# The Skateboarding Association of Hong Kong, China 2023 Hong Kong Skateboarding Tournament

# Street Style Skateboarding Open

## **Tournament Introduction**

Skateboarding has been promoted from street fun to an official competition since it became a hit during the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The 2022 SAR Government policy address also pointed out that the government will promote the popularization of sports, includes skateboarding within the 'urban sports' project, work hand in hand with the sports industry, schools and business circles and review competitive events of the Hong Kong Games, allowing more people from different ages to participate. Furthermore, the government recently released the first blueprint for youth development in Hong Kong, which also emphasizes the increase of "urban sports" project activities and sports activities exclusively for young people, so as to enhance young people's opportunities and interest in sports participation.

Looking back at traditional skateboarding events in the past, most of the participants were professional skateboarders, and there was a lack of participation among young people in Hong Kong. In addition to inviting professional athletes from Asia, Mainland China and Hong Kong to participate in this competition, all primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong can organize young people who are interested in skateboarding to participate in the school group competition. This will allow Hong Kong youths to skateboard with many professional skateboarders from Asia. Hong Kong youths will be able to observe outstanding performances of international athletes, and witness the speed, strength and smoothness of skateboarding, strengthening young people's skateboarding interest and bringing further participation to the sport.

At the same time, in response to the policy address to further promote sports popularization and enhance public visibility of the competition, an "Urban Sports Carnival" will be held during the competition, and different types of sports associations, institutions and community organizations will be contacted to organize urban sports activities. Experience days, carnival games and other activities will be utilized to showcase skateboarding and different types of sports to the public. Citizens will be able to watch a professional skateboarding competition and take part in sport activities, comprehensively promoting the participation of different age groups in sport activities.

## Introduction of the Skateboarding Association of Hong Kong, China:

The Skateboarding Association of Hong Kong, China (hereinafter referred to as the "Association") was established in 2022 to promote the development of skateboarding in Mainland China, Hong Kong and around the world. It provides a communication platform for skateboarders, promotes cooperation and exchanges and fosters the sportsmanship spirit of helping one another, with the goal of making skateboarding a universally popular urban sport.

The Association also actively promotes skateboarding in schools and communities, attracting more young

people and citizens to participate. It regularly sponsors or organizes various skateboarding experience projects, training courses, lectures, competitions, seminars and other activities, not only deepening skateboarding knowledge among young people and citizens, but also discovering and cultivating potential skateboarders.



Agenda:

Date: April 23, 2023, Sunday

Time: 13:30-18:00

Venue: Skatepark @ Hong Kong Velodrome Park Address: 105-107 Po Hong Road, Tseung Kwan O.

Competition Style: Street Competition Format: 2/5/3

Awards:

Champion: Cash rewards HK\$20,000 + Prize(value exceeds HK\$5,500) + Trophy 1st Runner-up: Cash rewards HK\$10,000 + Prize(value exceeds HK\$3,500) + Trophy 2nd Runner-up: Cash rewards HK\$5,000 + Prize(value exceeds HK\$2,000) + Trophy

## Participation eligibility:

Adult category: Participants must be over 18 years old.

#### Referees and staff:

Appointed by the Skateboarding Association of Hong Kong, China

## Number of participants:

Adult Category: The maximum number of participants is 20. If more than 20 people sign up, lots will be drawn to determine the participants. Successfully registered participants will be notified before March 31.

## Registration fee:

Registration fee: HK\$360 per person

Fees include: participant number bib, participation certificate, winner's trophy

Remark: All participants should bring their own skateboard (\*please refer to the "Skateboard

Requirements" in the competition rules) and equipment.

Application closing date: from now until 6:00 pm on March 31, 2023, or until the participant quota is full

## Registration and notice:

#### Adult Category:

1. All participants must register on The Skateboarding Association of Hong Kong, China website: <a href="https://cnhksa.org">https://cnhksa.org</a> and complete the online submission.

https://alt.jotfor.ms/CNHKSA/street-open-2023

Adult Category Online Registration

- 2. After receiving the application, staff of the organizer will notify candidates details by email before April 4. If you have not received the notification by then, please email ccui@cnhksa.org for inquiries.
- 3. Once registration is confirmed, no refunds or changes can be requested.
- 4. Failure to compete within the stipulated time will result in a forfeit, and the registration fee will not be refunded.

