

## 56th Schools Dance Festival

### The precautions and competition arrangements when the Air Quality Health Index of the venue district reaches serious level (10+)

According to the "Safety Guidelines on Physical Education Key Learning Area for Hong Kong Schools" issued by the EDB, school children are advised to avoid physical exertion (including outdoor and indoor physical/sports activities) and to avoid staying outdoors when the AQHI of the venue district reaches serious level (10+) on the competition day. For the activity guidelines of AQHI, please refer to: [www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/curriculum-development/kla/pe/references\\_resource/FAQs\\_AQHI\\_Eng\\_22\\_Jan\\_2014\\_final.pdf](http://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/curriculum-development/kla/pe/references_resource/FAQs_AQHI_Eng_22_Jan_2014_final.pdf)

#### Related Measures

The competition will be **cancelled** and the Organiser will arrange for rescheduling the competition when the AQHI of the venue district reaches serious level (10+) on the competition day. The participating schools are required to pay attention to the following arrangements:

1. Participating School should refer to the AQHI of the General Air Quality Monitoring Station in the district of the competition venue announced by EPD (the AQHI of other districts will not affect the competition schedule)
2. The competition held at AM section will be **cancelled** when the AQHI reaches 10+ in the district of the competition venue announced by EPD at **6:30 am**
3. The competition held at PM section will be **cancelled** when the AQHI reaches 10+ in the district of the competition venue announced by EPD at **11:00 am**
4. The competition will immediately be **halted** when the AQHI reaches 10+ in the district of the competition venue. The scheduled competition will be **cancelled** even when the AQHI return to lower level later
5. The Organiser will contact all affected schools and announce the arrangement of the competition on the HKSDA website ([www.hksda.org.hk](http://www.hksda.org.hk))

#### Rescheduling of Competition

The Organiser reserves four evenings from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm on 15 to 16 February and 4 to 5 March 2020 at the Yuen Long Theatre for rescheduling of competition. Related arrangements are listed as follows:

1. The competitions of the same type of dance will only be rescheduled on the same day.
2. If there is adverse weather/ the EDB announces suspension of classes/an emergency/the AQHI reaches 10+ in the district of the competition venue on the rescheduled competition day, **the competition will be permanently cancelled and without more rescheduling.** The Overall Awards of the affected type of dance (if any) will be **cancelled** accordingly for fairness
3. If the affected schools are unable to attend the rescheduled competition or the rescheduled competition could not be arranged by the Organiser, the application fee will be refunded to the affected schools
4. The Organiser will announce the date, time and venue of the rescheduling competition on the HKSDA website if the DanceSport competition is rescheduled

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