



**JUNIOR NETBALL LEAGUE**

**青少年投球聯賽**

**Handbook 2024**

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**U10s | U12s | U14s | U19s**

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# League Handbook

Welcome to the Netball Hong Kong China Junior League Season 2024/20245. The Executive Council wishes all players, umpires, coaches and supporters an enjoyable and rewarding season.

This year we will be using these venues: Fa Hui Park, Wong Chuk Hang Ground and Tai Wan Shan Park.

This Handbook contains:

- Information on Competition management and administration
- NHKC contacts
- Club Convenor contacts
- The Code of Behaviour
- Addresses and maps for venues

Please familiarise yourself with the information in this Handbook and the HK Netball League By-Laws.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Junior League Convenor – Shirley Yuen ([hkna.jnlconvenor@gmail.com](mailto:hkna.jnlconvenor@gmail.com)) with a copy to NHKC ([NHKC@netball.org.hk](mailto:NHKC@netball.org.hk)).

On a League day, you may also contact any NHKC Representative at the venue.

Happy netballing!

NHKC Executive Council

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# 2024 League Key Dates

Saturday 12 - 6pm

5, 12, 19, 26 Oct 2024  
2, 9\*, 16, 23, 30\* Nov 2024  
7, 14 Dec 2024

## NOTES:

1. Draw to be confirmed a week prior to the first week of games
2. Not all dates/timing listed may be used but please be prepared to play

# 2024/2025 NHKC Key Contacts

JNL Team		
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# Competition Management and Administration

## Player Eligibility

- U19s born on or after 1st Jan 2006 (10 feet post)
- U14s born on or after 1st Jan 2011 (10 feet post)
- U12s born on or after 1st Jan 2013 (10 feet post)
- U10s born on or after 1st Jan 2015 (8 feet post or as agreed by both teams, size 4 ball)
- U8s born on or after 1st Jan 2017 (8 feet post or as agreed by both teams, size 4 ball)

### NOTES:

U10s any boys can play.

### U12 + U14s divisions

- I. A maximum of 3 boys may be on court playing at 1 time
- II. There must only be 1 boy in each third
 

i.e.	1st third	GK, GD, WD
	2nd third	WD, C, WA
	3rd third	WA, GA, GS

### U19s divisions

- I. A request must be made in advance to the Junior League Convenor for each male player. Each request will be reviewed individually by the ExCom. The decision is at the sole discretion of the ExCom and that decision will be final. Should the boy be approved to play, the ExCom will check which division and age group he will be allowed to participate in based on his strength/physicality/size.
- II. 2 boys will be allowed per team, with only 1 boy allowed on court at any one time.

Dispensation may be made in extenuating circumstances please contact the League Convenor - Shirley Yuen at [hkna.jnlconvenor@gmail.com](mailto:hkna.jnlconvenor@gmail.com) as early as possible.

## Player/Team Registration info

For a player to be registered, the individual player must have;

1. Had the \$220 player registration fee paid by their club.
2. Completed the JNL disclaimer form
3. Only entered in one division and one age-group for one team.

\*Exception - Schools entering a team can register a player who is also playing in a different division for a club. It is the school getting this exemption so they must take responsibility to handle any schedule conflict and take care of the player's welfare.

### NOTES:

- The disclaimer forms will need to be done via google form.
- Club Convenors will be responsible for ensuring all disclaimer forms are completed and submitted to NHKC by the Friday before the first scheduled game.
- Failure to submit team disclaimer forms by the specified deadline will result in a \$200 fine per team for each and every week (accrued) until such time that these are submitted.
- The disclaimer form will cover the full netball season.

## Guest players

- Guest players who are not registered with NHKC JNL will need to be approved by the JNL Convenor. Convenors will need to email JNL Convenor with the players full name, date of birth and netball background no later than 12pm the day before match day.
  - Approved Guest players will need to fill in the disclaimer form by 6pm the day before match day. Failure to do so will require the club to pay any fee that may incur or deduction in points.
  - On game day, the name must be printed clearly and ticked on the scoresheet for record keeping.  
E.g. Shirley Yuen (Guest player) ✓
  - Registered JNL players may guest play as long as the team they are playing for is in the same club and is ranked higher than their original team. On game day, the name must be printed clearly along with their team name and ticked off on the scoresheet for record keeping.  
E.g. Karin Loom (U14 HKFC Snowstorm) ✓
- If such a player (registered) plays 3 games for a specific team, he or she will be required to move up a team.
- The non-registered approved player is approved to play two games. This player must register as a member before they play their third game by notifying the JNL convenor by 12pm the day before match day. This means an updated form B will need to be shared with the convenor and pay any fee that may incur as a result of this prior to taking court.
  - Any requests made after the deadline will NOT be approved. If the disclaimer form is not filled out by the deadline (6pm the day before match day), such approval may be reversed. Points will be deducted if a guest player takes court without completing the appropriate procedure.
  - Any players not approved by the League Convenor will be considered a defaulting player. The penalty for the team playing the defaulting player is a 4 point loss and a HKD100 fine.

