



# 34th Hong Kong Rowing Championships

## 第34屆香港賽艇錦標賽

### Overseas Bulletin

#### 1. Invitation

The Hong Kong, China Rowing Association is pleased to invite crews to compete at the 34th Hong Kong Rowing Championships.

Organizer : Hong Kong, China Rowing Association  
 Subvented by : Arts and Sports Development Fund (Home Affairs Bureau)  
 Supported by : Leisure & Culture Services Department  
 Competition Dates : 3rd November 2012 (Saturday) Heats and Repechages  
 : 4th November 2012 (Sunday) Semi-Finals and Finals  
 Venue : Sha Tin Rowing Centre & Jockey Club Shek Mun Rowing Centre  
**Final Entry Deadline : 3rd October 2012 (Wednesday) 12:00 midnight**  
**(Hong Kong Time)**

#### 2. Venue Introduction

The course is on the Shing Mun Regatta Course at Sha Tin in the New Territories. Access to Sha Tin from the main urban/ central areas is very convenient by road or electric suburban train to Fo Tan Station, from where it is a 5 minutes walk to the Sha Tin Rowing Centre. The river is tidal and the course has been used for the Championships since 1982.

#### 3. Distance

All events will be over 2000 metres and from a fixed start, except Masters, Corporate, Disciplinary Forces and Adaptive events will be 1000 metres and may be from a floating start.

#### 4. Events

The Championships will consist of the following events:

<u>Men's Events</u>	<u>Women's Events</u>	<u>Adaptive's Events</u>
Single Sculls (M1x)	Single Sculls (W1x)	LTA Mixed Coxed Four (LTAMix4+)
Double Sculls (M2x)	Double Sculls (W2x)	TA Mixed Double Sculls (TAMix2x)
Quadruple Sculls (M4x)	Quadruple Sculls	AS Men Single (ASM1x)
Four (M4-)	Four (W4-)	AS Women Single (ASW1x)
Eight (M8+)	Eight (W8+)	ID Mixed Coxed Four (IDMix4+)

### Master's Events

	1x		2x		4-		8+
	Men's	Women's	Men's	Women's	Men's	Women's	Men's
Master A	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Master C	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Master E	√	√	√	√	√	√	--
Master G	√	--	√	--	√	--	--

**Note 1:** Club representatives are advised to make their entries with reference to the Preliminary Schedule, especially for participants intending to enter for 2 events. The published order of racing will not be changed for any double entries which involve time clashes.

**Note 2:** Each competitor may enter a **maximum of two events**. *Competitors in Open Events may not also compete in Masters Events.*

**Note 3:** The Masters events are held according to the FISA Masters Categories as follows:

- Category A. Minimum age: 27 years
- Category C. Average age: 43 years or more
- Category E. Average age: 55 years or more
- Category G. Average age: 65 years or more

Age categories do not apply to coxswains. Each competitor shall be responsible for his/her own health and fitness. Every Masters rower must be in a position to prove his/her age by presentation of an official document (passport or identity card).

**Note 4:** Crews of different Masters Age categories and gender may be rowed in the same heat if there are less than 6 entries in any category. Prizes will be awarded based on the respective categories.

**Note 5:** Eligibility and classification of adaptive rowers will be determined in accordance with the FISA Classification Guideline ([http://www.worldrowing.com/medias/docs/media\\_354738.pdf](http://www.worldrowing.com/medias/docs/media_354738.pdf)) and conducted by one National Medical Classifier and one National Technical Classifier appointed by the Organiser at the designated venue prior to the event.

**Note 6:** In the LTAMix4+ and IDMix4+, half of the rowers in the crew shall be men and half shall be women. The coxswain may be of either sex.

## 5. Rules of Racing

The races shall be rowed in accordance with the Rules of Racing of the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association. (Please refer to [http://www.rowing.org.hk/web/en/HKRCA\\_RULE\\_NEW.pdf](http://www.rowing.org.hk/web/en/HKRCA_RULE_NEW.pdf))

## 6. Prizes

- 6.1 Trophies and medals will be presented for the Champion team and 1st and 2nd runner-up of crews in each event, except in Masters Events where only 1st placed crew in each category will be awarded medals.
- 6.2 Trophies will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> ranked of Division II crews in all open events.
- 6.3 The names of the club with the most gold medals in the Championships will be engraved on the “Hong Kong, China Rowing Association 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Cup”.

## 7. Souvenirs

Each participating athlete will receive one set skincare products sponsored by Kiehl’s.

## 8. Doping Tests

Doping tests will be conducted at this event. The Hong Kong Anti-Doping Committee (HKADC) will conduct the tests in accordance to the HKADC Anti-Doping Rules. Any participating athletes could be selected for doping tests. Athletes chosen for doping tests will be required to provide urine and/or blood sample under witness. Sanctions for Anti-Doping Rules violation, such as refusal to providing sample or returning of positive test results, may include: -

- 8.1 Disqualification of results achieved at the event;
- 8.2 Ineligibility to compete (and ineligibility to participate in any capacity in sports such as being a coach, team official or other related positions during sanction period.);
- 8.3 Public disclosure of athlete's identity and details of the case; any other applicable sanctions;
- 8.4 Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE): If any team member has to use a prohibited substance/method to treat a medical condition, he/she must apply for TUE in advance. This application needs to be made as soon as an athlete is prescribed a prohibited substance/method and at a minimum of 30 days in advance of the above Championships, i.e. **on or before 3rd October 2012**. The application form is attached herewith at **Annex 11** which requires a medical practitioner's declaration. You are required to submit the **ORIGINAL** application form and the medical practitioner's declaration to HKADC at the following address: -

