Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 89/2020

From: Secretary for Education To: Supervisors and Heads of all

Government, Aided (including Special Schools), Caput Schools

and Schools under the Direct

24 June 2020 Subsidy Scheme (DSS)

Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme (2020/21 School Year)

Summary

Ref:

Date:

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This circular memorandum serves to invite applications from public sector schools (government, aided and caput schools) and schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) to participate in the "Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme" (the Scheme) in the 2020/21 school year, which is jointly implemented by the Education Bureau (EDB) and the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB).

Background

- 2. It has been the government policy to encourage schools to open up their facilities for hire to outside organisations to foster collaboration between schools and the community. According to the Policy Address announced in January 2017, public sector schools are encouraged to further open up their facilities, and review the promotion of sports development in schools to encourage students to develop a healthy sporting habit.
- 3. To take forward the initiative, EDB and HAB jointly launched the Scheme in the 2017/18 school year to encourage public sector schools to open up school facilities for sports organisations to hold sports programmes. The Scheme has been well received by participating schools and sports organisations since its launch. Various enhancement measures have been implemented since the 2018/19 school year, which include extending the Scheme to DSS schools; increasing the subsidy rates for schools; allowing non-profit organisations with track records of running sports programmes in schools and the community to participate in the Scheme on a pilot basis; and inviting participating schools to apply for

subsidies under the Sir David Trench Fund to set up or improve sports facilities of the schools concerned to further promote sports development at the community level.

Details

- 4. Under the Scheme, schools are strongly encouraged to open up their facilities (such as school hall, activity room, open and/or covered playground with ball courts, sports ground, classroom and soccer pitch) as far as possible for sports organisations to hold sports programmes during weekends, school holidays and/or after school hours from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021. Within the aforesaid period, participating schools should open up the facilities concerned for a total of at least 24 hours (e.g. 12 two-hour, 8 three-hour or 3 eighthour continuous sessions)¹ for each programme. Participating schools may also provide more than one facility for the sports organisations to hold separate programme(s) during the same time slots and/or at different time slots. The facilities made available for hire must be safe and in good condition.
- 5. To encourage schools to cultivate a sporting culture in a whole school approach, sports organisations using school facilities to offer programmes for members of the community are required to reserve one-fourth of the places in each sports programme for priority enrolment of students, teachers and/or parents of the participating school who meet the technical requirement(s) (if any) of the activity under the Scheme. This arrangement enables schools to enhance students' participation in sports and would optimise the use of resources for the promotion of sports development.
- 6. "National sports associations" (NSAs) (including relevant affiliated club members) "district sports associations" (DSAs) and other sports organisations provided by HAB eligible for the Scheme are set out at Annex 3. These sports organisations are required to observe the conditions of use of school facilities and make necessary arrangements to protect schools against any claims, losses or damages which may be incurred due to hirers' act of negligence. For details of the conditions of use of school facilities, please refer to Part C of Section I at Annex 1.

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¹ The minimum duration of each session is one hour.

Application Procedures

- 7. Schools which intend to participate in the Scheme should complete the form "Application for Participation" at Annex 2 and return the form to their respective Chief School Development Officer on or before 10 July 2020. Schools which have already submitted application for participation in the Scheme in the 2019/20 school year or before are still required to submit a *fresh* application for the 2020/21 school year by completing Annex 2 and return it to EDB in the same manner. A consolidated list of school facilities available for hire will be forwarded to eligible sports organisations, through HAB, for their consideration whether to apply for use of the school facilities available. Sports organisations may consider filing an application according to the information and liaise directly with the schools concerned.
- 8. We encourage NSAs, their affiliated club members, DSAs and other sports organisations provided by HAB, which are interested in hiring school facilities from participating schools to contact the schools direct for more information. Schools may also discuss with the sports organisations about the intended use of the required facilities, time slots available and details of the programmes planned.
- 9. Interested sports organisations should submit the form "Application for Hiring of School Facilities by Sports Organisation" (Section I of Annex 1) to EDB, with a copy to HAB and the schools concerned, on or before 3 August 2020. Upon HAB's confirmation on the eligibility of the sports organisations, EDB will inform the schools concerned of the results on or before 10 August 2020. Participating schools reserve the right and discretion to make the final decision to accept a sports organisation's application or not, or to select which sports organisation to open up to if more than one application has been received. Schools are requested to confirm their acceptance of the applications by completing Section II of Annex 1 and return it to EDB on or before 17 August 2020. HAB will inform the sports organisations of the school's decision immediately. The workflow for processing applications under the Scheme in the 2020/21 school year is at Annex 4.