## Team Lists

For each team application, the Form B (Team List) must be submitted via email in EXCEL format. **If you have multiple teams please add additional tabs (1 per team) to the same excel file.**

Emails need to be sent to the JNL convenor email, [hkna.jnlconvenor@gmail.com](mailto:hkna.jnlconvenor@gmail.com), by the specified deadline.

### NOTES:

- A maximum of TWELVE PLAYERS are allowed on the team list. Additional players must gain Convenor's approval.
- U10s can include FIFTEEN PLAYERS on the team list.
- The team list includes the FULL NAMES of the players in the team, playing history and date of birth.
- Team lists must be finalised by Week 2 of the competition.
- Within the first 2 weeks, changes to team lists can be re-submitted without penalty
- Team list changes (either adding or changing players) AFTER Week 2 of the competition, will incur an admin fee of \$200HKD. The fee will be the same regardless of the number of changes made.
- After Week 2 of the competition, submitted players cannot be moved down, only up.

## Registration Team Fees and Payment

- Team Registration Fee: HK\$300 per team  
(Cross Cheque OR Direct Transfer to HSBC 411-811375-001)
- Player Registration : \$220 per player  
(Cross Cheque OR Direct Transfer to HSBC 178-768966-001)

\*\*\*\* Please note that Team Fee and Player's registration have different accounts. Please write a separate check for Team Fee and Players Registration. \*\*\*\*\*

\*ONE CLUB/TEAM = TWO CHEQUE or TWO TRANSACTIONS (ONE for Team Fee; ONE for Player Registration)

Please post the cheque OR email receipt of transfer to NHKC [NHKC@netball.org.hk](mailto:NHKC@netball.org.hk) AND JNL Convenor email [hkna.jnlconvenor@gmail.com](mailto:hkna.jnlconvenor@gmail.com) before the specified deadline.

## Withdrawals

When a team has withdrawn after the commencement of the season, all points and goals scored in the matches involving the team prior to its withdrawal shall be cancelled. A team shall only be considered withdrawn if notice of withdrawal has been given to the Junior League Convenor.

NOTE: There will be NO REFUND of fees if a team withdraws.

## Cancellation of Matches

NHKC will make a call on the cancellation of matches owing to external factors as early as possible to avoid unnecessary travel - notification will be sent via email to the clubs/schools registered email address, NHKC Facebook page as well via the JNL Whatsapp group.

In the case of external factors that are likely to pose safety concerns (including adverse weather), the JNL Team will make a decision as soon as possible and communicate this accordingly.

Please note that owing to limited court availability, if on any assigned dates, games cannot be played owing to external factors, NHKC will endeavour to reschedule fixtures. If this is not possible games will not be rescheduled, both teams will be awarded competition points equivalent to a **drawn game**.

## Competition Format for 2024/25

<b>Format and duration of matches</b>	<p>The format depends on the number of teams in each division. The format for each division is detailed on the divisional draws that are published on the NHKC website.</p> <p>U10 Competition will play ranking tournaments consistently of 2 games each for the first couple of weeks. Once the divisions have been set, they will be playing a round robin of 10 minute quarters against 1 other team.</p> <p>U12 - U19 Competition will play a round robin to determine the ranking of each team. The divisions will be adjusted according to the ranking. Teams ranked top 1 or 2 will be promoted to the next division. Teams will be playing 10 minute quarters with 2-4-2 intervals or 4 minute intervals if the weather is too hot.</p> <p>If rescheduling forces a shorter season, NHKC may shorten game time or any other shorter length that the JNL supervisor needs to make the schedule work.</p>
<b>Scoring</b>	<p>Points system 4 for a win / forfeit 3 for a draw 2 for losing but scoring more than half your opponent's score 1 for a loss</p> <p>Teams will be ranked in their division and may be promoted to a higher division to restart the round robin. Goal difference will be taken into consideration should two teams draw on points. Once ranked they will go into the playoffs.</p>
<b>Team Arriving Late</b>	<p>If teams are running late and have less than five players available (minimum of 5 players to take the court), then at the start of the game, the opposing team will need to stand on the court in their positions and for each minute the team is late, one goal is awarded to the opposing team. If the team cannot field a team by end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, then the win is awarded to the opposing team and the 'forfeiture' penalties (below) applies to the team who cannot field a team.</p>
<b>Forfeiture</b>	<p>Should any team forfeit a match, full points for a win and ten (10) goals shall be credited to the opposing team. Ten goals shall be debited against the team forfeiting. However, in the event of forfeiture during the match, the goals scored shall only be record if this happens after half time. Full competition points will be given to the winning team. NO competition points will be given to the forfeiting team.</p> <p>Teams MUST NOTIFY JNL Convenor and NHKC office by 12pm the day before match day. If forfeiture takes place without enough notification time, the forfeiting team will be fined <b>\$300</b> and required to pay the umpiring fees if appropriate.</p>
<b>Finals Series</b>	<p>Each division will have a winner, runner-up and third place. There will be medals for these 3 teams. There will be trophy for the winning team</p> <p>Note: This does not apply to U10s.</p> <p>Additionally, NHKC will provide the coach of EACH team TWO medals they can present to their team:</p> <p><b>a) Most Valuable Player</b> <b>b) Sportsmanship Award</b></p>

