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To: Principal and P.E. Panel of all member secondary schools

Arrangements for Secondary School Sports Competitions 2019-2020 under the Impact of Coronavirus Disease

Due to the epidemic of the coronavirus disease, all classes have been suspended since the Chinese New Year holidays. To safeguard the health of all participants and reduce the risk of the spread of the disease within the community, all HKSSF competitions, activities and representative team training have been suspended during the period of class suspension.

The Secondary School Sports Council held a special meeting to discuss upon arrangements for secondary school sports competitions for the remainder of this season. A number of factors were considered including minimizing large gatherings to reduce the potential spread of infection, the focus on classroom learning following class resumption to ensure appropriate academic catch up, the possible clash with examination schedule, the lack of school squad training opportunities caused by class suspension, availability of competition venues and the time available before end of the current school year. After careful deliberation, and taking the above factors into account, the Council has decided on the following arrangements for secondary school sports competitions this season:

1. Inter-Secondary School Sports Competitions

- 1.1. Following the EDB announcement (25 February 2020) on deferral of class resumption, all inter-secondary school sports competitions affected by the period of class suspension (29 January to 19 April) together with the remaining competitions originally scheduled to be held between 20 April and 31 May will be cancelled and will not be rescheduled.
- 1.2. Subject to the epidemic, the Basketball Marathon and Tenpin Bowling (New Territories) will be held between late June and early July as originally planned.

2. Jing Ying Tournaments

- 2.1. Badminton (Team) and Cross Country (Team) Tournaments will be rescheduled to be held between late June and early July subject to the epidemic.
- 2.2. Basketball, Football, Handball and Volleyball Tournaments will not be staged as the number of qualified teams is less than two thirds of the qualification places for the respective events.

3. Award Arrangements

- 3.1. Since most of the A Grade, B Grade and Senior competitions cannot be completed, the "Grantham Outstanding Student Athlete Awards" will not be awarded this season.
- 3.2. "Outstanding School Award in Jing Ying Team Competitions" will not be awarded this season due to non-completion of the required scoring events for the award.

4. Refund Arrangements

- 4.1. Entry fees will be refunded if the competition is cancelled prior to its commencement.
- 4.2. Member schools will be separately informed of relevant arrangements.

This has been an extremely difficult decision to make and the Council would like to extend its sincere gratitude to all member schools for their understanding and support. We hope the epidemic will end soon and everyone can continue to enjoy the fun of sport. Should you have any enquiries on the above arrangement, please contact the Secretariat at 2711 9182 (HK Island & Kowloon) or 2711 2823 (New Territories).

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