

Race Bulletin

The Hong Kong, China Rowing Association (HKCRA) welcomes crews from local schools to compete at the Hong Kong Rowing Schools Championships 2023, in order to enhance rowing standard among schools by providing opportunities for students to compete and make friends in the Championships and promote rowing in school by encouraging schools setting up school rowing team.

Date	:	21 st – 22 nd October 2023 (Saturday & Sunday)**
Time	:	9:00 a.m 5 p.m. (Heats & Finals)**
Race Distance	:	All events distance will be 1,000 meters
Organized by	:	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association (HKCRA)
Subvented by	:	Leisure & Culture Services Department (LCSD)
Supported by	:	The Schools Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China (HKSSF)
Venue	:	Shing Mun Regatta Course, Sha Tin
Deadline of Entry	:	9 th October 2023 (Monday) before 12:00 noon (HK Time)

**Please note that the final race schedule will be subject to the total number of entries received in each event.

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1. VENUE

The Championships will be based at the Jockey Club Sha Tin Rowing Centre and the Jockey Club Shek Mun Rowing Centre, both of which are located in Sha Tin adjacent to the Shing Mun River and are managed by HKCRA. Racing will take place on the Shing Mun Regatta Course which has been used since 1982 for the Championships and is a tidal river.



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2. EVENTS

Race Lane Draw - A random draw for Heats (where required) and race lanes will be conducted on Wednesday, 9th October 2023 at 7pm HK Time at the Jockey Club Sha Tin Rowing Centre.

Event				^1x	2x	4x+	4x	[#] R4x+
	1000m							
	Primary	*Primary A Grade - Under 13 (Born on or after 1 st Jan, <mark>2011</mark>)	А					В
Boy's/ Girl's	Secondary	C Grade - Under 14 (Born on or after 1 st Jan, <mark>2010</mark>)		A	А	А		
		B Grade - Under 16 (Born on or after 1 st Jan, <mark>2008</mark>)		A	А	А		В
		A Grade - Under 19 (Born on or after 1 st Jan, <mark>2005</mark>)		А	А		А	
Open						А		

*Primary A Grade event will be using Wave Cutter training boat for race. There will be only be available of **10 entries** in Boy's or Girl's group.

^ For Secondary Schools, each School can enter only one crew in each Single Sculls Event.

[#]Recreational Coxed Quadruple Sculls Event will be a demonstration evet for novice rower, <u>especially for participants intending to enter the event A are ineligible for this event</u>. The results will not be counted in the overall points system. There will be only be available of <u>12 entries</u> in Boy's or Girl's group.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Rowers must be under 19 years old and entries must be endorsed by the respective school.
- 3.2 Rowers must be the students of the school in the current year 2023-2024. (Valid Student Card should be presented during registration)
- 3.3 Open event can consist of crews from different schools, age group (range 14-19) or gender (at least 1 female in each crew), however the results will not be counted in the overall points system.
- 3.4 Each rower can <u>only participate in maximum 2 different A events</u>, and <u>cannot participate in more</u> <u>than one age group</u>. Open event is not limited.



- 3.5 Rowers must have Star 3 qualification or above issued by HKCRA or equivalent rowing qualification.
- 3.6 If there are excessive of entries in any event, participating schools can only enter one crew of that event.
- 3.7 Organizing Committee (OC) reserved the right to cancel if there are less than 3 participating crews and from less than 2 different schools.
- 3.8 Coxswain can be a non-student, and not limited by age category. Coxswains must be weighed with racing uniform on tested scales not more than two hours and not less than one hour before the start time of their first race in each event on each day of racing. The coxswain may be of either gender.
- 3.9 Teams borrowing Association equipment shall be responsible for paying the replacement or repairing charges incurred from any broken boats, parts and oars.

