



# Bulletin 1 - June 2026

## 2026 FAI Hong Kong Open Drone Soccer Championship

Hong Kong, China

**22<sup>nd</sup> August 2026 to 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026**

Arrival on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2026 - Departure on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2026

## **ABOUT THE EVENT**

With the official sanction of the **Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI)**, the **Hong Kong China Drone Sports Association (HKDSA)** is proud to present the **2026 FAI Hong Kong Open Drone Soccer Championship (HKODSC)**. As an official international event, this elite competition brings together premier teams from around the globe to showcase the ultimate fusion of technology, strategy, and high-speed teamwork in one of the world's fastest-growing air sports.

Venue: Hong Kong Design Institute & IVE (LEE WAI LEE),  
Address: 3 King Ling Road, Tiu Keng Leng, 3 King Ling Rd,  
Tseung Kwan O, New Territories, Hong Kong  
Date: 22-23 August, 2026

## **1. CONTEST MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL / JUDGES**

### **FAI JURY**

CHAU Andy (HKG)  
陳洪升 (CHN)  
SoonCheon Park (KOR)

### **REFEREES**

The referees will be listed in the Bulletin 2.

### **CONTEST DIRECTOR**

CHAN Raymond  
LEE Martin  
SHIU Alan  
WONG Alan  
YEUNG Thomas

### **ORGANIZER OPERATIONAL OFFICIALS**

#### **Event Director:**

LI Irene  
YEUNG Winston  
CHEUNG Jelena

## **2. FAI CLASS**

The 2026 FAI Hong Kong Open Drone Soccer Championship concerns the FAI class F9A (Drone Soccer) and will feature the subclass: F9A-B (Drone ball 20 cm).

Every National Airspace Control (NAC) will be authorized to register a maximum of two drone soccer teams. Every match will be played with 3 active players in each team. It will also be possible to register up to 2 additional players per team, meaning a maximum number of 5 players are authorized to be registered in a single F9A-B team.

## **3. RULES**

### **FAI SPORTING RULES**

The sporting rules for the WDSC will be compliant with the FAI F9A class rules defined in the FAI Sporting Code Section 4 - Aeromodelling Volume F9 Drone Sports 2025 Edition effective 15th June 2025. They will be detailed in a document named '2025 FAI World Drone Soccer Championships Sporting Rules' including the event format retained by considering the number of drone soccer teams expected to participate.

In addition, the following documents will be applicable by consulting the edition effective at the date of the event:

- FAI Sporting Code Section 4 - Aeromodelling CIAM General Rules Volume.
- FAI Sporting Code General Section Volume.
- FAI Code of Ethics.
- FAI Disciplinary Code.

### **FAI SPORTING LICENSE**

Every competitor and each team manager of any team **must possess a valid FAI Sporting Licence** (Aeromodelling discipline – Drone Soccer), registered in the official FAI database. A FAI Sporting Licence is not required for the helpers.

The holder of a FAI Sporting Licence may be required to produce, as proof of identity, an official document including his/her names, photograph and signature.

Notes:

- The FAI Sporting Licence is mandatory for all players and team managers .
- Helpers and technical assistants are not required to hold an FAI Sporting Licence.

**COMPLAINT AND PROTEST** (See FAI Sporting Code General Section Volume 6.2.2 & 6.3.2, and CIAM General Rules Volume C.20)

The purpose of a complaint is to obtain a correction without the need to make a formal protest.

It is recommended that a complaint is made before submitting a protest.

If dissatisfied by the decision, the complainant(s) concerned must inform the Contest Director as soon as possible of the intention to submit a protest.

All protests must be presented by the team manager(s) in writing in official languages to the Contest Director and must be accompanied by the deposit of a fee of HK\$500 (or equivalent amount for a different currency). In the case of a joint protest, every protesting team manager must pay the protest fee.

### **ANTI-DOPING STATEMENT**

A competitor who needs for medical reasons to take any of the substances listed on the WADA Prohibited List must have a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) signed by FAI.

To access the current WADA prohibited list of substances and additional information regarding the TUE, see the FAI website with the following link:  
<https://www.fai.org/page/anti-doping-therapeutic-exemptions>.

#### **4. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

The official languages will be English and Chinese. English language always prevails concerning all elements of the competition, namely FAI documents, competition rules and Bulletins.

#### **5. DRONE SOCCER TEAMS**

Every NAC will be authorised to register:

- A Team Manager.
- 2 drone soccer teams in F9A-B subclass with 3 to 5 players in each team.
- Supporters, including helpers and technical assistants.

**Notes:**

- The team manager is mandatory but may be a player of a drone soccer team.
- A person cannot be registered as being a player in two different drone soccer teams.