## Team manager/coach responsibilities

Teams playing in the first time slot are responsible for getting the goal posts from storage at the ground and putting them up on their designated court. Teams playing in the last time slot for that court are responsible for putting their own goal posts away at the end of the game. Teams that do not put away the posts will receive a one point deduction.

It is the playing teams' responsibility to provide a scorer to score the game. At the end of the game, the scorer must bring the scoresheet back to the desk for record keeping. To avoid any disputes, NHKC strongly suggests that 1 scorer from each team stand together half way down the sideline. The final score on the score sheet will stand. **Once the scoresheet is signed by the Captain or the Scorer (declaring everything on the scoresheet to be true), no changes to the scoresheet will be allowed unless approved by the JNL Convenor. Any changes made without notifying the convenor will result in a one point deduction.**

## Desk duty/timing info

<p><b>Desk Duty:</b></p> <p><b>Timing of Games</b></p>	<p><b>Timing of U12-U19 Games Duties</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each game is to begin promptly</li> <li>• The bell will be used at the beginning and end of each half or quarter to inform umpires to begin/end the game</li> <li>• Time is to be held centrally</li> <li>• Quarters are 10 minutes in length</li> <li>• Intervals between quarters will be 2-4-2 minutes.</li> <li>• 30 seconds prior to the end of each rest interval call players onto court</li> <li>• Time starts again as soon as the interval has elapsed</li> <li>• Matches start and finish on the umpires whistle</li> <li>• Time does not stop for injury. The player concerned <b>MUST LEAVE</b> the court immediately. For all these stoppages, time will not be added to the end of the quarter or match. Serious injury takes all the time it needs.</li> <li>• No extra time if the game draws</li> <li>• Tactical change is in play.</li> </ul> <p><b>Timing of U10s Ranking tournament</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each game is to begin promptly</li> <li>• Time is to be held centrally or may be managed by the playing teams</li> <li>• Halves are 8 minutes in length</li> <li>• Interval between quarters will be 2 minutes</li> <li>• Matches start and finish according to the timeslot given.</li> <li>• Time does not stop for injury. The player concerned <b>MUST LEAVE</b> the court immediately. For all these stoppages, time will not be added to the end of the quarter or match. Serious injury takes all the time it needs.</li> <li>• Tactical change is in play.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tactical change</b></p>	<p>Teams can request a tactical change immediately after a goal has been scored. This is in addition to making changes at intervals and injury time. Time will not stop.</p> <p>An on-court player can change playing positions with another on-court player.</p> <p>A player can move from the team bench to replace a player on court.</p> <p>Tactical changes may be made by both the requesting team and the opposing team.</p> <p>Teams will need to complete changes efficiently so that they are not penalised for delay.</p> <p>Whilst you have a right to make as many tactical changes as you like, if the number of changes is becoming overly disruptive to play, the umpire can refuse to allow them, or</p>

even penalise the team for delaying play.

Teams must have two sets of same coloured bibs/identical bibs to take advantage of the rolling substitution rule.



## HOW TO MAKE A TACTICAL CHANGE

**1**

On-court player asks the umpire to hold time.

**2**

Players quickly change positions.

**3**

Play restarts.

Reference -

<https://netball.sport/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Tactical-Changes-PDF.pdf>

## Equipment and Goal post reminder

<b>Equipment</b>	Each team is to bring their own equipment, such as balls and bibs for the games. All teams are advised to BRING THEIR OWN FIRST-AID KIT and ICE and/or ICE PACKS.
<b>Goal Posts</b>	The height of the goal posts for the U19s, U14s and U12s competitions is 10 feet (6th hole on the goal posts). The height of the goal posts for the u10/8s competitions is 8 feet (2nd hole on the goal posts or as agreed by both teams).

