

INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL COMPETITION 2023-2024

1. Team Colour for Inter-School Football Competition

Team Colour for Inter-School Football Competition 2023-2024 has been circulated on 5th September 2023.

Go to www.hkssf.org.hk 【Inter-Secondary Schools Sports Competition (HK Island and Kowloon) > Football > General Circulars > Team Colour for Inter-School Football Competition 2023-2024 (Boys A Grade, Boys B Grade) 】 (Deadline will be 18th September 2023)

2. Grouping as released on the website

Go to www.hkssf.org.hk 【Inter-Secondary Schools Sports Competition (HK Island and Kowloon) > Football > Competition Information > Grouping List】

2.1 Please refer to the website for the grouping list to check that your team(s) is / are included. Please contact the HK Island and Kowloon Office of the Federation at 2711 9182 in case of any error.

2.2 Results of 2022/23 have been considered when placing teams into groups. Division One will be seeded according to the Grade Result. Please refer to the “*Secondary Schools General Information Booklet 2023-2024*” for details of grouping system. **Promotion and Relegation will be resumed for all division.**

3. Competition Venues

	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Aberdeen Sports Ground (Artificial Turf)	No. 108 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen	2552 6043
Causeway Bay Sports Ground	Causeway Road, Hong Kong	2890 5127
Happy Valley Recreation Ground	1 Sports Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong	2895 1523
So Kon Po Recreation Ground	55 Caroline Hill Road, Wanchai, HK	2576 5132
Boundary Street Recreation Ground (A.T.)	200 Sai Yee Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon	2380 9751
Homantin East Service Reservoir Playground	Fat Kwong Street, Homantin, Kowloon	2760 0782
Kowloon Tsai Park	1 Heng Lam Street, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon	2338 0137
Lok Fu Recreation Ground (Artificial Turf)	13 Inverness Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon	2336 7878
Po Tsui Park (Artificial Turf)	Yuk Nga Lane, Tseung Kwan O, NT	2703 7231
Shek Kip Mei Park (Artificial Turf)	270 Nam Cheong Street, Shek Kip Mei	2777 1540
Tai Hang Tung Recreation Ground	63 Boundary Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	2777 8946
Po Kong Village Road Park	140 Po Kong Village Road, Diamond Hill, Kowloon	2320 6140

4. Competition Schedule

A Grade Commence on 25th September 2023

B Grade Late November 2023 (Tentative)

5. In compliance with member schools' request, it is our wish to complete all A Grade matches before Christmas as to allow senior students to have time to prepare for public examination. Due to the above reason, there will be some matches scheduled in weekday from 12:30pm to 6:00pm.

6. **Competition Starting Time**

6.1 Teams shall be properly dressed and have their team sheets filled in before the scheduled time of the match. If any team is not ready to start at the scheduled time, the referee may declare a walk-over.

6.2 Each team may download the team sheet from the HKSSF website and clearly fill in with block letters.

Go to www.hkssf.org.hk 【Inter-Secondary Schools Sports Competition (HK Island and Kowloon) > Football > Competition Information > Team Sheet of Inter-School Football Competition】

7. **Duration of the Match**

A Grade – 35 minutes each half

B Grade – 25 minutes each half

8. **Player Substitutes**

Teams will be allowed to make a maximum of five substitutes in a match. Each team has a maximum of three substitution opportunities during a match and may additionally have one substitution opportunity at half-time.

9. **Walkover / Withdrawal**

9.1 School should inform the Secretariat by written one week in advance for any walkover / withdrawal. Should there be any sudden incident leading to walkover of matches, schools should inform the Secretariat before noon.

9.2 Should the opposing team failed to turn up at the starting time, schools should inform the Federation at 2711 9182 IMMEDIATELY.

