and they must be holders of valid "Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card", or holders of valid "Hong Kong Identity Card" who have resided in Hong Kong for 3 years or more.

- Note: Holders of "Hong Kong Identity Card" must have records of their first entry to Hong Kong, such as One-way Permits or passports, showing their arrival in Hong Kong before March 2021 to prove that they have resided in Hong Kong for 3 years or more.
- 2. All participants must sign the "Declaration by Participant" before taking part in this competition. For a participant aged under 18, the Declaration must be signed by his parent or guardian aged 18 or above.
- 3. The Organiser reserves the right to forbid any participant from taking part in this competition.
- VI.Enrolment: (1)The Hong Kong Football Association will invite clubs to participate in<br/>the 2023-2024 Jockey Club Women's Football League (first come<br/>first served).
  - (2) Each participating unit can register one team leader and one coach (both must be at least 18 years old), as well as a team of female athletes consisting of 5 to 18 players.
  - (3) If there are less than 3 teams enrolling in a division, the competitions of that division will be cancelled by the Organiser.

- (4) The participants shall be responsible for their own personal insurance.
- (5) All the information provided in the enrolment form must be true and correct.
- Drawing Lots : The teams will be named "Hong Kong Island East," "Hong Kong Island West," "Kowloon East," "Kowloon West," "New Territories East," and "New Territories West." The team names will be allocated through a lottery draw. The schedule for the matches between the teams will also be determined through a lottery draw on the following dates.

Detailed information about the lottery draw will be provided later.

- VII. Format : (1) The normal playing time for each match is 40 minutes, comprising 2 periods of 20 minutes each and the half-time interval must not exceed 10 minutes. Matches in the preliminary rounds are <u>not played</u> <u>real-time</u>.
  - (2) In the preliminary stage, the competition will adopt a round-robin format within each group, with the 6 regions divided into 2 groups through a lottery draw. The top two teams from each group will advance to the semi-finals.
  - (3) No extra time shall be played after a draw for matches in the preliminary rounds, with 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and none for a defeat.
  - (4) If 2 or more teams score the same points as indicated on the group table, the ranking of the teams will be determined according to the following order:
    - (a) the number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned. The more the points, the higher the ranking.
    - (b) the goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned. The better the goal difference, the higher the ranking.
    - (c) the number of goals scored in the group matches between the teams concerned. The more the goals, the higher the ranking.
    - (d) the goal difference of the teams concerned as indicated on the group table. The better the goal difference, the higher the ranking.
    - (e) the number of goals scored by the teams concerned as indicated on the group table. The more the goals, the higher the ranking.
    - (f) the least numbers of yellow and red cards in the preliminary rounds. Points will be given to the teams according to the numbers of yellow and red cards they have received:
      - 1 point for a yellow card
      - 3 points for a red card given as a result of 2 yellow cards
      - 3 points for a direct red card
      - 4 points for a yellow card followed by a direct red card
      - The fewer the points, the higher the ranking
    - (g) If the final ranking still cannot be determined, it will be decided by drawing lots.
  - (5) The teams that advance to the semi-finals will undergo a new draw for

the matches.