## Uniform/jewellery reminder

<b>Uniforms</b>	<p>Playing positions must be worn by each player of a team. Shoes must be worn throughout the entire game. Spiked shoes are not allowed.</p> <p>The principles applicable to uniforms are that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. whenever possible, all players in a team must be in identical uniform</li> <li>2. a team may wear similar but not identical dresses as long as they are the same predominant colour</li> <li>3. a team may wear sports clothes instead of dresses as long as they wear the same predominant colour <b>and</b> they wear the same colour singlet bibs (not stick-on bibs);</li> <li>4. any team without identical uniforms must contact the opposition to check what colour the latter will wear so as to avoid wearing a similar colour (including bibs); and</li> <li>5. where both teams plan to wear a similar colour, the second-named team must adjust to a different colour.</li> <li>6. shorts must be pocketless to avoid catching fingers.</li> </ol> <p>Please also note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players are NOT allowed to wear any items of jewellery or sharp adornments. Medical bracelets, if worn, must be taped. Earrings CANNOT be taped.</li> <li>• Fingernails shall be cut short and smooth, or netball gloves worn.</li> </ul>
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## Umpire info

<p><b>Umpiring Duties</b></p>	<p>Umpires are arranged unless specified otherwise at the time of registration. Clubs are required to pay \$150/game on the day of JNL by cash. Please approach the desk when you arrive.</p> <p>Umpires should arrive a minimum of five minutes before the start of the game to be checked off and also to check nails etc. The umpire CANNOT coach during the game or during the intervals (1/2 time) <b>except</b> for U10s.</p> <p>It is the umpires' responsibility to provide their own whistle and sign the scoresheet at the conclusion of the match. The umpires have sole control of the game and the umpires' decisions are final. The captains of the playing team may bring points of umpiring before the umpire and this may only be done during the intervals of match play.</p> <p>NOTE: Failure to umpire shall incur a penalty – two match points and the team shall be fined \$300 for a replacement umpire. If an umpire is LATE (less than 5 minutes) and the game has started and a replacement umpire was used, then the team that the umpire is umpiring for will be charged \$150. This money will go directly to the replacement umpire. The umpire is deemed absent if he or she is more than 5 minutes late.</p>
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# Match Rules

## U19 / U14 / U12

All matches shall be played in accordance with the World Netball Rules of the Game currently in force at the time of the relevant match, except where specifically stated in this handbook.

## U10s Rules

1.	<b>UMPIRING:</b> The umpire is expected to also coach the players from both teams during the game. Please make sure the umpire knows the modified rules (see below).
2.	NHKB will provide the coach of EACH team TWO trophies or medals they can present to their team: <i>a) Most Valuable Player</i> <i>b) Sportsmanship Award</i>
3.	<p><b>TIME TO PASS THE BALL:</b> Up to 5 seconds</p> <p><b>STEPPING:</b> Shuffling on the spot to regain balance allowed without moving down the court.</p> <p><b>GOAL POST:</b> U10s will play at 8 feet or lowest possible position if both teams agree.</p> <p><b>DEFENDING:</b> One-on-one defence. Players may defend a shot at goal.</p> <p><b>OBSTRUCTION:</b> A player defending a player from the opposing team in possession of the ball must defend from a distance of 1.2 metres (4 feet).</p> <p><b>CENTRE PASS:</b> The initial Centre Pass will be taken by the team that won the toss and all other Centre Passes shall be taken by the team that did not score the last goal.</p> <p><b>SUBSTITUTIONS:</b> The game time should be evenly distributed amongst all players. A team (up to 15 players is allowed) may make unlimited substitutions at intervals, injury time or make tactical changes..</p> <p>* NHKB STRONGLY advises the team to have two sets of bibs of the same colour.</p>

# **NHKC Codes Behaviour**

## **Code of Behaviour - Players**

1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain approach the official during a break or after the game.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, and so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be by your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
7. Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Play for the fun of it, and not just to please parents and coaches.

## **Code of Behaviour - Coaches**

1. Know the rules and ensure your players play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. They are there to ensure that the game is conducted fairly and according to the rules. If you disagree, approach the officials after the game.
3. Control your temper and do not tolerate acts of aggression from your players. Verbal abuse of officials or opposition players, deliberately distracting or provoking them, is not acceptable or permitted.
4. Treat all players fairly. Do not interfere, bully or take unfair advantage of any player.
5. Provide feedback to players in a manner sensitive to their needs. Avoid overly negative feedback.
6. Involve players in decisions that affect them and encourage players to respect themselves and each other.
7. Cooperate with your players, opposition coach, opposition players and officials. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Ensure the tasks that are set for training are suitable for age, experience, ability and physical conditions of the players.
9. Be aware of the power you have as coach and do not abuse that power to further your own interests at the expense of your players.

