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# 68<sup>th</sup> Festival of Sport Aitkenhead Fours Lawn Bowls Competition 2025

## Conditions of Play

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### Reporting Time and Schedule

1. On 5 April, 2025 (Sat), all teams are required to report to the duty official 15 minutes before your first match in person as indicated below.

On 6 April, 2025 (Sun), all teams are required to report to the duty official on 9:45am. The draw will be conducted at that time.

Late-comers will be forfeited their match for whole day.

2. No official meal break is scheduled. Players are advised to make their own arrangements during their free sessions.
3. The duty official may advance the start time of any matches. Any team who refuses to start play earlier than the published schedule as instructed by the duty official will be forfeited the match concerned. In addition, all teams are encouraged to seek permission from the duty official to start play in advance of the scheduled time if the allocated rink is available.

### Competition Format

1. Men's and women's teams are divided into separate divisions. Each division will offer prizes to the top eight finishing teams.
2. Round-robin followed by the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals.
3. For round robin, Men are drawn into 10 groups of 5 teams. Women are drawn into 11 groups of 5 teams.
4. The top 16 teams of each gender will be qualified to day 2. Qualified team will progress to the Top 16, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Final.
5. At the end of each stage, teams will be ranked within each group in the order of:-
  - a. highest number of match points scored;
  - b. highest shots difference accumulated;
  - c. highest shots for accumulated;
  - d. the team that won the match between the teams concerned, and
  - e. toss of coin
6. Each match will be played 8 ends or 55mins. 2 points for a match win; 1 point each for a tie. For round-robin stages, all 8 ends must be completed unless time is up.
7. If a match is forfeited, the non-offending team will be credited with one match won, a net total of 2 shots, and vice versa for the default team.
8. All score cards must be signed and handed in to the duty official immediately after each match.

## Match Format

1. Fours. Two bowls per player.
2. A time limit of 55 minutes in this competition. Matches will commence as signified by the duty official.
3. The jack will be placed by the Skip at a legitimate point on the center line. The Duty Official will not entertain any request for measurement of jack length.
4. When time is up but the jack has been placed and valid, the end will then be carry on.
5. A jack in motion which goes out of bound or has otherwise become dead will be re-spotted to the fixed spot named "T" on the diagram, which is 2 metres from the ditch.
6. No trial end.
7. No visit to the head.
8. Lead, Second and Third to remain at mat end until after delivery of the second bowl of the Third of both teams.
9. In view of the tight schedule, all players are reminded to play with a smart pace, refrain from prolonged deliberations and be swift when crossing the rink. The duty official may take action against an act of slow play at his/her discretion if the progress of a match is deemed to be delayed.

## Substitutions

1. Only one substitute is allowed in each match. A minimum of 3 original players have to play in each match.
2. A substitute is not allowed to be Skip in any match irrespective of the number of matches played.
3. No team is allowed to play with less than 4 players.

## General

1. The Lawn Bowls Association or Hong Kong, China reserves the right to alter the format and schedule of play, venue and allocated rinks, etc. to suit unforeseen circumstances.
2. All players should wear matching club uniform from their respective clubs.
3. In case of disputes, the decision of the duty official is final.

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