2023 Hong Kong Skateboarding Tournament / Urban Sports Carnival Inter-school Skateboarding Tournament

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 younger. 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

Individual Speed Challenge (U12* / U15 / U18 Male/Female)
Individual Best Line Challenge (U12* / U15 / U18 No gender division)

Date	Time	Venue	Group
	07:30-08:00		Free practice time
	08:00-09:00		Opening ceremony & briefing
April 22, 2023 (Sat)	09:00-10:00	Skatepark @ Hong Kong Velodrome Park	U18 Best Line Preliminary
	10:00-11:00		U15 Best Line Preliminary
	11:00-12:00		U18 Male Speed Challenge
	12:00-13:00	Address:	U18 Female Speed Challenge
	13:00-14:00	105-107	Lunch & Free practice time
	14:00-15:00	Po Hong Road,	U15 Male Speed Challenge
	15:00-16:00	Tseung Kwan O.	U15 Female Speed Challenge
	16:00-17:00		U12 Best Line Preliminary
	17:00-17:45		U12 Male Speed Challenge
	17:45-18:30		U12 Female Speed Challenge

Date	Time	Venue	Group
	08:00-09:00	Skatepark @ Hong Kong Velodrome Park 12:00 Address: 105-107 Po Hong Road, Tseung Kwan O.	Free practice time
	09:00-10:00		U18 Best Line Final
	10:00-11:00		U15 Best Line Final
April 23, 2023	11:00-12:00		U12 Best Line Final
	12:00-13:30		Lunch & Free practice time
(Sun)	13:30-16:00		Street Style Skateboarding Open
			(Adult)
	16:00-18:00		Closing ceremony &
			Award ceremony

Eligibility to participate:

Inter-school Group: All Hong Kong schools.

Group	AGE	Date of Birth
U12	Under 12, but over 8 on the day of event*.	After 01/01/2011
U15	Under 15	After 01/01/2008
U18	Under 18	After 01/01/2005



Referees and staff

Appointed by the Skateboarding Association of Hong Kong, China

Number of participants

The maximum number of each group (Speed Challenge / Male Best Line/ Female Best Line) is 15. If more than 15 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\$180 per person/per group (speed challenge/ best line challenge) 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 guota is full.

Registration and notice

The registration fee will only be accepted as payment by cheque.

Please write the cheque payable to "The Skateboard Association of Hong Kong, China Limited", and write the name of the school and the contact number of the person in charge on the back of the cheque.

The registration form must be filled in by the person in charge of the school, and the [Participant Disclaimer] must be signed by the contestant or his guardian.

Please mail the registration form, [Participant Disclaimer] and cheque to following address:

18/F, Excelsior Building, 68-76 Sha Tsui Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories, The Skateboarding Association of Hong Kong, China

Email: info@cnhksa.org

- 1. If the postage is insufficient or lost, the application will not be accepted.
- 2. Students who register for the competition must be signed and stamped by the schoolteacher or principal.
- 3. Upon receipt of the registration, the organizer staff will notify the school contact by email as soon as possible for the details of the competition. If you do not receive the notification, please email info@cnhksa.org for enquiry. Once registration is confirmed, no refunds or changes can be requested.
- 4. Each person can register more than one group (speed challenge / best line). If you do not appear in the competition by the specified time, the registration fee will not be refunded.

Rules for Participation

1. Dress Code

School Group: school uniform, and flat shoes as a strong recommendation.

- 2. Please arrive at the competition venue to check in within the specified time. Those who are late will be disqualified from the competition and no registration fee will be refunded. Please present your student ID cards or any other ID for verification.
- 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. The participant shall submit a signed "*Disclaimer*" and "*Health Declaration Form*" after the registration is confirmed. If the participant is under the age of 18, the forms can be signed by their parents or legal guardians. The organizer reserves the right to disqualify any applicant failed to submit the required documents from the competition.
- 5. Anyone who is not the staff, participant or accompanying family members shall follow the competition rules and the direction of the judge and staff. The organizer has the right to dismiss anyone with violated action.
- 6. No food, cigarette or alcoholic beverage is allowed in the venue.
- 7. The latest information will be announced on the CNHKSA website, the competition poster and on competition day.
- 8. All participants must abide by the "User Guidelines" issued by the venue.
- 9. CNHKSA 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.

