# 23<sup>rd</sup> SUPER KUNG SHEUNG CUP INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL INVITATION CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 RULES & REGULATIONS

# 1. Objective:

This tournament aims to enhance interest in basketball among participating countries/regions and promote mutual friendship.

## 2. Participating Teams:

Eight teams will be invited by the Basketball Association of Hong Kong, China to take part in this Championship, namely

- 1) National Basketball Team of Singapore
- 2) National Basketball Team of Malaysia
- 3) National Basketball Team of Thailand
- 4) National Team of Hong Kong, China
- 5) Shenzhen Leopards (CBA)
- 6) Fujian Sturgeons (CBA)
- 7) Ningbo Rockets (CBA)
- 8) Sichuan Blue Whales (CBA)

## 3. Players:

- (a) Each team may register up to 12 players (including a maximum of two foreign players).
- (b) Players must hold a passport issued by the country/region the team represents (except for foreign players).
- (All player registration procedures must be completed by 8:00 PM on May 15, 2025. No changes or cancellations are allowed after registration.)

#### 4. Uniforms:

- (a) All commercial advertisements and sponsorships on the uniforms must be approved by the organizing committee before the tournament. The color and numbers must comply with FIBA regulations.
- (b) Each team must prepare one set of light-colored uniforms (typically white) and one set of dark-colored uniforms (other colors). Jerseys and shorts must be the same color.

The team listed first in the match schedule shall wear light-colored uniforms, and the team listed second shall wear dark-colored uniforms, unless otherwise agreed upon prior to the game.

## 5. Competition Format:

Games will be played according to the 2024 FIBA Basketball Rules. The format includes group round-robin and knockout stages. The organizing committee and the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Basketball Association reserve the right to make final decisions and amendments.

# **Preliminary Round:**

The 8 participating teams will be drawn into two groups, Group A and Group B, with 4 teams in each.

Each team will play once against the other teams in its group.

A1	A2	A3	A4
B1	В2	В3	В4

### **Classification Round:**

- The teams ranked 4th in each group will compete for 7th and 8th place:
  - Match 13: Group A 4th Place vs Group B 4th Place
- The teams ranked 3rd in each group will compete for 5th and 6th place:
  - Match 14: Group A 3rd Place vs Group B 3rd Place

## **Semi-Finals Round:**

- The top two teams from each group will advance to the semi-finals:
  - Match 15: Group A 1st Place vs Group B 2nd Place
  - Match 16: Group B 1st Place vs Group A 2nd Place

## **Finals Round:**

- Winners of the semi-finals will compete for 1st place, and the losers will compete for 3rd place:
  - Match 17: Loser of Match 15 vs Loser of Match 16
  - Match 18: Winner of Match 15 vs Winner of Match 16

## 6. Scoring:

For the Single Round-Robin Competition (a) The calculation of points will be as follows: Match won: 2 points Match lost: 1 point Lost by forfeit: 0 point (b) If two teams have the same points, the deciding factor shall be the result of game played between them.

(c) If more than two teams tie on points, classifications shall be made by total goal difference, taking into account only the games played between the teams in question (total difference of point scored by each of the tying teams and points scored against them by their opponents). If the goal difference is the same, the team that scores more points will be ranked higher. If this criteria cannot decide, a draw shall decide on the classification.

#### 7. Tournament Dates:

June 24, 2025 – June 29, 2025

## 8. Match Rescheduling:

The match schedule is fixed and cannot be altered unless under force majeure circumstances (e.g., typhoon, riot, or other special factors deemed by the organizing committee). Adjustments will be made as needed.

#### 9. Protests:

The referee may decide all issues in dispute during a match. Should there be a protest, the captain of the team in question shall, at the end of the game, sign in the score sheet his name in the area of "protest". In order to make this declaration valid, the leader of the team in question shall within two hours following the end of the game, give confirmation of this protest in writing. A special committee which comprises of experienced basketball personnel will then make the final decision.

#### 10. Miscellaneous:

All issues not mentioned above will be taken care individually by the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend the Rules and Regulations if it was deemed expedient and necessary.

# 11. Disclaimer of Liability:

## **EXPENSES:**

- a) Each foreign participating team should cover their round-trip travel fare to and from Hong Kong.
- b) The Organizing Committee will bear the expenses for board and lodging as well as ground transportation for the official delegation of 17 members (one of 17 members should a FIBA Active referee) during two days before (24th June 2025) and one day after (29th June 2025) the Championship.
- c) For any extra members other than 17 persons, early arrival, and delayed departure, each person concerned must pay his own staying expenses.

### 12. STATEMENT OF LIABILITY:

- 12.1 If the player is under the age of 18, the team leader must obtain the consent of his or her parent or guardian before signing up for the competition.
- 12.2 The team leader must ensure that the team's players are all healthy and suitable for the basketball game before signing up for the player.
- 12.3 The team leader must declare that he is relieved of all responsibility to the organizer. During the event, the team or player is not involved in the injury, illness, death or property damage, and is not involved with the organizer or funding agency or co-organizer or sponsor.

### 13. INSURANCE:

Participating teams should purchase accident insurance on their own.

#### ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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