

Relevant Changes on Inter-school Sports Competition 2021-2022

In view of the impact of COVID-19 and relevant guidelines, member schools please pay special attention to the **potential** changes on inter-school sports competition in the 2021-2022 season.

*****All changes and details of the competition arrangements will be confirmed and announced at the General Sports Meeting on 3rd September*****

1. Potential Changes in the 2021-2022 season:

1.1 Badminton

Only singles events may be arranged for all grades with the order of play as follows:

Game	Home Team	Away Team
1	1 st Singles (A)	1 st Singles (X)
2	2 nd Singles (B)	2 nd Singles (Y)
3	3 rd Singles (C)	3 rd Singles (Z)
4	4 th Singles (A)	4 th Singles (Y)
5	5 th Singles (B)	5 th Singles (X)

A team shall consist of 3 players in such a way as to provide 5 singles. The team that wins 3 games first will be the winner.

1.2 Tennis

Only singles events may be arranged with the order of play as follows:

Round	Set	
	Home Team	Away Team
1	1 st Singles (A)	1 st Singles (X)
	2 nd Singles (B)	2 nd Singles (Y)
	3 rd Singles (C)	3 rd Singles (Z)

A team shall consist of 3 players in such a way as to provide 3 singles. All 3 sets must be completed and the team that wins 2 games will be the winner.

1.3 Athletics and Swimming

Competition format may be adjusted (i.e. conduct on a timed final basis, limit entries per event, cancel some events) to limit the number of participants and fulfill the venue requirement.

1.4 Basketball, Cross Country, Fencing, Football, Handball, Hockey, Life Saving, Netball, Rugby, Rugby Sevens, Softball, Squash and Volleyball

Grade combinations and competition format may be adjusted (i.e. A, B, C to Senior & Junior / Open Grade, adopting the single knock out system).

1.5 **Sports activities in the 2nd half season (Archery, Beach Volleyball, Gymnastics, Indoor Rowing and Tenpin Bowling)**

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 and regularly update of relevant guidelines, competition format may be adjusted and announced nearer the time.

2. **Confirmed** Arrangement / Changes with effect from **2021-2022** season:

2.1 **Table Tennis**

No changes on the competition format and the New Swaythling Cup System of play which consist of 3 single players will still be used.

2.2 **Jing Ying Athletics (Team)**

Jing Ying Athletics (Team) Tournament will be resumed (as an annual event) and held in May 2022 (tentative). Eligibility of participation and competition information will be sent out in due course.

2.3 **Basketball Marathon**

To promote and facilitate the development of 3x3 Basketball, the competition format of Basketball Marathon will be changed from five-a-side to three-a-side (3x3) competition. Schools may enroll one team in AB combined grade and one team in C grade in each of the Boys and Girls category. Competition information will be sent out in due course.

3. **Confirmed** Changes with effect from **2022-2023** season:

3.1 **Girls Football**

Due to the cancellation of last year competition, the division system (Two divisions) will be postponed and introduced in 2022-2023 season.

3.2 **Netball**

Due to the cancellation of last year competition, the division system (Two divisions) will be postponed and introduced in 2022-2023 season.

3.3 **Squash (Team)**

Due to the cancellation of last year competition, the change of seeding arrangement (according to the result of previous season) will be postponed and effective as of 2022-2023 season.

3.4 **Table Tennis**

Due to the cancellation of last year competition, the Olympic system (BC v YZ (doubles), A v X, C v Z, A v Y, B v X) will be postponed and introduced in 2022-2023 season.

To : All Member Secondary Schools (New Territories)

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