- (6) The knockout stage from the semi-finals to the final will be decided by a single elimination format. In the event of a draw during the regular playing time, a penalty shootout will determine the winner using the "sudden death" rule.
- (7)This competition will be conducted in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game set by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).
- All players of the participating teams who are going to play in a : (1) match shall register at 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 valid identity document or whose identity is not found to be matched will not be allowed to participate in the match. The registration of players for a match will stop 15 minutes before the scheduled time of the match. Any player who fails to complete the registration will not be allowed to play. Any team that fails to complete the registration for its players will be regarded as having withdrawn from the match.
  - (2)The team leader or coach **must** be present during the match to assist in monitoring and controlling the discipline of the players. If the team leader/coach of a team is not present at the scheduled time of the match or leaves the field of play during the match, the Organiser will not start the match or will discontinue the match immediately. The team without a team leader/coach shall bear the responsibility.
  - (3) Before the commencement of each match, a team may put 5 selected players who have completed the registration and up to a maximum of 9 reserve players on the players' list. Substitutions may be made at any time during a match and a substitute shall only enter the pitch after the player being replaced has left. All substitutions must be made within the designated substitution zone (near the halfway line). Those who have violated this regulation will be cautioned with a yellow card. Only the honorary head, head of delegation, deputy heads of delegation, sports consultant, chief team leader, team leaders, coaches and substitutes of the teams in the match may enter the substitution zone. If a team needs to deploy a team doctor or physiotherapist (only one person allowed) to the substitution zone, the team must make an application to the Organiser 3 working days before the match for approval. The doctor or physiotherapist can only enter the substitution zone after approval has been obtained. А player who has been replaced may return to the pitch as a substitute in the same match and the number of substitutions made during a match is unlimited.
  - (4) Any team that fails to turn up or dispatches less than 3 players at the start of a match will be taken as being defeated by the Organiser by 0-3 according to the rules and regulations. (The Organiser's clock shall be the official clock.)
  - (5) If a team leaves the field or withdraws from the game without authorization during the match, the referee will penalize the team by declaring a 0-3 loss or maintaining the score at the time as the final result.

VIII. Rules

- (6) If a player is sent off by the referee after receiving a red card or two cautions (i.e. two yellow cards) in a match, the player will be suspended from the next match automatically. The Organiser reserves the right to impose further punishment.
- (7) All teams shall wear approved sportswear, appropriate flat-soled sports shoes and shin guards for the competition. Failing to do so may result in disqualification. 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. The colour of the teams' jerseys shall be prominently different from that worn by the referees and the colour of the goalkeepers' jerseys shall also be prominently different from that worn by the outfield players. For requirements on the sportswear, please refer to the "Guidelines on the Sportswear for the 9th Hong Kong Games".
- (8) All teams shall not wear any accessories in a match. If a player needs to wear equipment such as protective spectacles or facemasks, he must make an application to the Organiser 7 working days before the match day and submit the relevant documentary proof (e.g. medical certificate) together with the information about the equipment (such as protective spectacles or facemasks) for approval by the Organiser. The equipment can only be used in the match after approval has been obtained.
- (9) Participants shall comply with the rules, regulations and announcements of the competition venues 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) The match results will be determined by the officiating referee as the final decision.
- (12) There is no provision for appeals in this tournament.
- (13) Unless explicitly stated in this prospectus, all rules and regulations will follow those currently used in the Futsal Laws of the Game set by the FIFA.
- IX. Team Leaders' : A team leaders' meeting and a fixture draw will be held at 7:00 p.m. on 8 March 2024 (Friday) at the Audio/Visual Room, 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin. Each participating unit shall send its own representative to attend the meeting. The players' list must be confirmed on or before the 31 January. No application for amendments to the list will be accepted after the meeting. Participating units failing to send their representatives will be represented by the Organiser's staff in the fixture draw, the results of which should be accepted without objection.
- X. Referee : The Hong Kong, China Football Association will be invited to provide referee services.
- XI. Match Jersey : The tournament organizers will provide the game jerseys. The home team is required to wear white jerseys, while the away team

is required to wear dark jerseys (usually referring to jerseys of other colors).

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- (a) Outdoor venues: If a Pre-No. 8 Special Announcement has been issued, or Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above or Red/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. Organiser will notify the participants of the corresponding arrangements separately in due course.
  - (b) Indoor venues: 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.

#### "Very High" Health Risk Category (Air Quality Health Index: 8 (3) 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.

#### "Serious" Health Risk Category (Air Quality Health Index:10+) (4)

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.

XII. Inclement (1)Weather Arrangements

XIII.	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.
XIV.	By-law	:	(1)	The personal data submitted by the participants will be destroyed in the 4th month after the 9th HKG. Any requests for proof of results obtained by individual athletes in the competition should be submitted to the Secretariat of the 9th HKGOC within 3 months after the 9th HKG.
XV.	Enquiries	:	2601 7	7671

The Organiser reserves the right to amend this prospectus at any time without further notice.

