



## 2025 Bun Carnival – Bun Scrambling Competition – Prospectus –

### Jointly Presented by

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Hong Kong Cheung Chau Bun Festival Committee

### In Association with

Cheung Chau Wai Chiu County Association Limited

Cheung Chau Rural Committee

Islands District Office of the Home Affairs Department

Hong Kong, China Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited

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**Objective:** To promote the local tradition of bun scrambling and integrate this into modern climbing techniques so that bun scrambling events can be staged in a safe and orderly manner.

**Location:** Soccer pitch of Pak Tai Temple Playground, Cheung Chau

**Fee:** Free of charge

**Quota:** 200 (including the champions of the Men’s and Women’s Divisions in Bun Scrambling Competition 2024)

**Programme No. :** IS250116BUC

**Details:**

Date	Time	Activities	Details
6 April 2025 (Sunday) <small>(Note)</small>  [Fallback day for training: 12 April 2025 (Saturday)]	9:00 am to 7:30 pm (three sessions)	<b>Training on Bun Tower Climbing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All participants <b>must attend and complete</b> the safety training on bun tower climbing and fall prevention provided by the Hong Kong, China Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited (HKCMCU). Training covers an introduction to equipment and their use, safety rules, basic climbing techniques and practice. Participants should have knowledge of the proper and safe use of equipment provided by the Organisers, and complete the training and practice during which they have to climb to a specified height of the bun tower within a specified time by using top roping and fall arresting device.</li> </ul>
13 April 2025 (Sunday) <small>(Note)</small>  [Fallback day for the Selection Contest: 26 April 2025]	2 pm to 4 pm	<b>Selection Contest for the Bun Scrambling Competition – Preliminary Round</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only participants who have <b>completed</b> the training are qualified to take part in the Preliminary Round of the Selection Contest.</li> <li>The <b>24</b> participants, including at least <b>6</b> female participants, who climb to a specified height on the bun tower and give out a signal by hitting the signal device (chalk bag) in the shortest time will qualify for the Semi-final Round of the Selection Contest.</li> <li>Those <b>24</b> participants will be required to attend and complete on the same day another round of safety training on bun tower climbing and fall prevention before they can take part in the Semi-final Round.</li> <li>In the event of a tie for the last place between 2 or more participants with the same finishing time, a climb-off will be arranged immediately for the participants concerned to determine to whom the last place will be offered.</li> </ul>
	4 pm to 6 pm	<b>Selection Contest for the Bun Scrambling Competition – Semi-final Round</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the Semi-final Round, participants will have to climb to a specified height on the bun tower, give out a signal by hitting the signal device (chalk bag), and land using the fall arresting device. The finishing time will be taken as a participant lands with both feet.</li> <li>The <b>12</b> participants, including at least <b>3</b> female participants, with the shortest finishing time will qualify for the Bun Scrambling Final.</li> <li>In the event of a tie for the last place between 2 or more participants with the same finishing time, a climb-off will be arranged immediately for the participants concerned to determine to whom the last place will be offered.</li> </ul>

Date	Time	Activities	Details
5 May 2025 (Monday) to 6 May 2025 (Tuesday) (Note)	From 11:30 pm on 5 May 2025 to 12:45 am on 6 May 2025	<b>Bun Scrambling Final</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>9</b> male and <b>3</b> female participants who have passed the selection contest will enter the Final. The <b>12</b> finalists in the Men’s and Women’s Divisions will compete in the same race.</li> <li>• The finalists will scramble for buns in their own lanes within the time limit and the one who has the highest total score wins. In case of a tie, the ranking of the participants concerned will be determined by their finishing order in the Selection Contest.</li> <li>• Prizes will be awarded to the champion and the first and second runners-up in the Men’s Division, and the champion in the Women’s Division.</li> </ul>

Note: In case of inclement weather, the activities on that day will either be rescheduled or cancelled. Please refer to the “**Inclement Weather Arrangements**” below for details.

