

Hong Kong Youth Team 2023-2024

- Youth team is recruiting members for categories U21, U26, U26 Girls.
- Players can register for any categories they are eligible for.
i.e. Male player aged 18 can register for U21 or U26 category, and female player aged 22 can register for U26 or U26 Girls category.
- Each category will be assigned different mentor(s).
- Youth team members will receive trainings from their respective mentor(s).
- Trainings will be held in around weekly basis.
- Youth team members will be given opportunities to play with experienced players in local tournaments.
- Youth team members will be given discount in tournament fees for local tournament if they fulfil certain participation rate.
- Youth team members are expected to assist HKCBA during major tournaments (such as Intercity, APBF), as helpers, caddies, operators etc.
- Players inside, and outside youth team can form partnerships to participate in youth trials.
- Qualified players from the youth trial will receive extra trainings from their NPC/Coach on top of youth team training hours.

Selection Trials for U21, U26, U26 Girls

Overview: Selection trials are to be held in pairs basis, in IMP pairs format. Players from inside and outside youth team can participate in the trial in equal ground.

Format: Hong Kong representing team will be selected on pair basis. U21 and U26 pairs selection will be in IMP pairs, in multiple sessions. Exact format subject to arrangements of the Tournament Operations committee.

Result of selection trial and participation point takes up different weighting for different categories.

Selection Matrix:

| Item | U21, Girls Weighting | U26 Weighting |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| IMP Pairs trial | 60% | 50% |
| Player A participation points | 20% | 25% |
| Player B participation points | 20% | 25% |

IMP Pairs

At the end of every session, certain number of bottom ranked pairs (counting both trial result and participation points) will be eliminated while the rest of the pairs continue to the next session with a carry-over score. The carry-over score will be in an ascending percentage per stage.

The IMP scored by each pair in the trial will be converted to a score of 60 (50 for U26) using a designated VP scale. The VP scale and formula of the carry-over will be announced later.

Participation Points

Players can accumulate participation points from 12 months before the trial. 12 months is counted as: If the first day of the trial is on 20th June, tournaments of the whole June, as well as tournaments from the June to May will all be counted for the participation points of the players.

The player with the highest participation points will receive score of 20. The rest of the players receive scores in proportion of participation points compared to the first ranked player. (i.e. The first ranked player accumulated 120 participation points, this receiving score of 20. Player B accumulated 60 participation points, so will receive score of 10.)

Players can accumulate participation points if they play with*:

1. Their trial partner.
2. Any player that is at least 1 category advance. (U26 and Girls are treated as same category)

i.e. A U21 player can play with a U26 player to accumulate participation points, but if he play with another U21 player, who is not his trial partner, no

participation points can be accumulated. Any youth player can accumulate participation points when playing with a non-youth player.

Players have to submit their playing record upon registration for the calculation of participation points. Participation points of pairs will be announced upon deadline of registration. Any act of dishonesty regarding the playing record could result in immediate disqualification.

The Participation points are counted as follows:

| Tournaments | Conditions | Points Gained |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| HKCBA Events | Participated | 1 (per session) |
| | Each win of match in [Open league / Invitational team / Youth league] | +1 |
| | Rank top 1/3 | +3 (per event) |
| BridgeHouse Events | Participated | 1 (per session) |
| | Rank top 1/3 (IMP Pair, All Rounded Pair, Ladderette Team B) | +1 |
| | Rank top 1/2 (Ladder Team B) | +1 |
| | Rank top 1/2 (Ladder Team A, Ladder Pairs A) | +2 |
| Events outside Hong Kong / Intercity | Participated | 3 (per match day) |
| | Rank top 2/3 | +10 |
| | Rank top 1/2 | +20 |

If players choose to join events organised by clubs other than HKCBA and BridgeHouse, it's their responsibility to enquire if the event counts for any participation point before the event.

In general, the participation points for events organised by other clubs will be allocated according to the similar scale stated above.

* There is no such restriction for overseas events or intercity events. Players can play with anybody to gain participation points.