

The Schools Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China
Grantham Outstanding Student Athletes Awards 2023 – 2024
Details of the Awards

I. Organiser:

The Schools Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China (HKSSF)

II. Sponsor:

Grantham Scholarships Fund

III. Objectives:

1. To encourage Hong Kong student athletes representing the Federation to strive for excellence.
2. To provide role models and inspiration for students in Hong Kong, in order to encourage sport participation at school level.
3. To inspire student's interest in sport and to further promote the influence of sport culture within schools, and to the wider community of Hong Kong.

IV. Award Committee:

Separate committees for Hong Kong Island & Kowloon Region, and New Territories Region.

1. Role : Initial screening of all nominees, based on the judging criteria and recommend a winner of each award for endorsement.
2. Members : To be proposed by Hong Kong Island & Kowloon Regional Committee and New Territories Regional Competition Committee respectively.

V. Award Presentation Ceremony:

1. Award Presentation Ceremony to be held on Friday, 5th July 2024.
2. Ceremony details will be announced in June 2024.

VI. Award Categories:

The following Awards will be presented separately to member schools from Hong Kong Island & Kowloon Region, and New Territories Region.

1. Sportsboy and Sportsgirl of the Year and Ten Sport Excellence Awards

- Nomination : A maximum of one boy and one girl student from each member secondary school may be nominated.
- Awards : One boy and one girl will be selected as the Sportsboy and Sportsgirl of the Year. An additional five boys and five girls will be awarded the Ten Sport Excellence Awards.

2. Outstanding Athlete (By Sport)

- Nomination : A Maximum of one boy and one girl student from each member secondary school may be nominated for each sport.

- Awards : A maximum of 21 boys and 22 girls from the following sports will receive awards.
- Sports : Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Cross Country, Fencing, Football, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Indoor Rowing, Life Saving, Netball (girls), Rugby Sevens, Softball, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Tenpin Bowling and Volleyball.

VII. Awards:

1. Winners of Sportsboy and Sportsgirl of the Year will each receive:
 - A certificate
 - A Scholarship of HK\$10,000 from Grantham Scholarships Fund
2. Winners of the Ten Sport Excellence Awards will each receive:
 - A certificate
 - A Scholarship of HK\$5,000 from Grantham Scholarships Fund
3. Winners of Outstanding Athlete (By Sport) will each receive:
 - A certificate
 - A Scholarship of HK1,000 from Grantham Scholarships Fund

VIII. Selection Procedure:

1. The selection procedure is divided into two phases:
 - 1st phase:
All member secondary schools will be invited to put forward nominations.
 - 2nd phase:
All nominations will be screened by the Award Committees who will recommend winners for endorsement.
2. Remarks:
 - Awardees of Sportsboy and Sportsgirl of the Year will be selected from amongst 12 finalists (6 boys and 6 girls) and the remaining finalists (5 boys and 5 girls) will receive the Ten Sport Excellence Awards.
 - Awardees of Sportsboy and Sportsgirl of the Year and the Ten Sport Excellence Awards shall not be eligible for Outstanding Athlete (By Sport) Awards.
 - Interviews for shortlisted candidates may be required where achievements of candidates are close or require clarification.

IX. Nomination Criteria:

1. Only member secondary schools of the HKSSF are eligible to put forward nominations of their current students for the Awards and these must be signed by the Principal of the respective school. Nominations from member secondary schools of Hong Kong Island & Kowloon Region and New Territories Region will be considered separately for this scholarship.
2. Separate nominations must be submitted for each award category.

3. Nominees for the following Awards shall not be eligible, in the same year, for nomination for Sportsboy and Sportsgirl of the Year, or for the Ten Sport Excellence Awards:
 - Bauhinia Bowl Sportsboy/Sportsgirl of the Year;
 - Rising Star Athlete Award;
 - NT Secondary Schools Area Committee All Round Outstanding Athlete Award.
4. Nominees of the Bauhinia Bowl Outstanding Athlete Award may in the same year, be nominated for Outstanding Athlete (By Sport) under the Grantham Outstanding Student Athletes Awards, provided the nomination is in a different sports.
5. Student athletes can be nominated for more than one Outstanding Athlete (By Sport) Award. Separate nominations for each sport should be submitted for consideration.
6. The nominees of Sportsboy and Sportsgirl of the Year Awards and the Ten Sport Excellence Awards shall be “all-round” sports persons, and shall have participated during the academic year, in at least two sport events. Preference will be given to nominees who have participated in events in more than one of the following categories:
 - Category A: Athletics, Cross Country & Gymnastics.
 - Category B: Indoor Rowing, Life Saving & Swimming.
 - Category C: Archery, Badminton, Fencing, Squash, Table Tennis, Tennis & Tenpin Bowling.
 - Category D: Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Football, Handball, Hockey, Netball (girls), Rugby Sevens, Softball & Volleyball.
7. For Sportsboy and Sportsgirl of the Year and Ten Sport Excellence Awards, all nominees must have competed, and achieved significant results (i.e. top-4 position) in one of the nominated sports, at inter-school sports competitions (Area / Regional / All Hong Kong Inter-Secondary Schools Competitions) organised by the HKSSF during the academic year.
8. For Outstanding Athlete (By Sport) Awards, all nominees must have competed, and achieved significant results (i.e. top-4 position) in the nominated sports, at inter-school sports competitions (Area / Regional / All Hong Kong Inter-Secondary Schools Competitions) organised by the HKSSF during the academic year.
9. For All Hong Kong Schools Jing Ying Tournaments and All Hong Kong Inter-Secondary Schools Competitions, positions achieved by a nominee will be counted separately between the Hong Kong Island & Kowloon Region and the New Territories Region.
10. For sports events that did not organise or coordinate by HKSSF during the award period (such as competitions organised and/or coordinated through respective National Sports Associations), supporting documents must be submitted for consideration. Results without supporting document will not be considered.
11. For individual sports, like Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Cross Country, Fencing, Gymnastics, Indoor Rowing, Life Saving, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis and Tenpin Bowling, results/ranking achieved in individual events should be listed in full for examination (relay, double and team results will not be considered).
12. For Outstanding Athlete (Fencing / Squash / Tenpin Bowling (HK Island & Kln Region))