### **Entry Requirements:**

1. Aged 18 or above; and
2. Be of good health and physical fitness.

### **Enrolment Methods and Points to Note:**

1. Starting from 17 January 2025, members of the public may also have access to the prospectus through My SmartPLAY App and the SmartPLAY webpage at [www.smartplay.lcsd.gov.hk/home](http://www.smartplay.lcsd.gov.hk/home) for viewing or downloading.
2. Applicants enrolling in the competition must firstly register as SmartPLAY users and must provide information required for enrolment, such as date of birth and gender. All applicants must register and complete an authentication process beforehand in order to use the new system. For details, please refer to <https://www.smartplay.lcsd.gov.hk/website/tc/news/9982.html>.
3. After completed register and authentication process of SmartPLAY users, applicants must submit ballot e-application forms through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage or smart self-service stations during the period from 17 February to 28 February 2025.
4. Applications made by groups, organisations or schools will not be accepted.
5. No waiting lists will be held for any ballot. Applicants are required to make an application for the remaining places, if any, upon ballot on a first-come-first-served basis during the open enrolment period.
6. Alterations to all the details provided by an applicant will not be allowed after the application deadline. All the details required in the e-application forms must be true and correct, which must be provided and entered in full. Alternations to the details provided including participating event(s) and personal particulars will not be allowed upon their confirmation, except for the circumstances of altering contact numbers and addresses, where any updates should be made via SmartPLAY as soon as possible.
7. Those applicants who live, work or study on Cheung Chau will have priority in the ballot. Eligible applicants are required to select “Cheung Chau Resident/Student/Employee for Bun Scrambling Competition” under the function of “Add Local Status” in “My Profile” on SmartPLAY, upload valid proof and tick the declaration box from 17 February 2025 to 3 March 2025. Applicants will enjoy such priority in the ballot only after approval by the staff of Islands District Leisure Services Office (IsDLSO). Such priority will only be applicable to Bun Scrambling Competition 2025.
8. Those applicants with their documentary proofs yet to be approved or their applications for the “Local Status” rejected, the application will be deemed not entitled to priority in the ballot. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) reserves the right to ask for production of the original documents by applicants for verification at any time (including the days of Training,

Selection Contest and the Final). No objections can be raised. The LCSO reserves the right to disqualify applicants who fail to produce the original documents from the competition.

9. Applicants providing false information will be disqualified from the events, with all the results declared void. Their position rankings will be filled with the other athletes in the event in accordance with their results.
10. The information provided by applicants, to which only the authorised officers of the LCSO have access, will only be used for the purposes of the enrolment in recreation and sports activities, announcement of ballot results, compilation of statistics, future contact and survey.

**Application Procedure:**

	<b>Submission Date of E-Ballot Applications</b>	<b>Ballot and Announcement of Results</b>	<b>Confirmation of Successful Applications</b>	<b>Announcement of Remaining Quotas</b>	<b>Open Enrolment</b>
Date	From 17 February to 28 February 2025	From 5 March to 6 March 2025	From 7 March to 11 March 2025	12 March 2025	From 13 March to 17 March 2025 (8:30 am on the first day)
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants must register as SmartPLAY users and complete an authentication process before submission of electronic application for the competition;</li> <li>• Applicants (including those who live, study or work on Cheung Chau will have priority in the ballot or in “Non-local Status”) can only submit one e-ballot application.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All places will be allocated by means of ballot via SmartPLAY;</li> <li>• Applicants enrolling in “Local Status”, i.e. who live, study or work on Cheung Chau will have priority in the ballot;</li> <li>• Upon completion of the ballot, successful applicants will receive an electronic notification generated by the system to confirm their application;</li> <li>• Members of the public may also have access to the ballot results through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage, smart self-service stations or notice boards at IsDLSO and leisure venues, but <b>will not be notified separately by post.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful applicants must complete the confirmation procedures within the confirmation period through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage or smart self-service stations;</li> <li>• Successful applicants may also bring originals or copies of their identity documents along with reference number of the activity successfully applied to complete the confirmation procedures at the DLSOs or leisure venues with SmartPLAY set up;</li> <li>• Applicants who fail to complete the confirmation procedures within the specified period will be deemed to have forfeited their qualification to compete.</li> </ul>	<p>If there are quotas left over after the confirmation period, the number of such quotas will be announced through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage and smart self-service stations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The remaining quota will be open for enrolment on a first-come-first-served basis through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage and smart self-service stations;</li> <li>• No priority arrangement in open enrolment for applicants who live, study or work on Cheung Chau;</li> <li>• SmartPLAY users may complete the enrolment procedures through SmartPLAY or by submitting a duly completed <b>specialised form and declaration for open enrolment (only applicable to applications submitted through counters)</b>, while producing originals or copies of their identity documents at the DLSOs or leisure venues with SmartPLAY set up.</li> </ul>