4. AGE GROUP

According to **The Schools Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China**, the students' age grouping of **2023-24** are as follows: -

Secondary School	A Grade	Under 19 - Date of birth on or after 1 January 2005
	B Grade	Under 16 – Date of birth on or after 1 January 2008
	C Grade	Under 14 – Date of birth on or after 1 January 2010
Primary School	A Grade	Under 13 – Date of birth on or after 1 January 2011

5. ENTRY FEES

Boat Types	Entry Fee per Event per Crew
1x	HK\$ 100.00
2x	HK\$ 200.00
4x / 4x+ / R4x+	HK\$ 400.00

6. ENTRIES AND FEE PAYMENT

6.1 Entry Platform - All entries shall be made through the online entry platform - <u>https://www.cognitoforms.com/HKCRAHKCRA/_2023</u> 香港校際賽艇錦標賽 <u>HongKongRowingSchoolsChampionships</u>

ENTRY DEADLINE - **12:00 noon on 9th OCTOBER 2023 (Monday)**. (No late entry will be accepted as the Online System will reject any late entry automatically and will NOT accept any hard copy or email application)



- 6.2 After completed the online Entry Form, submit the Declaration (Annex 1) and entry fee (paid via cheque or ATM) to the HKCRA by post or in person before the entry deadline. Payment method are as follows:
 - 6.2.1 A crossed cheque made payable to "Hong Kong, China Rowing Association" can be sent to the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association, Jockey Club Sha Tin Rowing Centre, 27 Yuen Wo Road, Sha Tin, N.T. Please write "2023 HKRSC", school name, contact person, and telephone number on the back of the cheque. (Please state "2023 HKRSC" on the envelope.); or
 - 6.2.2 via ATM: please transfer the entry fee to the HSBC account: 002-6-187443, and write the school name on the bank-in-slip, email to <u>kelvin.s@rowing.org.hk</u> or <u>sharon.k@rowing.org.hk</u> on or before entry deadline.
- 6.3 In the case of event cancellation due to weather conditions, only 50% of the paid entry fee will be refunded in view of the need of the HKCRA to bear the logistics and set-up costs.
- 6.4 Every crew must enter and compete under the name of the respective school. No rower is allowed to compete for more than one respective school at the Championships (excluding Coxswains).
- 6.5 According to Rule 38 of the Rules of Racing, the OC reserves the right to verify the identification document and exclude from an Event any rower who submits false or invalid information.

7. RULES OF RACING

- 7.1 By submitting their entry, each competitor confirms that they understand and agree to abide by the HKCRA Rules of Racing and Competition Notice. Anyone who does not meet the qualifications or does not comply with the requirements of the competition, or violates the Rules of Racing, whether before, during or after the competition, may be excluded from an Event and any fees shall not be refunded.
- 7.2 Race uniform should be identical within a crew.
- 7.3 HKCRA Rules of Racing- <u>http://www.rowing.org.hk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/HKCRA-Rules-2023-Formatted-Updated.pdf</u>.



8. LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

By entering the Hong Kong Rowing Championships, each competitor is agreeing to the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association Terms and Conditions which can be found in <u>Appendix 1</u> at the end of this document, which needs to be **signed and handed in before the entry deadline**.

9. HEALTH AND FITNESS / INSURANCE

Each participant shall be responsible for their own health and fitness to enter and compete in the Championships. All competitors shall able to swim at least 50 meters in light clothing.

10. POINTS SYSTEM AND PRIZES

10.1 Trophies for the "Overall Champion, 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up for Boy's Events and Girl's Events" will be presented to the Secondary Schools according to the points they gained. Points will be awarded as shown below:

Place	Event	Champion	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	Have completed
		•	Runner-up	Runner-Up	Runner-Up	Runner-Up	Runner-Up	the races
	1x	10	8	6	4	3	2	1
Points	2x	20	16	12	8	6	4	2
	4x/ 4x+	40	32	24	16	12	8	4

10.2 Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the first three crews in each event and category respectively, subject to the following Special Note – SPECIAL NOTE:

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*Where only 3 crews compete in an event, only gold and silver medals will be presented.

*Where only 2 crews compete in an event, only the gold medal will be presented.

*The EXCEPTIONS to this will be Recreational Coxed Quadruple Sculls events where all medals will be presented.

- 10.3 Trophies will be presented to the Champion rower or team.
- 10.4 Certificates will be presented to the competitors who completed the race.

11. OTHERS

11.1 Please note that the HKCRA has the right to film videos or take photographs for marketing, promotional and educational purposes. Copyright owned by HKCRA.













YOUR ACTION DEADLINES

DEADLINE	ACTIONS	<u>ANNEX</u>
	Online Entry Form	
9 th October 2023 (Mon) (on or before 12:00 noon, HK Time)	Declaration	1
	Payment	
	Notice to Competitors	2
	Preliminary Race Schedule (Latest version refer to HKCRA website)	3

Organizing Committee of Hong Kong Rowing Schools Championships 2023

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