

YOUTH SPORTS EXCHANGE FUNDING SCHEME FOR YOUTH SPORTS EXCHANGE – 9-days Egypt Squash Exchange Programme

Introduction

With the support of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), Hong Kong Squash will organize a 9-days Egypt Squash Exchange Programme with the Egyptian Squash Association in Cairo, Egypt from December 21 to December 30, 2019 for the current Hong Kong Squash **Regional Squad Training (RST) Athletes** (Phase III in 2019/20).

Objectives

The objectives of this programme is to raise the skill level of the Regional Squad junior athletes, to broaden their horizons and to establish the network with the counterpart country.

Participants will have the opportunity to train and play the test matches with the Egyptian National Junior Athletes and to visit the major squash training sports clubs and Egyptian historical and cultural scenes in Cairo, Egypt.

Selection Criteria

Hong Kong Squash will select and invite a total of 6 boys and 6 girls from the RST Programme, i.e. 3 in each categories in Boys and Girls U13 and U15, to take part in the exchange programme and the group will be accompanied by 2 coaches/officials throughout the journey.

The selection guidelines for the athletes as following:-

- Hong Kong Squash Junior Ranking (Oct 2019) in U15 & U13 – 70%
i.e. Excluding non-current RST athletes, point will be allocated in each category as following:-

Highest Ranked RST athlete	Point
1 st	70 points
2 nd	60 points
3 rd	50 points
4 th	40 points
5 th	30 points
6 th	20 points
7 th	10 points
8 th	0 points

2. The attendance record in the Regional Squad Training (Phase II in 2019/2020) – 20%

Attendance rate	Point
70% or above	20 points
50% to 69%	10 points
Less than 50%	0 point

3. The final result of 2019 Hong Kong Junior Squash Championships – 10%
i.e. Excluding non-current RST athletes, the point will be allocated in each categories as following:-

Highest Position RST athlete	Point
1 st	10 points
2 nd	8 points
3 rd	6 points
4 th	4 points
5 th	2 points
6 th	0 points

Remarks:

- Eligible athletes in U15 categories must be under the age of 15 (i.e. born on or after October 1, 2004)
- Eligible athletes in U13 categories must be under the age of 13 (i.e. born on or after October 1, 2006)
- If the total points (1+2+3) of two athletes are the same in the same category, the final result of 2019 Hong Kong Junior Squash Championships between the two players will be used for selection.

Parental Consent

All participants must have the full consent of a parent or legal guardian to take part in the programme.

Invitation & Registration Fee

An invitation letter will be sent to the selected athletes by Hong Kong Squash on or before 15 November 2019. Participants should have at least six months validity on your passport before travelling.

Participants require to pay HK\$3,000 non-refundable registration fee for this exchange programme.

Appeals Mechanism

Hong Kong Squash provides an opportunity for unsuccessful athletes to appeal. The athlete or his/her parent shall lodge an appeal to the Executive Director (emilymak@hksquash.org.hk) in writing with reasons justified on or before 19 November 2019. The appeal relating to this selection will be passed to the **Hong Kong Squash Selection Sub-committee** to handle and its decision shall be final. The final decision shall be given to the athlete in writing within 3 working days of date of appeal.

Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact Mr. Jovi Au, Coaching & Development Manager at 23377263.

Hong Kong Squash reserves the right to amend this prospectus at any time without giving any prior notice.

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All decisions made in this programme are rightfully under the discretion of HK Squash.