



Joint announcement by The Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates (HKAAA) and Hong Kong China Swimming Association (HKGSA)

The Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates (HKAAA) and Hong Kong China Swimming Association (HKGSA) wish to place on record their disappointment regarding the Hong Kong SAR Government's decision this week to drastically reduce the race quota for both the Hong Kong 10k Championships 2022, originally scheduled to be held this Sunday 28 August and the upcoming Cross Harbour Race.

These short-notice decisions are of great concern to both parties and create major issues for those responsible for organizing these high-profile public sporting events in Hong Kong, despite their best efforts in engaging in intensive dialogue with relevant government departments and public health bodies over many months.

The drastic quota restrictions are being implemented despite both events committed to ensure runners and swimmers have fulfilled vaccination requirement and to adhere to carrying out pre-race PCR tests 48 hours before the race and to start the race by way of a rolling-start. Both events have also offered to stagger the racing into groups of participants of less than 500.

Both organisations express the hope for greater transparency from senior government executives, with clear lines of communication and final decision-making on the public health safety of sporting events in Hong Kong, be better communicated and implemented in a more timely fashion in future. This will ensure the integrity and success of major sporting occasions which are so important to both the sports community and the public of Hong Kong.

香港田徑總會（田總）和中國香港游泳總會（泳總）聯合發布

香港田徑總會（田總）和中國香港游泳總會（泳總）對香港特區政府本周決定大幅減少原定於 8 月 28 日星期日舉行的「香港十公里錦標賽 2022」，和及後的維港泳比賽名額表示失望。

儘管兩總會於過去多月來一直高度積極地與政府相關部門溝通，以滿足防疫措施要求，但這臨時通知，令負責香港大型體育賽事的兩總會，表示極為關注。

兩項賽事均嚴格執行防疫措施，包括要求確保跑手和泳手完成疫苗接種、安排賽前 48 小時進行核酸檢測，及以分批起步安排的方式作賽，惟相關部門仍決定大幅減少比賽名額。這兩項賽事亦曾提出將比賽出發分為多個小組，使每組參賽隊伍少於 500 人。

兩總會表示希望政府高層提高透明度，在往後香港體育賽事於溝通渠道，及公共衛生安全的最終決策方面能夠作更好的安排和溝通，以確保賽事的完整性，促使成功舉行對體育界和公眾意義非凡的大型體育活動。