Subsidies Arrangement

10. With approval for hiring school facilities given by EDB on or before **21 August 2020**, participating schools will be given a subsidy of \$30,000 for launching the first programme and \$20,000 for each subsequent programme (if any), up to a maximum of \$130,000 per school in the 2020/21 school year (i.e. a maximum of 6 programmes will be subsidised). Schools can deploy the subsidies for hiring extra manpower, strengthening security measures, defraying

additional utility costs, replacing or acquiring items needed, carrying out urgent minor repair works, etc. in relation to the approved sports programmes.

11. To ensure proper and prudent use of the subsidies, sports organisations are required to confirm with HAB on or before **30 June 2021** on the actual number of programmes organised in the 2020/21 school year before final payment of subsidies is released to participating schools. Details of the subsidy are provided at <u>Annex 5</u>.

Main Fund of the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation

12. To further promote sports in the community and to encourage schools in joining the Scheme, schools which have successfully hired out their facilities to sports organisations under the Scheme will be eligible to apply for subsidies under the two categories of the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (Main Fund) for 2020-21, namely (i) Capital Works Project and (ii) Special Project. The Capital Works Project provides a grant up to \$0.7 million for schools to build new sports facilities; while the Special Project will provide a grant ranging from \$0.7 to \$4 million for schools to carry out minor works for the construction and improvement of their sports facilities, as well as to purchase sports equipment. Interested schools should submit their completed applications, together with the supporting documents, to the Secretariat of the Fund direct **before 31 August 2020**. Each school is only allowed to submit an application for either funding category per school year. Depending on the application results, successful applicants must enlist the facilities subsidised by the Fund to be open up under the Scheme for three consecutive years upon completion of works. The arrangement fosters the collaboration between the schools and the community, with a view to promote sports in the community. Application results will be announced by December 2020. Schools may download the funding guidelines and application form of the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (Main Fund) from the links below.

Details for the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (Main Fund)					
Guidelines for Application					
Capital Works Project	Important Notes	Application Form			
Special Project	Important Notes	Application Form			

13. On levying charges for hire of accommodation in respect of the programmes run by sports organisations under the Scheme, participating schools are strongly advised to adopt the

reduced rates as specified in the respective Guidelines for Levying Charges for Hire of Accommodation in aided schools and government schools issued by EDB or concessionary rates according to school-based policy for DSS and caput schools, so as to make the charges more affordable to the non-profit making sports organisations and to demonstrate schools' support in promoting sports at the community level. If circumstances warrant, aided, caput and DSS schools may also waive the charge altogether. Please refer to the EDB Internal Circular No. 6/2005 and EDB Circular No. 5/2011 respectively and the Guidelines for Levying Charges posted on EDB homepage at https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/student-parents/sch-info/fees-charges-in-sch/aided-sch/index.html.

