

Hong Kong China Korfball Association Limited 中國香港合球總會有限公司



2024 IKF Asia Korfball Championship

Press Release

Sanctioned by the International Korfball Federation (IKF) and hosted by the Hong Kong China Korfball Association (HKCKA), the 7-days "IKF Asia Korfball Championship 2024" will be held from November 4 to 10, 2024 at the Kowloon Park Sports Centre.

This is the first time the Asia Korfball Championship will be hosted in Hong Kong. The event is proudly supported and sponsored by the local social enterprise ArcheTouch and recognized as a major local international event by the Culture, Sports, and Tourism Bureau and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

Vice President of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, Professor Herman Hu, noted that Korfball, as a mixed-gender sport, has greatly impressed him. With the diligent efforts of the HKCKA, hosting the Asia Korfball Championship for the first time is expected to be a great success. Currently ranked second in Asia, the Hong Kong team is eager to seize the home-court advantage and aim for the championship title. Wish the best of luck to the Hong Kong Team!

President of Hong Kong China Korfball Association, Mr. Teny Wu, expressed that hosting the Asia Korfball Championship, which promotes the sport of korfball and raises public awareness while enhancing Hong Kong's image. Hopes the Hong Kong players will compete in their best form and achieve great success.

Mr. Ken Kwok, founder of the main sponsor ArcheTouch, mentioned their continuous support for community services and youth sports development. Emphasizing youth learning opportunities, ArcheTouch plans to support various activities and services, such as using sports to build confidence and promote physical and mental health among youth. The collaborative and team spirit promoted by Korfball strengthens interpersonal connections. Hosting the Asia Korfball Championship for the first time in Hong Kong marks a new milestone for Korfball in Hong Kong and is truly encouraging. Looking forward to continued collaboration with the HKCKA to promote the development of korfball in schools, and enhance the younger generation's interest in the sport. Long-term goals include popularizing korfball and aspiring the younger generation to represent Hong Kong in competitions worldwide.

Chairman of Hong Kong China Korfball Association, Mr. CHENG Wai Ming Warman, stated that the competition has attracted teams from eleven countries and regions, including China, Indonesia, India, Japan, South Korea, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Chinese Taipei, and the host, Hong Kong. The preliminary stage will adopt a round-robin format and the draw was conducted by IKF Asia on 11 October 2024. The group stage is divided into two groups. Hong Kong Team will into Group B with Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, and Singapore. The top team from each group will directly advance to the semifinals, while the second-place and third-place teams from each group will conduct the crossover matches, with the winners advancing to the semifinals to compete for the Asian championship. The tournament includes ranking matches, bronze, and championship matches.

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In addition to the competition, a Korfball Carnival will be held from 4 to 9 November 2024, at the Kowloon Park Seven-a-Side Soccer Pitch, featuring multiple Korfball activities and fitness test booths. Both the competition and carnival are free to attend.

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