

**The Bowls Grand Prix**  
**香港草地滾球大獎賽**  
**29<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

Updated on 22 February, 2024

**A. Conditions of Entry**

1. Tournament dates are from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 (PH) to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024 (PH). Contingency dates are Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2024 (PH) and Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 (PH).
2. Team invitation qualifications:-
  - a. The top four clubs in Division One of each gender at the 2023 Premier League. If it is duplicated, the 5<sup>th</sup> ranking team will be invited.
  - b. One team representing the LBA.
  - c. Any other teams as determined by the tournament director to maintain the number of participating teams

The following teams to be invited are:-

Men: CCC, HKFC, KCC, HKPBC, YDT and LBA

Women: HKFC, ILBC, TKOBC, STSA, YDT and LBA

3. Each club team may be required to provide at least 6 rinks for one day of play as designated in the fixtures. A club, including those based at public greens, which fails to oblige may be required to reimburse the LBA for any venue fee incurred. Allocation of venues in the fixtures is at the sole discretion of the tournament director. Participating clubs are urged to make available their green as per provisional fixtures attached.
4. Entries fee per team is \$2,000.
5. Entries deadline is Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
6. Prize Money of Champion is \$3,000, Runners-up is \$1,500.
7. Each team is responsible for its own drinks and/or refreshments.

**B. Conditions of Play**

1. Single round-robin. The top ranked team at the conclusion of round-robin play will be the winners, the second ranked team the runners-up.
2. Each match comprising 4 disciplines and will be played over 2 sessions, namely Singles and Fours in one session and Pairs and Triples in another session.
3. Each session will have a time limit of 2 hours 15 minutes. Each session will commence as signified by the duty official. The end in progress when time up is signified must be completed.
4. Format of each discipline (traditional play):-
  - a. Singles – 4 bowls, 17 shots up (in excess of 17 shots will not count) (Markers provided by Home Side)
  - b. Pairs – 3 bowls per player over 18 ends
  - c. Triples – 2 bowls per player over 18 ends
  - d. Fours – 2 bowls per player over 15 ends
5. The tournament director reserves the right to alter the format, length and times of play, venue, schedule, etc. to suit unforeseen circumstances.
6. All players of a club team must be a “tied player” of the relevant Premier League Division 1 side invited.

7. A player may play in either or both sessions in each match. A player may play in different disciplines in different matches.
8. All teams must submit a players list to the tournament director no later than Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.
9. 10 points will be contested for in each match, namely 2 points to each winning discipline and 2 match points for a higher aggregate difference between shots scored for and against, or 1 point each for a tie and 1 point each for equal aggregates. If a discipline is forfeited, the non-offending team will be awarded 2 match points and a net total of 7 shots.
10. Teams will be ranked in the order of:-
  - a. Higher number of game points
  - b. Higher aggregate shots difference
  - c. Higher shots for against
  - d. Match results of the teams concerned
11. Side coaching for YDT and LBA teams is approved. The coach will maintain a position off the green, cannot initiate any advice to the players, but may give advice upon the player's request, without disturbance to the opposition.
12. One trial end of two bowls per player in each direction of play is allowed prior to the commencement of each session. The duty official will announce the commencement of trial ends 10 minutes before the scheduled time.
13. Any team or singles player not ready to play by the scheduled starting time shall forfeit the match. No team is allowed to play if short of players.
14. No dead ends. A jack which goes out of bounds will be re-spotted on the centre line with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at a spot which is 2 metres from the front ditch, commonly known as the "T". Players and markers are advised to agree to and identify the spots prior to the commencement of each session.
15. Restriction on movement of players during play in accordance with Bye-law 1.19.
16. The Controlling Body reserves the rights to disqualify from the Tournament any participant for misconduct or non-compliance with these Tournament Rules.