Enquiry

14. For enquiries, please contact the respective Senior School Development Officer of your district.

MK CHENG for Secretary for Education

c.c. Heads of Sections – for information

Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme **Application for Hiring of School Facilities by Sports Organisation**¹ (2020/21 School Year)

Section I (To be completed by the applicant sports organisation)

Please return this form by fax to Education Bureau (EDB) on or before 3 August 2020, with a copy to

(i) Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and (ii) the school in Part B. To: School Administration 1 Section, EDB Fax no.: 2572 5402 Recreation and Sport Branch, HAB Fax no.: 2519 7404 The school in Part B Part A: Information of the Sports Organisation Name of Organisation: Status of the Organisation as * "national sports association" (NSA) / affiliated club member of the at the date of this application: NSA² / district sports association / other sports organisation provided by HAB / other eligible organisations³ (*Please delete as *appropriate*) Name of Contact Person (Phone No.: (Position Held): Name of Responsible Phone No.: Person (Position Held) ((Optional): Address: Email: Fax No.: Name/Position of officer: For official use of HAB: Eligibility of the Organisation verified Signature: Date: Part B: School Facilities Required³ Name of School (District): Address:

Facilities & number	Name of sports programme(s), content & target participants	Proposed dates	Proposed time & duration of each session	Total no. of sessions and total hours	Estimated no. of officials and participants using the facility each session
e.g. Playground (1)	Basketball Training Course for teenagers aged 12 to 14	2/10/2020 (Fri) 13/11/2020 (Fri) 9/10/2020 (Fri) 20/11/2020 (Fri) 16/10/2020 (Fri) 27/11/2020 (Fri) 23/10/2020 (Fri) 4/12/2020 (Fri) 30/10/2020 (Fri) 11/12/2020 (Fri) 6/11/2020 (Fri) 18/12/2020 (Fri)	to 7:00pm	12 (24 hours)	Total: 25 Officials: 5 Participants: 20

Facilities & number	Name of sports programme(s), content & target participants	Proposed dates	Proposed time & duration of each session	Total no. of sessions and total hours	Estimated no. of officials and participants using the facility each session

Refers to (a) "national sports associations" (NSAs) recognised by the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China as at 30 April 2020, including NSAs which are receiving subvention under the Sports Subvention Scheme administered by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department; (b) registered affiliated club members of the relevant NSAs; (c) "district sports associations" specified at Annex 3; (d) other sports organisations provided by HAB specified at Annex 3 and (e) other eligible organisations.

Part C: Conditions of Use of School Facilities (if Application is Approved)

- 1. The hired facilities shall only be used for the designated programme(s) specified in Part B, unless with prior approval of the school.
- 2. All users must wear appropriate attire, footwear, use appropriate equipment, protective gear as necessary. The sports organisation shall take appropriate action to safeguard the health and safety of all users.
- 3. The sports organisation shall be a non-profit making organisation and shall not use the school facilities for holding sports programme for profiteering. The primary purpose of programmes organised under the Scheme should be to promote sports development.
- 4. All users must leave the school at the end of each session specified in Part B.
- 5. Eating and drinking shall not be permitted inside the play areas. Smoking is strictly prohibited in school.
- 6. The school will close the facilities upon issue of Tropical Cyclone Signal No. 8 or the RED/BLACK Rainstorm Warning Signal. The school may also exercise discretion to close the facilities when, in its opinion, that the facilities are unsuitable for use from safety or operation point of view. In such case, the school will refund the hire charge for the unused session(s).

² An affiliated club member of NSA should provide the information issued by the respective NSA regarding the validity of its affiliation to the NSA concerned.

³ Relevant eligibility criteria are specified in Annex 3.

⁴ Please refer to Annex 2 for the relevant hiring information including hiring charge, if any, provided by the school before completing this part.

