

Inter-School Badminton Competition 2008/2009
Hong Kong (Division Two)

1. Attached please find :
 - i) Fixtures
 - ii) Arrangement of Knock Out Final
 - iii) Distribution of shuttlecocks & score sheets

2. Schools should check the fixtures carefully to make sure all matches are included. Please note that a set of score sheet consists of two copies, one for home and one for away team. ***BOTH teams have the duty to fax a copy to the Federation Office immediately after competition and should be less than two days.***

As Lot Drawing System will be fully adopted in the Knock-out Stage starting from 2008/2009 season, schools must fax back the score sheet as soon as possible for facilitate the procedure. Please refer to the General Information 2008/2009 for details of Lot Drawing System

3. A single knock out system has been adopted for the final stage. Top two teams from each group will qualify for the final. Attached please find the arrangement for the Knock Out stage.

4. Boys' and Girls' finals will be conducted on 6th December at Tokwawan Sports Centre and Chai Wan Sports Centre respectively from 8am to 2pm. Participating schools should make due preparation for the final. The Federation Office has written a formal request to Hong Kong Badminton Association to deploy umpires to officiate all final matches and waiting for their reply. The required umpire fee has been included into the entry fee.

Boys A Grade and Girls B Grade – 10 teams, Girls A Grade – 8 teams, Boys B Grades – 14 teams

Except for the Semi-Finals and Finals, other knock out final matches will be conducted on weekdays. **[Please make sure all first round matches to be completed as scheduled or it could not be possible for the Semi-Finals and Finals to be competed on 6th December. The first two rounds knock out finals must be competed by 5th December 2008].**

5. Collection of home team shuttlecocks may be a concern for those schools who play their finals on weekdays. Home Teams may (i) collect shuttlecocks and score sheet from the Federation Office match by match, or (ii) collect all shuttlecocks after the final stage competition is over. For those final matches conducted on 6th December, shuttlecocks and score sheets will be delivered to schools at the centre.

6. All participating schools must take note of the dates of Knock Out Final and make sure that the first round competition be completed as scheduled.

7. Please be reminded that 21 point scoring system is adopted in all games, including all single and doubles

8. The court numbers on the fixture are actual court number.
9. Before the start of competition, teachers are kindly requested to report to the counter of Sports Centre and to sign on the registrar. The officer of Sports Centre will not allow them to enter court area until this formality has been completed. Teachers should maintain a high standard of crowd control in Sport Centres. All spectators, parents, and non-competing players must stay on the spectators' stand or keep away from the court area. Please refer to the guidelines sent to all participating schools in previous circular.
10. All matches will start at **4:20pm**. If a full team is not ready to commence play at the starting time, the opposing team may claim a walk over. Due to rigid booking schedule of Sports Centre, participating schools must try to finish their matches on time. If any match is not completed within the booking period, the result should be freeze. The Home team must report the case to the Federation Office for re-arrangement.
11. Teachers in charge of Badminton must be very cautious when deciding the team composition, it is the responsibility of teacher in charge to make sure that the team composition is correct before forwarding it to the opposing team. When the team composition has been passed to the opposing team, no alteration will be allowed. Any discrepancy will lead to the forfeiture of the game/s in question. In the case when the discrepancy of team composition is found after the match has been started, the results of the games that have been completed shall stand. Game not been completed or not being played will subject to forfeiture if the team composition is not correct.
12. Schools are reminded that staff member is interpreted as a person employed by a school and is in the pay roll of a school. In addition, schools may appoint responsible adults to serve as staff members. In case of doubt, the match must still be played. Schools may then request the Federation to investigate the matter.
13. The Federation Office must be informed of any rearrangement so that vacant courts can be returned to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Please contact Mr. Poon at 2711 9182 as soon as possible.

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To : Schools in Division Two Badminton (Hong Kong)
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