

THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS FEDERATION

Updated arrangements of Secondary Schools Sports Competitions (HK Island & Kowloon) 2020-2021

Subsequent to the announcement made by the Federation on 21 January 2021, the remaining competitions will commence no earlier than 12 April 2021. After careful deliberation, the Regional Committee has decided on the following arrangements for competition in 2020-2021 season:

1. Grade Combinations & Competition Rules

- 1.1 Competition of different sports will be arranged according to the grade combination as shown in the table below:

Grade Combination	Sport
A, B, C Grade (No changes)	Archery, Cross Country, Indoor Rowing
Open Grade (No changes)	Fencing (Team), Girls Football, Hockey (Boys), Softball, Squash (Team), Tennis, Tenpin Bowling
Adjusted to Open Grade	Badminton, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Football, Handball, Hockey (Girls), Netball, Rugby Sevens, Table Tennis, Volleyball
Adjusted to Senior & Junior	Rugby

- 1.2 The competition and technical rules (i.e. match duration, ball size and net height) of A Grade/ AB Combined Grade competition shall be applied for Open Grade competition listed in item 1.1.
- 1.3 In addition to item 1.2, format of Try Rugby will be adopted for Rugby Sevens.
- 1.4 For Rugby, the competition and technical rules of A Grade/ B Grade competition shall be applied for Senior / Junior competition respectively.
- 1.5 Arrangements for All Hong Kong Gymnastics and Life Saving competition will be announced on the official website in due course.

2. Seeding & Group Allocation Arrangement

- 2.1 For sport that would be adjusted to Open Grade, teams will be seeded and allotted to different group according to last year's **A Grade/ AB Combined Grade** result or result of 2018-2019 season if last year's competition cannot be completed.
- 2.2 Single Knock Out system may be adopted and announced before commencement of competition subject to the time and venue availability.

3. Promotion & Relegation Arrangement

- 3.1 Promotion and Relegation will NOT be adopted for all divisions for the sport that would be adjusted to Open Grade or Senior & Junior Competition listed in item 1.1.

4. Awards

- 4.1 "Grantham Outstanding Student Athlete Awards" will NOT be awarded this season.

5. Affected Competitions

5.1 Due to unavailability of venue, the “**Athletics Competition**”, “**Swimming Competition**”, “**Individual Fencing Competition**” and “**Individual Squash Competition**” will be cancelled.

6. Refund Arrangements and Open Grade Competition Application

6.1 Member schools will be separately informed of relevant arrangements around early March.

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To : Principal and P.E. Panel of all member secondary schools (HK Island & Kln)

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