- 7. If a confirmed session has to be cancelled by the school owing to inclement weather or other circumstances in accordance with Condition 6, the sports organisation may discuss with the school for reallocation of the unused session(s). However, the school does not guarantee the availability of any suitable session for reallocation.
- 8. The sports organisation undertakes to reserve one-fourth of places in each sports programme for priority enrolment of students, teachers and/or parents of the school who have met the technical requirement(s), if any, of the activity.
- 9. The sports organisation shall submit a programme report to HAB for each programme organised under the Scheme within **two months** after the end of the programme.
- 10. The sports organisation shall confirm with HAB the actual number of sports programmes organised by the specified deadline (i.e. 30 June 2021) as set out in this EDB's Circular Memorandum, and to report to EDB and HAB as soon as possible in case of cancellation of sports programme(s).
- 11. The sports organisation shall be responsible for meeting the cost of repairing any damage caused to the facilities, and of repairing or reinstating or replacing any equipment, apparatus, fitting, or other property damaged or destroyed (fair wear and tear excepted), stolen or removed during the use of school facilities.
- 12. The sports organisation shall take out adequate insurance policy for programmes organised under the Scheme including third party liability insurance. The sports organisation shall also purchase a third party liability insurance of a specified amount with the respective school as insured party as appropriate and make a copy of the insurance policy to school for record.
- 13. The sports organisation shall indemnify and keep indemnified school against all actions, claims, and demands by any person who suffers or sustains any death, injury, loss or damages arising out of or as a result of the use of school facilities by the sports organisation or any person so authorised by it due to the negligence on the part of sports organisation or on the part of such authorised person.
- 14. The sports organisation shall not make, publish, display or disseminate event related publicity materials that contain false, biased, misleading or deceptive information. The sports organisation shall not expressly or by implication make reference to the school in any publicity materials without prior permission of the school.
- 15. The sports organisation shall not admit members of the public to the school during the use of school facilities as spectators, without the prior approval of the school.
- 16. The school reserves the right to reject or cancel the hiring of facility by giving reasonable prior notice to the sports organisation and also to restrict the number of users entering the school or to refuse entry of any person upon health ground or any other reasons.
- 17. The school may refuse the sports organisation from using the facilities if the sports organisation does not observe the Conditions of Use in Part C.

Part D: Declaration

I, on behalf of	(Name of the spo	orts
organisation), undertake to observe the Condition	ons of Use of School Facilities in Part C.	
Signature of Responsible Person:		
	Official chop	
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Name of Responsible Person :	of the sports	
	organisation	
Date :		

Section II (To be completed by the school)

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No.	Name of programme(s) & target participants	Facilities & number	Da	ntes	Time & duration of each session (a)	No. of sessions (b)	Duration of programme C=(a)x(b)	Total Charges
e.g.	Basketball Training Course for teenagers aged 12 to 14	Playground (1)	9/10/2020 (Fri)		5:00pm to 7:00pm (2 hours)	12	24 hours	\$315 (per 2-hour session) x 12 = \$3,780
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Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme **Application for Participation** (2020/21 School Year)

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To:	Chief School Development Officer () (Please fill in the n	name of district)	
	(Please return by fax on or before 10.	July 2020 to the Education Bureau)		
Name o	of School (District):		()
Addres	ss:			

