

Lawn Bowls Association of Hong Kong, China

National Day Cup 2024

Date: 29th September, 2024 & 1st October, 2024

Condition of Play

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Reporting Time and Schedule

1. All teams including those with a bye in the 1st session are required to report to the Duty Official with a minimum of 4 players before 8:45 am on both days, 29th September 2024 and 1st October 2024. Late-comers will forfeit their first match to their opponent..
2. All games will start when the green is available hence, teams may need to play before the scheduled time. Any team who fails to get ready to play when the start is signified by the Duty Official will forfeit the game to their opponents.
3. Players are advised to make their own meal arrangements during the break or free session.

Competition Format

1. 150 teams are divided into 25 groups of six teams.
2. Single round-robin will be played. The top 48 teams with the most accumulated points will qualify for the knock-out stage in different competitions:

1 st – 16 th	Cup Competition	17 th – 32 nd	Plate Competition
33 rd – 48 th	Bowl Competition		

3. Each match will be played 8 ends or 55 mins in round robin section on Day 1. For round-robin stages, all 8 ends must be completed unless time is up. 2 points for a win; 1 point each for a tie.

For Day 2 knock out stage, each match will be played 12 ends or 85 mins.

4. At the completion of the round robin stage, all teams will be ranked in the order of:
 - a) Highest points won
 - b) Highest net total of shots scored
 - c) Highest number of shots for
 - d) Highest number of ends won
 - e) The team that won the game played between the two teams
 - f) If still equal, a toss of coin will decide the winner
5. If a match is forfeited, the non-offending team will be credited with one match won, net total of 4 ends and 4 shots, and vice versa for the defaulting team. If both teams forfeited the same match, nil points, shots and ends will be credited to the offending teams.
6. All scorecards must be signed and handed in to the Duty Official immediately after each match.

Match Format

1. Fours. Two bowls per player. All ends must be completed unless time is up. No extra ends are required in the round-robin stage.
2. On Day 2 knock-out stage: the winner of the match being the higher score. If the match is tied, one additional end shall be played to decide the winner. Should there be another tie after the additional end, another extra end will be played.
3. A time limit of 55 minutes will apply on Day 1 and 85 minutes will apply on Day 2.
4. The jack will be placed by the winning skip at a legitimate point on the center line. If the jack is placed before the times-up signal, the end will continue.
5. Any team which burns the jack will be penalized with 2 shots credited to its opponent for that end. The end will be counted as a played end.
6. No trial end and no visit to the head.
7. Lead, Second, and Third of the both teams are required to stay at the mat end until after delivery of the second bowl of the Third of both teams.
8. In view of the tight schedule, all players should play with a smart pace, refrain from prolonged deliberations and be swift when crossing the rink. The Duty Official may take action against any act of slow play at his/her discretion if the progress of a match is deemed to be delayed.
9. All players are reminded to carry their bowls to the assigned rink between games. No kicking of bowls between rinks and if found, the offending team will be subject to the penalty of forfeiting the game.

Substitution

1. Only one substitute is allowed in each match. A minimum of 3 original players have to play in each match.
2. Substitute is not allowed to play as Skip irrespective of the number of matches played.
3. No team is allowed to play with less than 4 players.
4. Players and substitute in a team may not play in another team.
5. The Duty Official must be notified of any substitution prior to the start of a match.

General

1. All teams should wear matching uniform and proper lawn bowls attire. Failing to comply will result in the forfeit of the game(s) concerned.
2. Prize presentation ceremony to follow immediately after the completion of the Finals at KCC.
3. LBA reserves the right to alter the format and schedule of play, venue and allocated rinks, etc. to suit unforeseen circumstances.
4. In case of any disputes, decision of the Duty Official is final.