## Code of Behaviour - **Spectators**

1. Remember that young people play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Applaud good performance and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
3. Respect officials' decisions and teach young people to do the same.
4. Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
5. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
6. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
7. Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
8. Do not use foul language or harass players, coaches or officials.
9. Respect rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion

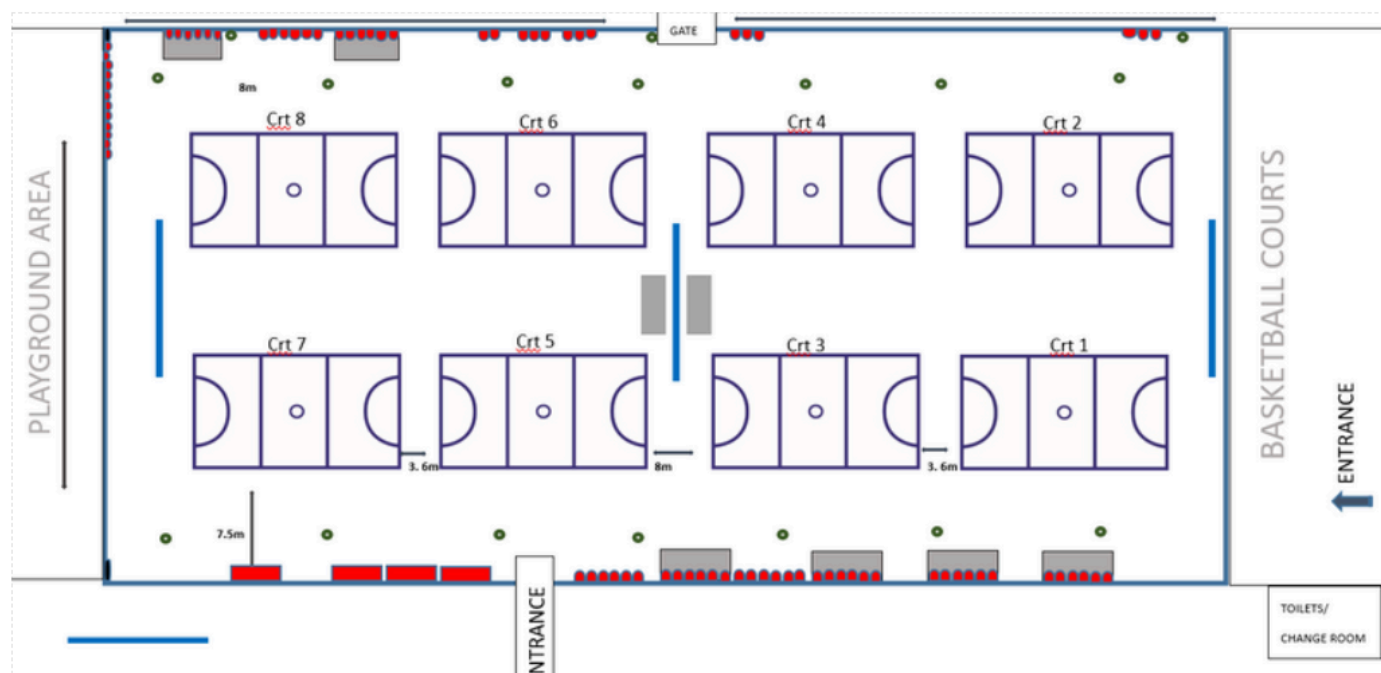
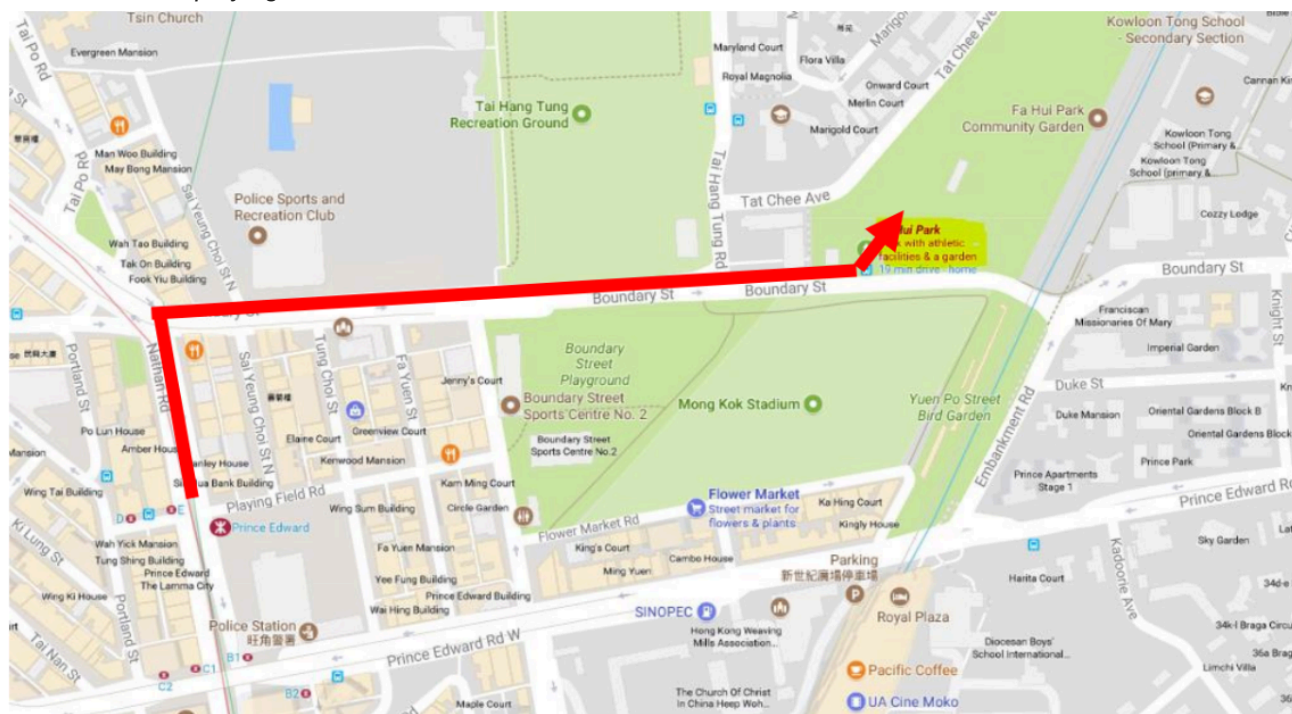
<b>Misconduct</b>	All persons entering the grounds are expected to follow the "Codes of Behaviour". A standard of behaviour from PLAYERS, OFFICIALS and SPECTATORS is expected and if not adhered to, action will be taken by the JNL Convenor. The Codes of Behaviour are provided in this Handbook. NHKC encourages fair play and believes in providing a safe and fun environment for all the players and officials. Should a person behave in a manner which would hinder the safe and fun environment for all, he/she will be asked to behave in an appropriate manner or be asked to leave the ground.
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# Venues