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### **Enrolment Form**

#### Remarks:

- (1) The personal data provided by you will only be used for the purposes of enrolment, compilation of statistics and contact of this competition. Only the staff authorised by the Organiser will be given access to the information for the aforesaid purposes. The personal data provided by you will be destroyed in the 4th month after the 9th Hong Kong Games.
- (2) Please contact the staff of the Secretariat of the 9th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee at 2601 7671 if you wish to request correction of the personal data after submission of enrolment form.
- (3) Participating units must provide the personal data required below and fill in the declaration. If you fail to provide the required personal data clearly, your application will not be accepted.
- 1. Participating Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ District
- 2. Personal Data of Team Leader and Coach (Team leader and coach must be aged 18 or above)

Name of Team Leader (English):	Sex:	*E-mail Address:
Contact Telephone No.: (Daytime)	(Night)	Fax No.:
Name of Coach (English):	Sex:	*E-mail Address:
Contact Telephone No.: (Daytime)	(Night)	Fax No.:
Name of Coach (English):	Sex:	*E-mail Address:
Contact Telephone No.: (Daytime)	(Night)	Fax No.:

\* The Organiser will send the information about the competition to the team leaders and coaches via e-mail.

#### 3. Declaration by Team Leader

I hereby declare that:

- (1) I have read the competition prospectus and agreed to abide by the rules and regulations stated therein.
- (2) This participating unit has verified the personal data of the participants in the team and they are eligible for the competition according to the rules set by the Organiser. I understand that if false information is provided or if the information entered is not in accordance with the facts, the team will be disqualified with all the results cancelled.
- (3) All the participants aged under 18 in the team have obtained the consent of their parents or guardians to participate in this competition.
- (4) None of the athletes on our district's representative team has won any medals in international major sporting events (the Olympic Games and the Asian Games) held two years before the current HKG (between 1 January 2022 and 31 January 2024).

Signature of Team Leader	:	
Name of Team Leader	:	

Date

## 4. Particulars of Team

Colours of jersey: (1)	_(Dark-coloured)	(2)	(Light-coloured)
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## **[Declaration by Participant]**

(All participants aged 18 or above must sign this declaration and return it together with the enrolment form.)

Participating Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ District

I hereby declare that:

- 1. I confirm that I reside in the district to be represented. All the information provided by me in the enrolment form of the district athlete selection competition of the 9th Hong Kong Games is true and correct and I am eligible for the competition according to the rules set by the Organiser. I understand that if false information is provided or if the information entered is not in accordance with the facts, I will be disqualified with all my results cancelled.
- 2. I have read the competition prospectus carefully and agree to comply with the competition rules set by the Organiser and abide by the decisions of the referees. I will submit my identity document (the original) for checking by the Organiser before each match. I understand that failure to comply with the competition rules will result in immediate disqualification.
- 3. I understand that if any person is found playing under my name, I will be disqualified with all my results cancelled.
- 4. I am healthy and physically fit to participate in this competition.

I have read through and understood the above declaration and I sign below for confirmation.

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## **[**Declaration by Participant **]**

(For a participant aged under 18, this declaration must be signed by his parent or guardian aged 18 or above and return it together with the enrolment form.)

Participating Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ District

Participating team: Champion Ist runner up (Please put a "" in the appropriate box)

Declaration by Parent or Guardian (aged 18 or above) of Participant:

I hereby declare that:

- 1. The participant, \_\_\_\_\_\_ (name of participant), has read the competition prospectus carefully and agrees to comply with the competition rules set by the Organiser and abide by the decisions of the referees. The participant will submit his <u>identity document (the original)</u> for checking by the Organiser before each match. The participant understands that failure to comply with the competition rules will result in immediate disqualification.
- 2. The participant understands that if any person is found playing under his name, he will be disqualified with all his results cancelled.
- 3. The participant is healthy and physically fit to participate in this competition.

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(This form may be photocopied if necessary)