#### Notice:

- 1. Adult competition wear: appropriate athletic wear
- 2. Participants must arrive at the competition venue to sign in within the specified time. Those who are late will be disqualified from the competition and no registration fee will be refunded. Identification documents must be presented for verification when signing in.
- 3. Each participant can be accompanied by a family member or friend to enter the competition venue and watch the competition within the designated area.
- 4. Participants are required to submit a signed "Disclaimer of Liability" on the day of the competition. Upon failure to submit, the organizer reserves the right to disqualify participants from the competition.
- 5. Participants and their family member must abide by the competition requirements and obey the instructions of referees and staff members. If any violations occur, the organizer has the right to ask the violator to leave the venue.
- 6. Eating, smoking and alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the competition venue.
- 7. The latest information will be announced on the Association website, the competition poster and on competition day.
- 8. All participants must abide by the "User Guidelines" issued by the venue.
- 9. The Skateboarding Association of Hong Kong, China reserves the right to reject any participant and reserves the right to make competition modifications at any time without prior notice.

## Bad weather arrangements:

If on competition day, the Hong Kong Observatory issues the No. 8 warning signal three hours prior to the start time of the competition (the Observatory issues the warning message within two hours before issuing the No. 8 tropical cyclone warning signal), or issues the No. 8 or above tropical cyclone warning signal, or an amber rainstorm warning signal is still in effect, then the competition will be cancelled. The organizer will notify the participants of the corresponding arrangement later.

#### **Rescheduling arrangements:**

Under special circumstances, the organizer has the right to notify participants to reschedule or make another arrangement. If special circumstances occur during the competition, the referee or organizer can decide whether to continue the competition, and participants' opinions will not be considered.

# **Adult Category Rules and Regulations**

1 Unless otherwise stated, all competitions will be held in accordance with the local competition rules stipulated by the Skateboarding Association of Hong Kong, China.

#### 2 Competition system

- 2.1 Individual street-style event
  - 2.1.1 Street-style event races will be run in a "2, 5, 3" format. Each competitor has two 45-second Runs and five Single Tricks. The sum of the highest score of one Run and the highest score of two Single Tricks is calculated to become the final score, which determines 1st to 3rd place.
  - 2.1.2 Each Run is scored, and the score will be from 0.00 to 100. The highest and lowest scores are not calculated, and the remaining scores will be calculated as an average to two decimal places. The highest-scoring run is the total score.
  - 2.1.3 Scoring criteria will depend on the following 6 areas: speed, smoothness and stability, trick difficulty or movements, use of field and obstacles, overall coherence of movements, creativity and personal style.

## 3 Sportswear

- 3.1 Participants are required to wear appropriate sports clothing and wear a number bib.
- 3.2 Participants are required to wear appropriate flat sneakers.

## 4 Equipment

- 4.1 Safety equipment
  - 4.1.1 It is recommended that all participants wear helmets and protective gear.
- 4.2 Types of skateboards
  - 4.2.1 Only technical skateboards (style skateboards) are allowed.
  - 4.2.2 Longboards, Cruiser Boards, Surf Skateboards and Electric Skateboards are not permitted.
  - 4.2.3 Failure to prepare a skateboard that meets the requirements prior to the start of the competition will result in disqualification.

# 5 Check-in procedure

- All participants must report in person within the registration period, and those who exceed the time limit will be disqualified from the competition. The organizer will distribute number bibs and pins to each participant.
- 5.2 After convening is announced, participants shall line up in front of the convening place according to their competition number, so as to check equipment and information.

## 6 Pre-competition practice

- Participants should familiarize themselves with the competition field and obstacles by on-site warmup and practice.
- 6.2 There will be 15 to 30 minutes of free practice time before the competition. Participants shall arrive early for warm-up and practice.

## 7 Timing and scoring certificate

- 7.1 After completing the event, participants must verify their scores and then sign in approval.
- 7.2 If there is no participant's signature on the score sheet, the score will be listed as the actual score, and the participant has no right to object.

#### 8 Awards

8.1 The top three participants in individual events will each receive a cup and bonus prizes.

## 9 Appeal

9.1 There will be no appeals, and all results are subject to the judgment of the referee.