## Fa Hui Park

101 Boundary Street, Prince Edward, Kowloon, Hong Kong

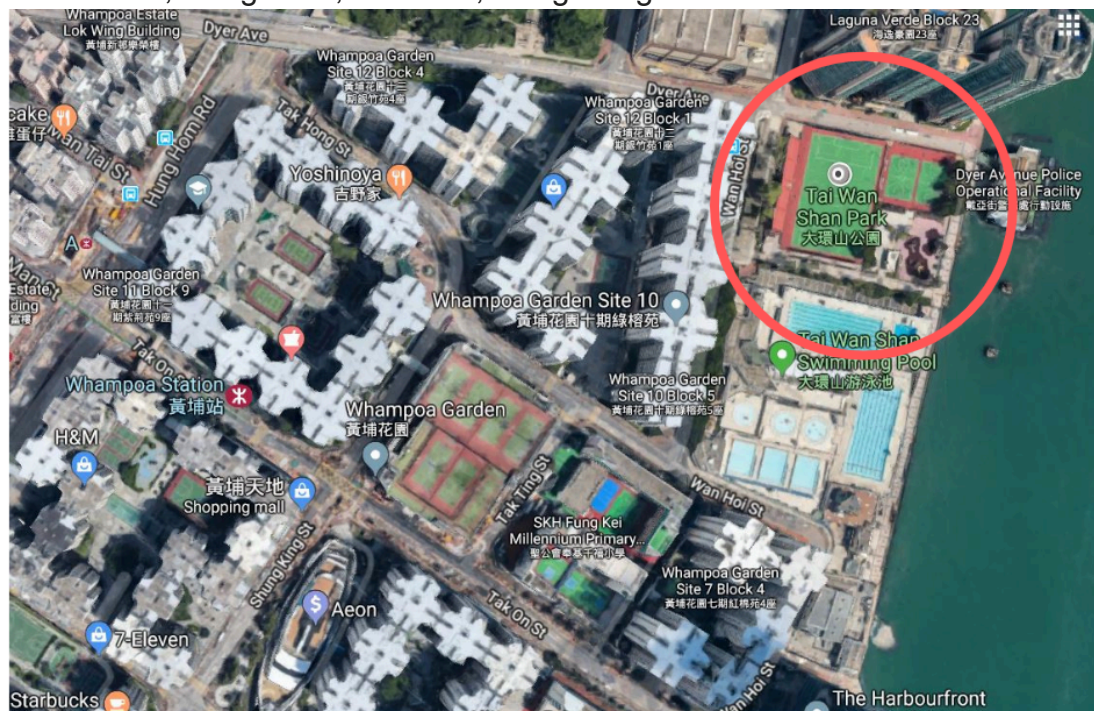
*Directions: Prince Edward MTR Exit A, walk along Playing Field Road, turn left to Sai Yee Street. Turn right to Boundary Street. At the pedestrian crossing, cross Boundary street. Walk past Chan's Creative School and you will see a children's playing area which leads to the entrance to Fa Hui Park.*