Awards, nominees must have competed in the individual competition of the nominated sport organised by the HKSSF.

13. For team sports, like Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Football, Handball, Hockey, Netball (girls), Rugby Sevens, Softball and Volleyball, playing position of the nominee in the team and to what extent the nominee has contributed to the success of the team should be included. The number of disciplinary records issued to the nominee should also be listed for examination.

X. Nomination Procedure:

1. **Award Period: 1st May 2023 to 30th April 2024**
2. **Nomination Deadline: on or before 17:30, 2nd May 2024**
3. Please return the completed nomination form *by post / in person / by email to -
For member school of HK Island & Kln Region
Address: Room 203, 7 Carmel Village Street, Homantin, Hong Kong
Email address: hkssrc_grantham@hkssf.org.hk
For member school of NT Region
Address: Room 102, 7 Carmel Village Street, Homantin, Hong Kong
Email address: nts@hkssf.org.hk
*For submission by post, please mark “Grantham Outstanding Student Athletes Awards” on the envelope and the postmark date on the envelope will be regarded as the date of submission.
4. In addition, please **EMAIL** the completed electronic nomination form together with one passport size photo and two action photos to hkssrc_grantham@hkssf.org.hk (HK Island & Kln Region) or nts@hkssf.org.hk (NT Region).
5. Nomination forms cannot be amended, withdrawn or substituted after submission.
6. For enquiries relating to the Awards, please contact the Secretariat at 2711 9182 (HK Island & Kln Region) or 2711 2823 (NT Region).

XI. Judging Criteria for Sports Achievements:

In order to reflect and acknowledge student athlete’s achievements meriting consideration for the Grantham Outstanding Student Athletes Awards, sporting achievements will be weighted in the order listed under the following sport groups:

Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cross Country, Fencing, Football, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Rugby Sevens, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis and Volleyball

1. School competitions coordinated through HKSSF and organised by International School Sport Federation, Asian School Sport Federation, Asian Schools Football Federation; the Student (Youth) Games of the People’s Republic of China (School Category – Secondary) coordinated through HKSSF;
2. School Inter-port Competitions organised and coordinated through HKSSF;

3. International competitions organised or coordinated through respective National Sports Association (This would only be considered if such competition in 1 or 2 did not exist for the award period);
4. All Hong Kong Schools Jing Ying Tournaments and All Hong Kong Inter-Secondary Schools Competitions organised by HKSSF;
5. Inter-school Competitions organised by HKSSF Area/Regional Committees;
6. Local competitions organised in HK by respective National Sports Association would only be considered if the winner still cannot be decided.

Life-saving, Netball (girls) and Softball

1. International competitions organised or coordinated through respective National Sports Association;
2. All Hong Kong Inter-Secondary Schools Competitions organised by HKSSF;
3. Local competitions organised in HK by respective National Sports Association (This would only be considered if the winner still cannot be decided).

Archery, Beach Volleyball, Indoor Rowing, Tennis and Tenpin Bowling

1. International competitions organised or coordinated through respective National Sports Association;
2. Inter-school Competitions organised by HKSSF Area/Regional Committees;
3. Local competitions organised in HK by respective National Sports Association (This would only be considered if the winner cannot be decided).

The Organiser reserves all rights to interpret/amend the rules and regulations, to nominate additional student athletes, to interpret the judging criteria, as well as to maintain the final decision on all results.

The Grantham Scholarships Fund Committee reserves the right to disqualify the applicant on the grounds that the applicant has engaged, is engaging, or is reasonably believed to have engaged or be engaging in acts or activities that are likely to cause or constitute the occurrence of offences endangering national security or otherwise the exclusion of the eligibility of the applicant is necessary in the interest of national security, or is necessary to protect the public interest of Hong Kong, public morals, public order or public safety.

10th April 2024