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Lawn Bowls Association of Hong Kong, China

The Golden Bowl Lawn Bowls Competition 2023

Date: 17th, 19th & 24th October, 2023

Condition of Play

Reporting Time and Schedule

1. All teams are required to report to the Duty Official with 3 players **30 minutes before their first match during the tournament**. Late-comers will forfeit their first match.
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 opponent.
3. Players are advised to make their own meal arrangements during the break or free session.

Competition Format

1. Triples will be applied.
2. 64 teams are divided into 16 groups.
3. Single round-robin will be played. The top 2 teams of each group with the most accumulated points will qualify for the knock-out stage.
4. Each match will be played 10 ends or 55 minutes time up. 2 points for a match win; 1 point each for a tie. All 10 ends must be completed for round-robin stages unless time is up.
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. 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) The team that won the game played between the two teams
 - e) If still equal, a toss of coin will decide the winner
7. All scorecards must be signed and handed in to the Duty Official immediately after each match.



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Match Format

1. Two bowls Triples. All ends must be completed unless time is up. No extra ends are required in the round-robin stage.
2. For round-robin stages, each match will be played 10 ends and 55 mins. all 10 ends must be completed. If jack is delivered and time is up, the end will continue.
3. Dead jack to be re-spotted to the 2-metre mark commonly known as the "T".
4. No trial end and no visit to the head.
5. On Knock out Stage, Top 16 teams, Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Final (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.
6. 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.
7. 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. Maximum one substitute is allowed.
2. A minimum of two of the original players have to play in each round.
3. Substitute is not allowed to play as Skip irrespective of the number of matches played.
4. Players and substitutes 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. Outside food and drinks are not allowed within HKCC premises. All players can use the octopus card to buy food and drinks at the Sportsman's mobile counter on the day.
2. Prize presentation ceremony to follow immediately after the completion of the Finals at HKCC.
3. Lawn Bowls Association of Hong Kong, China 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.