Section I

Facilities and Number [Note 1]	Area (m²)	Amenities and Number (such as ball courts, space set aside for table tennis, etc.)	Utilities (such as air-conditioning, lighting, etc.)	Hiring Charge per session (please specify the duration of each session) [Note 2] (\$)	Available Dates [Note 3] (from/to) (excluding public holidays and dates with scheduled school events)	Available Time (from/to)
e.g. Open ✓ Playground (1)	About 550	A multipurpose court with marking lines which can be used as basketball court with basketball rims or volleyball court with volleyball net (1)	Without lighting	315 per 2-hour session	(1) 3/10/2020 to 19/12/2020 Every Saturday except 12/12/2020;	10:30 am
Covered Playground (1)	About 600	Table tennis tables (2)	With lighting	320.5 per 2-hour session	(2) 12/4/2021 to 23/4/2021 and (3) 3/7/2021 to 22/8/2021 Every Saturday and Sunday except 10/7/2021	to 12:30 pm and 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
School Hall						
Activity Room						
Covered Playground						
Open Playground						
Others (e.g.sports ground, classroom, soccer pitch)						
Signature of Principals						
Signature of Principal: Name of Principal:						
Contact Person (Positio	n Held)	·	()		
Phone No. [Note 4]:		·		<i></i>	C 1 1 C	
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- Please put a 🗸 in the appropriate box for the facilities available for hire and fill in the relevant information. Use separate sheets if required. Note 1:
- Note 2: Please refer to the EDB Internal Circular No. 6/2005 and EDB Circular No. 5/2011 on hire of accommodation as well as the Guidelines for Levying Charges and the Schedule of Recommended Charges for Hire of Accommodation in Government Schools and Aided Schools.
- Note 3: Please ensure to open up related facilities to the sports organisations for a total of at least 24 hours (e.g. 12 two-hour, 8 three-hour or 3 eight-hour continuous sessions) for each programme during weekends, school holidays and/or weekdays after school hours. The minimum duration per session is one hour.
- Note 4: Please provide a contact that is reachable during the application period for sports organisations (i.e. 17 July 2020 3 August 2020) to ensure sports organisations could reach the schools' representatives direct during the summer vacation.

Section II (To be completed by School Administration 1 Section of EDB)				
To:			(School in Se	ction I)
With verification of the eligibility of your school to hire out the facilities below for details on the programme	to the sports	organisation spe	cified below. Please	refer to the table
Name of sports organisation	Type of sports	Number of Programmes	Total amount of subsidy	Remarks
Signature of EDB Representative Name of EDB Representative			Official of EI	-
Data				

c.c. Senior Treasury Accountant (Financial Services)
Senior Treasury Accountant (Management Services)1

List of Eligible Organisations Note (2020/21 School Year) (As at May 2020)

National Sports Associations¹

- 1. Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited
- 2. Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association
- 3. Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited
- 4. The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited
- 5. Hong Kong Fencing Association
- 6. Hong Kong Equestrian Federation
- 7. The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China
- 8. China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited
- 9. Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited
- 10. Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled
- 11. Hong Kong Shooting Association
- 12. Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability
- 13. Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited
- 14. Hong Kong Kart Club Limited
- 15. Hong Kong Muay-Thai Association Limited
- 16. The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China
- 17. Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited
- 18. Hong Kong Skating Union Limited
- 19. Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association
- 20. Hong Kong Squash
- 21. Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited
- 22. Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association
- 23. Hong Kong Archery Association
- 24. The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited
- 25. The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation
- 26. The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China

¹ Refers to "national sports associations" (NSAs) recognised by the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China as at May 2020, including the NSAs which are receiving subvention under the Sports Subvention Scheme administered by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

- 27. Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited
- 28. Hong Kong Golf Association Limited
- 29. Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited
- 30. The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited
- 31. Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited
- 32. Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited
- 33. Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited
- 34. The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited
- 35. Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Limited
- 36. Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited
- 37. Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited
- 38. Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited
- 39. Hong Kong Softball Association
- 40. Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association
- 41. Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited
- 42. Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association
- 43. Hong Kong Rugby Union
- 44. Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited
- 45. The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited
- 46. Hong Kong Basketball Association
- 47. Cricket Hong Kong Limited
- 48. Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited
- 49. Hong Kong Sailing Federation
- 50. The Hong Kong Hockey Association
- 51. Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong
- 52. The Hong Kong Football Association Limited
- 53. The Hong Kong Life Saving Society
- 54. Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited
- 55. Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited
- 56. Hong Kong Netball Association Limited
- 57. Hong Kong, China Rowing Association
- 58. Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited
- 59. Hong Kong China Korfball Association
- 60. Victoria Recreation Club
- 61. South China Athletic Association
- 62. Chinese Young Men's Association of Hong Kong