**Counter Services Hours of Islands District Leisure Services Office (IsDLSO), Leisure Venues and Smart Self-service Stations:**

	<b>Counter Services Hours of IsDLSO</b>		<b>Counter Services Hours of Leisure Venue (including sports centre/tennis court)</b>	<b>Service Hours of Smart Self-service Station</b>
<b>Service Hours of IsDLSO, Leisure Venues and Smart Self-service Stations</b>	Monday to Friday	8:30 am to 4:30 pm	7:00 am to 10:00 pm (8:30 am for the first day of open enrolment) (Except for the first and second days of the Lunar New Year)	7:00 am to 11:00 pm (8:30 am for the first day of open enrolment) (Except for the first and second days of the Lunar New Year)
	Saturday, Sunday and public holidays	Closed		

**Inclement Weather Arrangements:**

1. If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above, or the Red/Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is issued and remains in force three hours before the Training on Bun Tower Climbing on Sunday, 6 April 2025, the training on that day will be postponed to Saturday, 12 April 2025 at the same venue, with exact time to be confirmed. In the event of inclement weather such as persistent heavy rain or thunderstorm warnings issued by the Hong Kong Observatory before the training, participants should report to the venue as scheduled. The Organisers will decide whether to proceed with the training having regard to the weather conditions.
2. If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above, or the Red/Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is issued and remains in force three hours before the Selection Contest on Sunday, 13 April 2025, the Selection Contest on that day will be postponed to Saturday, 26 April 2025 at the same venue, with exact time to be confirmed. In the event of inclement weather such as persistent heavy rain or thunderstorm warnings issued by the Hong Kong Observatory before the Selection Contest, participants should report to the venue as scheduled. The Organisers will decide whether to proceed with the Selection Contest having regard to the weather conditions.
3. The Bun Scrambling Final will be cancelled if Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above, or the Red/Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is issued and remains in force three hours before the Bun Scrambling Final. In the event of inclement weather such as persistent heavy rain and thunderstorm warnings issued by the Hong Kong Observatory before the Bun Scrambling Final, participants should report to the venue as scheduled. The Organisers will decide whether the Competition should continue having regard to the weather conditions. **Should the Bun Scrambling Final be cancelled, a prize presentation will be held immediately, with the ranking based on the results of the Selection Contest for the Bun Scrambling Competition.**
4. In the event of inclement weather such as persistent heavy rain or thunderstorm warnings issued by the Hong Kong Observatory during the events, the Organisers will maintain communication with the participants and keep them informed of their latest decisions and arrangements (including revised rules, if any) made in respect of the events.

**Prizes:**

Trophies will be awarded to the champion and the first and second runners-up in the Men's Division, and the champion in the Women's Division. The champions of the Men's Division and Women's Division will have direct entry to both the Training and Selection Contest in the following year without the need for ballot. A special prize, namely "Full Pocket of Lucky Buns", will be awarded to the participant who bags the largest number of buns. Starting from 2016, the "King of Kings" Award and the "Queen of

Queens” Award have been presented to any winner who has won the champion title three times in total in the Men’s Division or the Women’s Division respectively. Past holders of the “King of Kings” Award or the “Queen of Queens” Award are required to win the championships another three times in total before being able to get the same titles again.

**Adjudication:** The panel of judges consists of representatives from the major Organisers and the Hong Kong, China Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited.

**Rules:** Please refer to the “**Notes to Participants of the Bun Scrambling Competition**”.

**Appeal:** No appeal will be accepted. The decision of the judges shall be final.

**Enquiries:** Applicants may contact the Islands District Leisure Services Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on 2852 3220.

**In case of any deficiency in this Prospectus,  
the Organisers reserve the right to amend it at any time without further notice.**