Hong Kong Anti-doping Committee  
Upper 10/F, Sports Complex Building  
South China Athletic Association  
88 Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

## 9. Entries Fees

Eight (8+)	US\$240 per crew per event
Four (4x/4-/4+)	US\$120 per crew per event
Double (2x)	US\$60 per crew per event
Single (1x)	US\$30 per crew per event

- 9.1 Entry Fee includes Farewell Party & Registered Rower.
- 9.2 Account Name & No: Hong Kong, China Rowing Association (004-002-6-187443)
- 9.3 Bank Name: The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd.
- 9.4 Bank SWIFT code: HSBCHKHCHK
- 9.5 To be paid net without any deduction.
- 9.6 Remitter pays bank charges (Actual Bank charge by own)

## 10. Entry Procedures

A **Preliminary Entry Form – Entry By No.**, with the likely number of competitors and probable events to be entered is requested by **21<sup>st</sup> September 2012**. Failure to comply with this deadline will not affect your entry as it is merely an indicator for the Organizing Committee, but your assistance in this regard would be appreciated.

Completed **Final Entry Forms, Photo of Team & Rowers** should reach the Organizing Committee before midnight on or before **3rd October 2012**. Entries can be sent either by email or fax.

***Double Entry Fee will be charged after the deadline of the final entry but the Organizer reserves the right of not accepting any late application.***

The draw will be conducted on **15th October 2012** at Hong Kong time 7:30 p.m. at Sha Tin Rowing Centre.

### **Arrangements for Entry Fee:**

**The event cancelled** - In view of the need of the Association to bear the set-up costs, only 50% of the paid entry fee will be refunded. The Association will ask the Clubs by-email to confirm whether the balance of the entry fee should be refunded or if it should be retained by the Association and credited against future entry fees. If a Club does not give any instruction within one month, the balance of entry fee will be held by the Association against future entry fees and the Club will be advised accordingly.

#### **11. Boats and Oars (NOTE: All rental boats are designed for use by lightweight crews)**

The Association will provide boats for rental in each event. The boat rental charges are as follows (US Dollars per boat per day for training or competition):-

Eight (8+)	US\$120 per day
Four (4x/4-/4+)	US\$70 per day
Double (2x)	US\$50 per day
Single (1x)	US\$30 per day

Boats will be available on “FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED basis”. If the number of boats is insufficient, boats may be used on a shared basis. In this case, rental charges may be reduced accordingly and there may be restrictions on major rigging adjustments. Oars and sculls can be provided upon request, but we suggest that each team should bring their own oars, if possible

#### **12. Farewell Party**

There will be a Farewell Party for local and overseas competitors at the Sha Tin Rowing Centre immediately after racing and Medal Presentation Ceremony on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Competitors are cordially invited to attend the Farewell Party with the dress code of causal. The charges of the Party for competitors are borne by the Organizing Committee. All overseas competitors, together with coaches and team officials, and accompanying supporters are welcome to attend this party.

#### **13. Accreditation Card & Team Photo for Souvenir Programme**

All competitors in the Championships will receive an accreditation card and the team photo will be published in the Souvenir Programme. Please post or e-mail individual recent photo (passport size) of each rower and team photo on or before **12:00 midnight, 3rd October 2012 (Hong Kong Time)**.

#### **14. Accommodation, Meals & Transportation**

The Official Hotel for the Championships is the Regal Riverside Hotel, located at 34-36 Tai Chung Kiu Road, Shatin, Hong Kong, nearby Shing Mun River and close to the Venue in walk able distance. The Hotel is also a few minutes' drive to the Shatin MTR station. It is easily accessible from Hong Kong's Major shopping, tourist and business districts by various types of public transportation and free shuttle bus service. Booking should be made through the Organizing Committee. The rate of accommodation package is **US\$85** per night per

person and single rooms are available at a cost of **US\$170** per night per person, which includes: -

- Accommodation (inclusive of 10% service charge and 3% government tax)
- Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel
- Lunch at the venue
- Shuttle bus services between the Hong Kong International Airport and the Official Hotel
- Shuttle bus services (fixed schedule) between the Shatin Rowing Centre and the Jockey Club Shek Mun Rowing Centre from 3rd to 4th November 2012.

#### 15. Weather

Hong Kong's climate is sub-tropical. During the time of the Championships, the weather is expected to be dry and temperature generally in the range of 18°C to 28°C.

#### 16. Your Action Deadlines

Annex

--	Preliminary Race Schedule	1
21th September 2012	: Preliminary Entry Form – Entry By No.	2
3rd October 2012	: ✧ Final Entry Forms (with passport copy of each rower in <b>Master Event</b> .)	3 – 7
	✧ Boat Rental Request Form	8
	✧ Accommodation Reservation Form	9
	✧ Payment Summary	10
	✧ Submission of photo of each rower and a team photo for Accreditation Card & Souvenir Programme.	--
3rd October 2012	: Submission of TUE application, if necessary, to HKADC	11

#### 17. Enquiries and Correspondence

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All visitors are very welcome. If you are aware of any crews interested in competing who have not received this notice, please give them the details or ask them to contact us directly.

**Organizing Committee**  
**34th Hong Kong Rowing Championships**  
**4<sup>th</sup> September 2012**