- 63. Hong Kong Minature Football Association Limited
- 64. Hong Kong Little League Limited
- 65. Hong Kong Chinese Chess Association
- 66. The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf
- 67. Hong Kong Go Association Limited
- 68. Hong Kong Contract Bridge Association Limited
- 69. Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China Limited
- 70. Hong Kong Association of Sports Medicine and Sports Science Limited
- 71. Hong Kong Paragliding Association
- 72. Hong Kong Aviation Club Limited
- 73. Hong Kong Ultimate Players Association
- 74. Ski Association of Hong Kong, China Limited
- 75. Hong Kong Woodball Association Limited
- 76. Health Qigong Association of Hong Kong, China Limited
- 77. Hong Kong Tug of War Association
- 78. Hong Kong Lacrosse Association
- 79. Hong Kong Automobile Association

District Sports Associations

- 1. The Central and Western District Recreation and Sports Association
- 2. Eastern District Recreation and Sports Advancement Association Limited
- 3. Islands District Sports Association
- 4. Southern District Recreation and Sports Association Limited
- 5. Wan Chai District Arts, Cultural, Recreational and Sports Association Limited
- 6. Wanchai Sports Federation Limited
- 7. Kowloon City District Recreation and Sports Council Limited
- 8. Kwun Tong Sports Promotion Association Limited
- 9. Sai Kung District Sports Association Limited
- 10. Sham Shui Po Sports Association Limited
- 11. Wong Tai Sin District Recreation and Sports Council
- 12. Yaumatei and Tsimshatsui Recreation and Sports Association Limited
- 13. Mong Kok District Cultural, Recreational and Sports Association Limited
- 14. North District Sports Association
- 15. Sha Tin Sports Association Limited
- 16. Tai Po Sports Association Limited
- 17. Kwai Tsing District Sports Association Limited
- 18. The Federation of Tsuen Wan District Sports and Recreation Association Limited
- 19. Tuen Mun Sports Association Limited
- 20. Yuen Long District Sports Association Limited
- 21. The New Territories Regional Sports Association

Other eligible sports organisations provided by HAB

- 1. Happy Valley Athletic Association Limited
- 2. HK Chinese Amateur Swimming Association
- 3. Hong Kong Chess Federation Limited
- 4. Hong Kong Christian Service
- 5. Hong Kong Dance Federation Limited
- 6. Hong Kong Darts Association
- 7. Hong Kong Lacrosse Association Limited
- 8. Hong Kong Miniature Football Association Limited
- 9. Hong Kong Rope Skipping Association, China Limited
- 10. Hong Kong Tai Chi Association
- 11. Hong Kong Teachers' Association
- 12. Hong Kong Tug-of-War Association Limited
- 13. Kowloon Miniature Football Association Limited
- 14. Sail Training Association of Hong Kong Limited
- 15. The Chinese Football Association of Hong Kong Limited
- 16. The Citizen Athletic Association Limited
- 17. The Hong Kong Winter Swimming Association
- 18. The Outward Bound (Alumni) Association of Hong Kong Limited
- 19. The Scout Association of Hong Kong
- 20. Unicycling Association of Hong Kong, China

Other organisations which intend to participate in the Scheme have to fulfil the eligibility criteria below -

- (1) registered under the Companies or Societies Ordinance, and has Articles of Association or club constitution;
- (2) a non-profit-making organisation;
- (3a) running school sports programmes in 3 consecutive years within the recent 5 years (i.e. since 2015/16 school year) in at least 5 schools (not necessarily the same school) with at least 5,000 participants in total each year; **OR**
- (3b) running territory-wide sports programmes in 3 consecutive years within the recent 5 years (i.e. since 2015) with a total of 10,000 participants each year, including programmes in 2 schools with at least 1,000 participants in total each year; **AND**
- (4) able to provide supporting letter(s) or written recommendation from partnering schools to demonstrate the applicant organisation's ability to run sports programmes in schools satisfactorily.

