

Relevant Changes on Inter-school Sports Competition 2026-2027

Member schools please pay attention to the changes on inter-school sports competition which will take effect in the 2026-2027 & 2027-2028 season.

Effective as at **2026-2027** season:

1. Basketball

The rule of “Each player shall be numbered on the front and back of his shirt with plain numbers of a solid colour contrasting with the colour of the shirt” will be modified as:

“Each player shall be numbered on the front and back of his shirt with numbers, the colour and brightness of the numbers **must contrast with the dominant colour and brightness of the jerseys**”

2. Football

If players want to wear long sleeves sportswear under the uniform tops or bibs, **all** the long sleeves sportswear must be in **same colour**.

3. Handball

Unless otherwise informed, both teams shall provide a scorer for each match to enhance the accuracy and reliability of score.

5. Volleyball

5.1 The number must be placed on the jersey at the centre of the front and of the back. The colour and brightness of the **numbers must contrast with the colour and brightness of the jerseys**.

5.2 The Libero player(s) must wear a uniform (or jacket/bib for the redesignated Libero) which has a **different dominant colour from any colour of the rest of the team**. The uniform must **clearly contrast with the rest of the team**. Both Liberos can be in uniforms different from each other and from the rest of the team.

5.3 Unless otherwise informed, both teams shall **provide a scorer** for each match to enhance the accuracy and reliability of score.

6. Table Tennis

Before the game, both teams shall present the composition of his team in writing in the score sheet to the reporting desk or umpire before the start of play. No alternation thereof shall be made afterwards. Any discrepancy will lead to the **forfeiture of the set(s) in question**.

7. Rugby Sevens

The division system (Two divisions) will be introduced if there are **at least** 16 participating teams in A, B and C grade (for Boys) / Senior and Junior grade (for Girls) respectively. According to 2025-2026's overall results, top 8 schools will be in Division One and the rest goes to Division Two.



Go to www.hkssf.org.hk 【 ALL HK Inter-secondary Schools Sports Competition > Various Sports Information > Rugby 7s > Competition Results > [Overall Results](#) 】

8. Beach Volleyball

The participation rate is encouraging these years, teams in the preliminary rounds will be divided into groups with 3 participating teams. The top two teams of the groups will qualify for the next stage.

9. Playing system of Division One

Eight teams will be divided into two groups, Single Round Robin system is adopted in preliminary rounds. The top two teams in each group will qualify for the final round playing in Knockout system. The third and fourth team in each group will also qualify for position 5-8 playing in Knockout system.

Effective as at **2027-2028** season:

1. Table Tennis

Considering different feedback after three years of trial, The Olympic system (BC v YZ (doubles), A v X, C v Z, A v Y, B v X) will be **replaced by the New Swaythling Cup system** (all singles) start from 2027-2028 season with the order of play as follows:

Set	Home Team	Away Team
1	A	X
2	B	Y
3	C	Z
4	A	Y
5	B	X

Should you have any queries, please call the Secretariat at 27112823.

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