9.3 If one team fails to turn up without prior notification, the opposing team shall be awarded a walk-over provided that the opposing team had the minimum number of players present for the game. Explanation letter signed by the school head of the team that fails to turn up should be forwarded to the Federation office within 3 working days. (Please refer to “*General Information Booklet*” > “*By-Laws & Rules*” > 2.8. *Walk-Over*)

10. **Team Manager**

- 10.1 All teams must be accompanied by a team manager who is a full time staff member or authorized person of the school. (Please refer to “General Information Booklet” > “General Rules of Sports Competition” > 11. Team Manager)
- 10.2 Principal may authorize responsible adult to serve as Team Manager. Schools must complete appropriate application procedure **FOUR** days before the person assumes the duty of team manager.
- 10.3 For all sports every team must be accompanied by a staff member or an authorized member appointed by head of School. He/she must remain with the team throughout the entire match/competition. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the disqualification of the team from that match/ competition.
- 10.4 The staff member shall be **responsible for the conduct of his/her team members and supporters** both on and off the field.

11. **Players’ Uniform**

- 11.1 All players **MUST** wear pads and long stockings.
- 11.2 The Home Team of a match must check the colour of the Away Team (include Goalkeeper). In case of clash of colour, the Home Team shall change, failing which will lead to walk-over.
- 11.3 Teams failing to provide team colour will be required to change shirts in the event of clash colour no matter they are home or away teams.
- 11.4 Player’s number shall be from 1 to 99 and there cannot be duplicate number on the same team.
- 11.5 All players must wear identical uniform. If the team decides to wear bibs, all players in the team must wear it.
- 11.6 All athletes should wear sportswear with their top bearing their school name / abbreviation / badge, which should be sewn or stenciled on permanently. (Please refer to “General Information Booklet” > “General Rules of Sports Competition” > 7. Uniform)
- 11.7 Uniform must not contain any slogans or advertising with indecent information, such as gambling, tobacco, spirits, political, and any discriminative, abusive, or unethical statements.

12. **Fixtures**

The competition this season will commence on **25th September 2023**. The competition fixtures are now being prepared, and will upload to the HKSSF website by **18th September 2023**. Schools are requested to check out the HKSSF website for details.

Go to www.hkssf.org.hk 【Inter-Secondary Schools Sports Competition (HK Island and Kowloon) > Football > Fixtures and Match Results】

13. **Knock Out & Final**

Top two teams in each group will qualify for the final knock out. Lot Drawing system will be adopted in the final knock-out stage, the first and second finalists from the same group of the preliminary round will be drawn into upper and lower tier. Please refer to the “*General Information Booklet 2023-2024*” for details.

14. **Inclement Weather**

Matches will be automatically cancelled if

- Close of schools announced by Education Bureau
- Typhoon signal No.3 and amber rain storm warning
- Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) is 10+

Apart from conditions listed above, all matches should proceed as scheduled even on rainy day. However, if teachers are still doubtful on weather condition, they should enquire the Federation office at 12:00noon (weekdays) and 9:00am (Saturday). On Sunday, teacher should enquire the LCSD competition venue office at 8:00am. The contact phone numbers have been listed above.

Please note the “Artificial Turf” pitch will not closed on rainy day, only the natural grass pitch will be affected.

15. **Discipline**

All schools are reminded to check for your students’ suspension which will carry out immediately after they have properly registered with the HKSSF. The suspension shall apply even if the student has transferred to another member school. A send-off (red card) shall result in a mandatory suspension of one match. Two cautions (yellow cards) accumulated in different matches shall result in mandatory suspension of one match. Serious offences shall be dealt with separately by the Disciplinary Committee of the HK Island and Kowloon Secondary Schools Regional Committee.

16. **Sportsmanship Award**

The Football Management Committee considered that Sportsmanship Award should encourage fair play and participation. Therefore the award will be given to football participating schools who meet the following requirements:

- i) Participate in all three grades (both A, B and C Grade)
- ii) No red card (including accumulation of two yellow cards) and not more than 5 yellow cards for Division One and Two, whilst Division Three cannot exceed 4 yellow cards throughout the league competition in this season.

17. **All Hong Kong Schools Jing Ying Tournament**

A quota system of the Tournament will apply as follows:

- Division One : Top 5
Division Two : Top 3
Division Three : 4 teams (The top team from each area (HK, K1, K2, K3) shall qualify.)

Only the A grade results would be counted.

Wong Kam Chak	Tsang Sui Pong	Yau Wo Yau	Kwok Kin Nam
Convenor	Convenor	Convenor	Convenor
Div. I	Div. II	Div. III (HK)	Div. III (Kln)

To : All participating schools
Date: 13th September 2023