Note: This list of eligible sports organisations is not exhaustive (e.g. affiliated club members of NSAs are not listed here) and will be updated from time to time by HAB. Affiliated club members of NSAs must provide proofs of their status, e.g. letter(s) issued by NSAs to indicate their validity of affiliation, to be eligible for the Scheme.

Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme (2020/21 School Year) Workflow

EDB to issue Circular Memorandum on 24 June 2020 to invite schools' application for the Scheme for the 2020/21 school year

Schools to complete application form (Annex 2) and return it by fax to the respective CSDO on or before

10 July 2020

List of participating schools and facilities available will be forwarded to sports organisations through HAB before <u>17 July 2020</u>.

Sports organisations may contact schools direct for more information.



Sports organisations to complete Section I of Annex 1 and return it by fax to EDB on or before <u>3 August 2020</u>, with a copy to HAB and the schools concerned



Upon HAB's confirmation of the eligibility of the sports organisations, EDB will on or before **10 August 2020** request schools to confirm acceptance of applications from sports organisations.



Schools to complete Section II of Annex 1 and return it by fax to EDB on or before **17 August 2020**



EDB to give approval to schools on or before **21 August 2020**. A subsidy of \$30,000 for launching the first programme and \$20,000 for each subsequent programme, up to a maximum of \$130,000 per school in the 2020/21 school year.



HAB to announce application results to sports organisations concerned on or before **21 August 2020**



Sports programmes organised under the Scheme in the 2020/21 school year (1 September 2020 – 31 August 2021) begin.

Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme (2020/21 School Year)

Subsidy to Schools

With EDB's approval for hiring school facilities under the Scheme, participating schools will receive a subsidy to support hiring out their facilities to sports organisations to hold sports programmes. The subsidy is \$30,000 for the first programme^{Note} and \$20,000 for each subsequent programme organised by the sports organisation in the 2020/21 school year. The subsidy is capped at \$130,000 per school for the 2020/21 school year (i.e. a maximum of 6 programmes will be subsidised). Details are as follows:

Number of sports programme	Total amount of subsidy to be received by the school
1 programme	\$30,000
2 programmes	\$50,000
3 programmes	\$70,000
4 programmes	\$90,000
5 programmes	\$110,000
6 or more programmes	\$130,000

<u>Note</u>: At least a total of 24 hours (e.g. 12 two-hour, 8 three-hour or 3 eight-hour continuous sessions) for each programme. The minimum duration per session is one hour.

Disbursement Arrangement

The subsidy will be disbursed to aided, caput and DSS schools in October 2020, April and July 2021. For government schools, the subsidy will be provided in the form of budget allocation in two batches in October 2020 and April 2021. The final amount of subsidy payable to each school will be subject to the actual number of programmes **successfully organised** under the Scheme in the 2020/21 school year as confirmed by sports organisations with HAB by **30 June 2021**. Adjustment on the amount of subsidy will be made in the final instalment, if necessary.

Accounting Arrangement

Schools are required to keep a separate ledger account for the subsidy to record all allocation/income and expenditure chargeable to the subsidy. Relevant expenses incurred in connection with the hiring of school facilities under the Scheme to sports organisations such as hiring extra manpower (including salaries, Mandatory Provident Fund etc.), strengthening security measures, defraying additional utility costs, replacing or acquiring items needed,

carrying out urgent minor repair works, etc. should be met by the subsidy and no additional subsidy would be provided to cover such expenses. Please note that only expenses incurred on the hiring of school facilities under the Scheme to sports organisations could be charged to the subsidy account. Any deficit should not be charged to government funds. For government schools, expenditure should be charged to the user code assigned and the expenditure in a financial year could not exceed the allocation in that year. Unspent balance of the allocation for government schools will lapse at the end of the 2020/21 school year. For aided, caput and DSS schools, unspent balance of the subsidy in the ledger account as at 31 August each year will be clawed back based on schools' annual audited accounts. Transfer of funds out of this subsidy is not allowed.