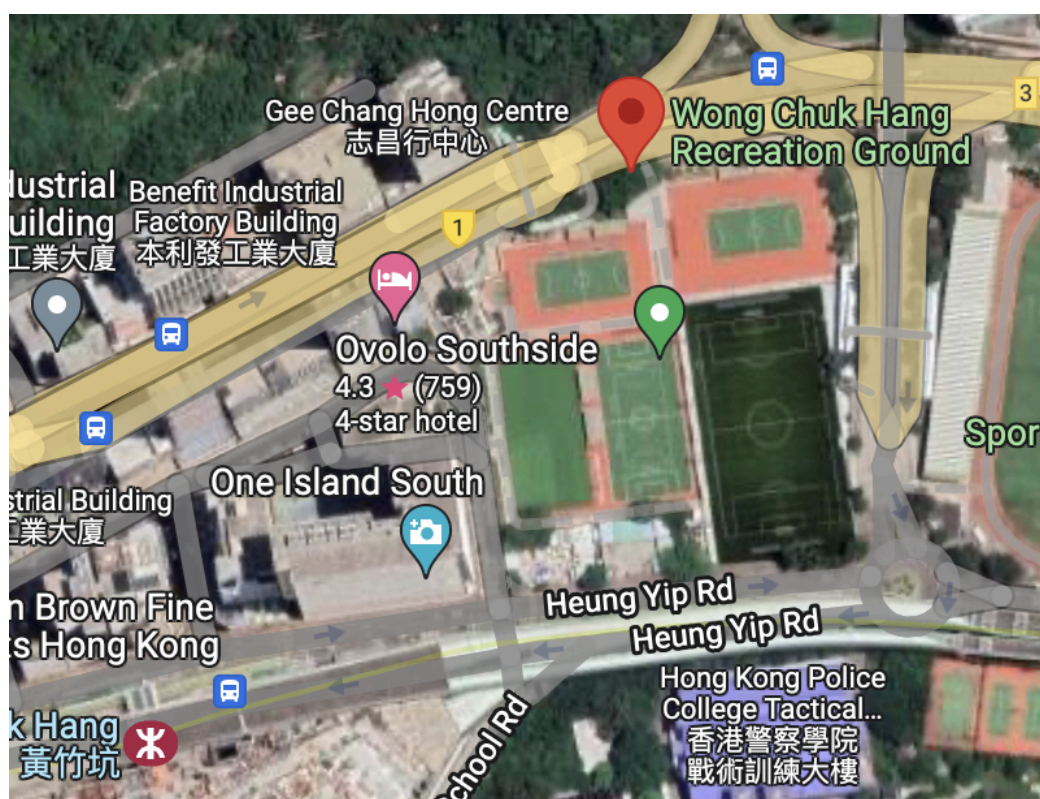
## Tai Wan Shan Park

Wan Hoi St, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong



## Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground

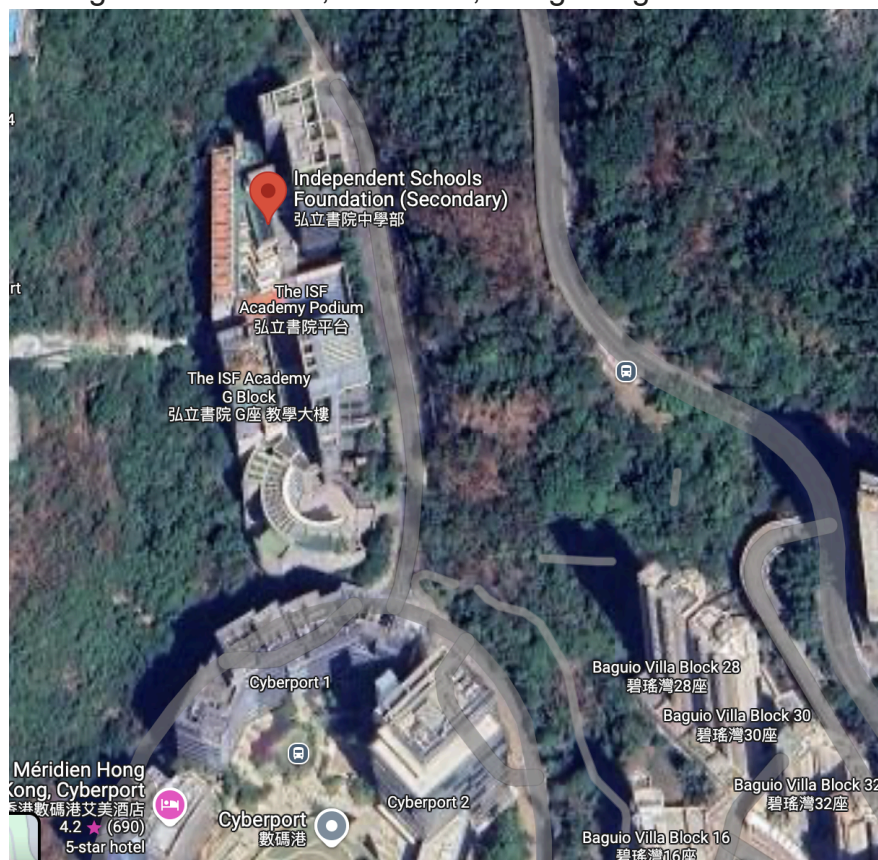
108 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen (next to Ovolo Southside)