**Additional drone soccer teams**

According to CIAM General Rules Volume C.5.3 f), the organizer will evaluate after the deadline defined for submission of the Preliminary Entry Form (PEF) the participation level which may be expected. If the number of expected participants is below the minimum number which makes the event financially viable, the organiser will ask CIAM to consider cancelling the championship(s), or to initiate a second phase for accepting additional drone soccer teams.

In case a second phase is initiated, the organizer, with the approval of CIAM Bureau, may send out invitations to the NACs which have already expressed with the PEF their intention to participate.

## **6. CLASSIFICATIONS AND AWARDS**

- FAI medals and diplomas will be awarded to the Team Manager and to every player of the drone soccer teams placed first, second and third.
- Prizes and trophies may also be awarded by the organiser, and the hosting city or organisation.

## **7. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**

The preliminary schedule is as follows and will be detailed after getting the number of registered drone soccer teams.

### **21 August 2026, Friday**

- Arrival and registration on the venue
- Flight Practice Sessions
- Team Managers Meeting

### **22 August 2026, Saturday**

- Officials briefing
- Model processing & technical inspection
- Opening Ceremony
- Group stage matches

### **23 August 2026, Sunday**

- Elimination Rounds
- Semi-finals and Finals
- Award Ceremony

### **24 August 2026, Monday**

- Departure

Note:

The exact match timetable and daily schedule may be adjusted according to the number of teams registered.

The final schedule will be confirmed in Bulletin 2.

## **8. ENTRY FEE**

- Entry Fee: **HK\$500 per F9A-B team** (covers up to 5 players per team).
- Payment Method: To be confirmed in Bulletin 2
- Pre-registration: Mandatory for all participating teams.

Please complete your preliminary entry form via the following link:

<https://forms.gle/yURw4tMdoHisvv3n8>

## **9. DEADLINES**

Deadline to proceed the online registration: 30th June 2026.

## **10. VENUE**

### **Hong Kong Design Institute & IVE (LEE WAI LEE)**

3 King Ling Road, Tiu Keng Leng,  
Tseung Kwan O, New Territories  
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The competition will take place **indoors**.

[View in Google Map](#)

## **11. LODGING**

- [The Royal Garden Kowloon East](#)
- [Nina Hotel Kowloon East](#)
- [Dorsett Kwun Tong Hong Kong](#)

Teams are free to book their accommodation independently (Trip.com or equivalent platforms recommended).

## **12. INSURANCE**

The organizer will provide a limited third-party insurance for all participants during the competition in accordance with the laws of the host country. This insurance covers situations where accidents cause injury to others and property damage. Participants are advised to purchase their own personal health insurance and travel insurance before traveling.

## **13. PASSPORT**

Hong Kong immigration authorities require your passport to be valid for at least 1 month beyond your intended date of departure from Hong Kong, though a 6-month validity is strongly recommended and often required by airlines or transit countries.

While visitors from over 170 countries and territories can enter Hong Kong visa-free, if a visa is required for your nationality, the following documents are generally needed:

- Passport valid for at least 6 months from the date of the visa application.
- Completed Hong Kong visa application form (ID 1003A) with signature.
- Recent ID photo (size 50mm x 40mm to 55mm x 45mm, front view, without head covering).

Please check the Hong Kong Immigration Department website to see if you require a visa and for detailed application instructions:

<https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/visit-transit/visit-visa-entry-permit.html>

## **14. ACCESS & TRANSPORTATION**

From Hong Kong International Airport (HKG)

- **By car/ taxi** : 45 - 55 minutes (approx. 44 km)
- **By train (MTR):**
  1. Airport Express Line

Airport → Hong Kong Station (~24 min)

Board the Airport Express directly from the arrivals hall.  
Take it all the way to the final stop, **Hong Kong Station**.

2. Walk to Central Station  
In-station transfer (~5-7 min)

Follow the clear overhead signs inside the station to walk through the underground pedestrian walkway from Hong Kong Station over to **Central Station**. You do not need to exit the gates, and there are travelators to help with bags.

3. Island Line (Blue)  
Central → North Point (~13 min)

From Central Station, take the **Island Line (Eastbound, towards Chai Wan)**. Ride it for about 7 stops and get off at **North Point**. *(Tip: North Point provides a cross-platform transfer where the connecting train is just on the other side of the platform).*

4. Tseung Kwan O Line (Purple)  
North Point → Tiu Keng Leng (~10 min)

Cross the platform to catch the **Tseung Kwan O Line (towards Po Lam or LOHAS Park)**. Ride it for 3 stops to arrive at **Tiu Keng Leng Station**.

## **15. ORGANIZER CONTACT DETAILS**

Hong Kong China Drone Sports Association (HKDSA)

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