Appendix 1

Competition Rules and Regulations for School Group

1 All the competitions shall follow the local regulations developed by CNHKSA, unless otherwise stated.

2 Competition Format

- 2.1 Individual Speed (Junior Primary, Senior Primary, Junior High, Senior High; each in Male and Female groups)
 - 2.1.1 Complete the designated route (Appendix 1) in 60 seconds, and rank by the time, the shorter, the higher score.
 - 2.1.2 If the participant lands both feet on the ground during the performance in Speed, 3 seconds will be added to the total score.
 - 2.1.3 During the speed race, if the total duration of both feet landing on the ground is more than 10 seconds, the participant will be deemed as not completing the route and be disqualified.
 - 2.1.4 Every participant has only one chance in the Preliminary, the top 5 in each group will be qualified for the final (the group of fewer than 5 athletes will enter the finals directly).
 - 2.1.5 Every participant has two chances in the final, ranking by the shortest performance time for the 1st to 5th places.
 - 2.2 Individual Street (Junior Primary, Senior Primary, Junior High, Senior High, genderless)
 - 2.2.1 Street will be competed per run.
 - 2.2.2 Each run is scored between 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.
 - 2.2.3 The preliminary is a 45-second run, the top 5 players in each group will enter the final (the group of fewer than 5 athletes will enter the final directly).
 - 2.2.4 The final has two 45-second runs, with the highest score as the total score for the 1st to 5th place.
 - 2.2.5 The participants will be scored based on 6 aspects: speed, smoothness and stability, trick difficulty or movements, reaction to the terrain and obstacles, the overall coherence of movements, creativity and personal style.

2.3 School Group Award

- 2.3.1 Group: primary school and secondary school.
- 2.3.2 The score of the top 5 participants from a school in the Individual game will be calculated
- 2.3.3 When scoring a school total, the participants ranked 1st to 5th will be corresponding to 7, 5, 4, 3, and 2 points per person. Other participants who didn't reach the final will be scored 1 point per person.

3 About the Team

- 3.1 No limit to the competition registration and the number of participants for each school. If each group has more applicants than the quota, the list will be decided by drawing lots.
- 3.2 The player on the match day shall be the same person as listed on the registration form.

4 Dress code

- 4.1 The players shall wear school sportswear with a bib.
- 4.2 The players shall wear a pair of flat sports shoes.

5 Equipment

- 5.1 Safety Equipment
 - 5.1.1 Players under the age of 18 shall wear a helmet.
 - 5.1.2 Protective gear is recommended to all players.
- 5.2 Types of skateboards
 - 5.2.1 Only technical skateboards are allowed.
 - 5.2.2 Longboards, Cruiser Boards, Surf Skateboards and Electric Skateboards are not allowed for the competition.
 - 5.2.3 The player will be disqualified if proper skateboard is not ready before the competition.

6 Team leader

- 6.1 Throughout the competition, every school team shall be led by a full-time staff of the school, or a non-staff authorized by CNHKSA upon the application by the school principal. Please submit "*The Form of Applying a Non-staff as the Team Leader*" to CNHKSA four working days before the leader serving in the role.
- 6.2 Any school team leader shall not serve the role of other school teams in the same competition.

7 Check-in procedure

- 7.1 The school team leader shall check in in person within the specified time, otherwise the school might be disqualified. During the check-in, the organizer will distribute bibs and pins to the team leaders.
- 7.2 After the convening is announced, participants of the same group shall bring their student ID and line up by the sequence of their numbers in front of the convening place, waiting for ID and information check.
- 7.3 The organizer will check participants' ID, dress and equipment.

8 Pre-competition warm-up

- 8.1 The participants shall familiarize themselves with the competition field and obstacles by onsite warm-up and practice.
- 8.2 There will be 15 to 30 minutes of free practice time before the competition. Participants shall arrive early for warm-up and practice.

9 Timing and scoring certificate.

- 9.1 After completing the event, participants must verify their scores and then sign in approval.
- 9.2 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.

10 Awards

- 10.1 The top eight players in individual competitions will each receive a cup (or medal or certificate) and bonus prizes.
- 10.2 For the School Group Award, there will be Champion, Runner-up and Second Runner-up for the Primary School and the High School group respectively.
- 10.3 The Most Active School Award
 - 10.3.1 Group: primary school and secondary school.
 - 10.3.2 The number of players of a school participating in individual competitions will be calculated. A cup will be awarded to the school with the largest number of participants.

11 Appeals

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

Appendix 2

Speed Challenge Route



(U12)



(U15 U18)