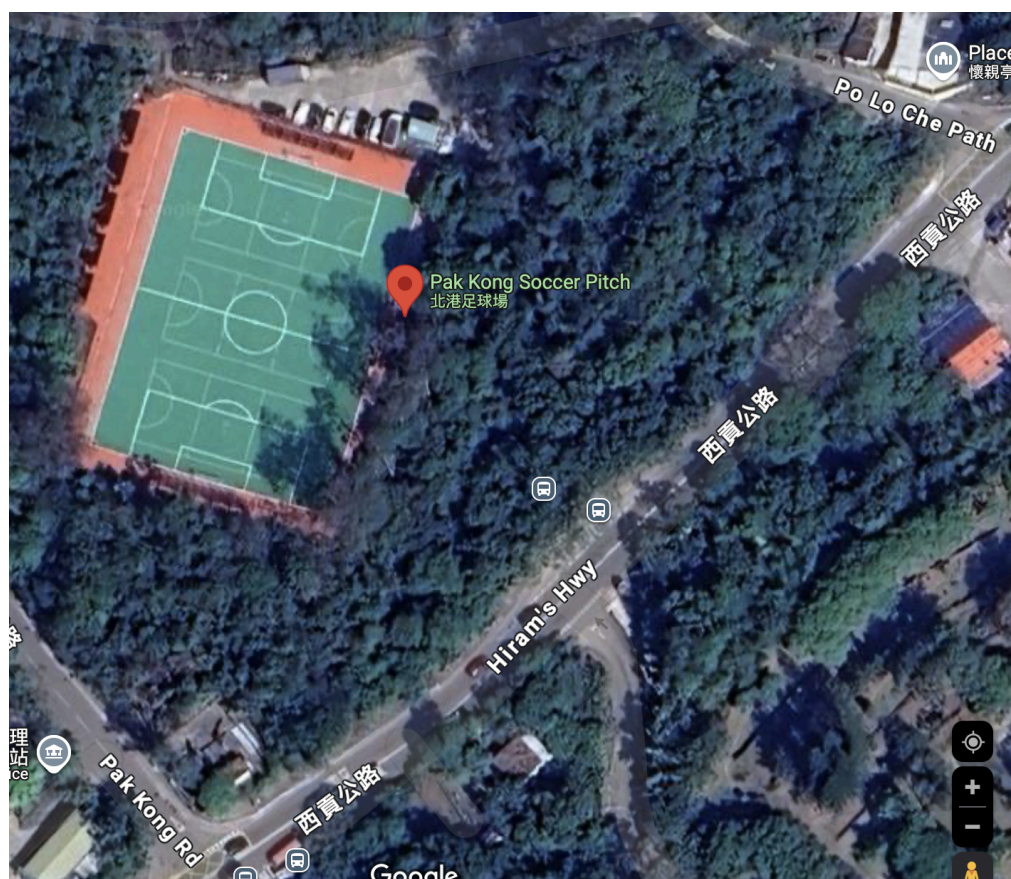


## International Schools Foundation (ISF)

1 Kong Sin Wan Road, Pokfulam, Hong Kong



## Pak Kong Soccer Pitch, Sai Kung



# Club Convenor Contacts - 2024/2025

Club's Name	Contact Name
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HK Scottish	Emma Gregory
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Hong Kong Football Club	Veronica Arnold
HKU Sandy Bay	Caitlyn Farrell
Major League Sports Academy (MLSA)	Amy George
Sai Kung Stingrays	Raquel Thomson, Shirley Yuen (Head Coach)
Sonics Netball Junior	Gabriel Chan
Valley RFC	Sheldon Coffin
The ISF Academy	Iris Chan, Koey Lo Tsz Ying