

YOUTH SPORTS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME – 9-days New Zealand Squash Exchange Programme

Introduction

With the support of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), Squash Association of Hong Kong, China will organize a 9-days New Zealand Squash Exchange Programme with **Squash New Zealand** from 31 January to 8 February, 2025 for the current **Regional Squad Training (RST) Athletes** (Phase III in 2024/25).

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 New Zealand National Junior Athletes and to visit the major squash training sports clubs and historical and cultural scenes in New Zealand.

Selection Criteria

Squash Association of Hong Kong, China will select and invite a total of 6 boys and 6 girls from the RST Programme to take part in the exchange programme and the group will be accompanied by 3 coaches/officials throughout the journey.

The selection guidelines for the athletes as following:-

1. Hong Kong Squash Junior Ranking (Dec 2024) in U15 & U13 – 70%

| HKS Junior Ranking | Point |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 1 st | 70 points |
| 2 nd | 63 points |
| 3 rd | 56 points |
| 4 th | 49 points |
| 5 th | 42 points |
| 6 th | 35 points |
| 7 th | 28 points |
| 8 th | 21 points |
| 9 th | 14 points |
| 10 th | 7 points |

2. The attendance record in the Regional Squad Training (Phase III in 2024/2025) – 20%

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

3. The final result of HKFC EVISU International Junior Squash Open 2024 – 10%

| Final Result of the Competition | Point |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 st | 10 points |
| 2 nd | 9 points |
| 3 rd | 8 points |
| 4 th | 7 points |
| 5 th | 6 points |
| 6 th | 5 points |
| 7 th | 4 points |
| 8 th | 3 points |
| 9 th | 2 points |
| 10 th | 1 points |

Remarks:

- Eligible athletes in U15 categories must be under the age of 15 (i.e. born on or after December 1, 2009)
- Eligible athletes in U13 categories must be under the age of 13 (i.e. born on or after December 1, 2011)
- If necessary, Squash Association of Hong Kong, China will arrange a selection trial to determine the final list of the selected players.
- Priority should be given to members who have not participated this Exchange Programme in the current and last financial year.

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 Squash Association of Hong Kong, China on or before 4 January 2025. Participants should have at least six months validity on your passport before travelling.

Participants are required to pay HK\$5,000 non-refundable registration fee for this exchange programme.

Appeals Mechanism

Squash Association of Hong Kong, China provides an opportunity for unsuccessful athletes to appeal. The athlete or his/her parents shall lodge an appeal to the Executive Director (emilymak@hksquash.org.hk) in writing with reasons justified on or before 6 January 2024. The appeal relating to this selection will be passed to the **Squash Association of Hong Kong, China 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 on 23377263.

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

In case of discrepancy between the English and Chinese version in respect of all or any part of the contents, the Chinese version shall prevail.

All decisions made in this programme are rightfully under the discretion of Squash Association of Hong Kong, China.

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