

Hong Kong International Bowls Classic 2016 Singles Qualifying

Conditions of Play

- 1. The number of qualifying positions in the men's section is 33 and that in the women's section is 37. The Association reserves the right to adjust these numbers and the qualifying fixtures before the commencement of the qualifying matches.
- 2. Competition date is Saturday, 13th August 2016. Contingency dates are 14th, 20th and 21st August 2016.
- 3. If a match is cancelled by the HKLBA, it will be re-arranged to the contingency dates listed above as far as practicable. Players are reminded to reserve all of the above dates for any re-arranged matches. If a cancelled match is re-arranged to other dates, players will be given one week notice.
- 4. Four bowls per player. The bowls must be currently stamped, i.e. 2016 or later.
- 5. Single knock-out sets play. Each match will consist of 2 sets; each set played over 7 ends. The winner of the match being the best of two sets. If a match is tied (two drawn sets or one set to each player), a tie-break consisting of 3 ends will be played. If at the completion of the third end of the tie-break the scores are equal, a fourth end will be played, and so on and so forth.
- 6. The first-named player of a match is required to provide a marker and a scorecard as indicated in the fixtures. Player who fails to do so will be disqualified.
- 7. Players and markers are required to report in person to the duty official at the designated venue and be ready to play on the scheduled time. Any player or his/ her marker who fails to do so will forfeit the match.
- 8. For the first set of each match, winner of the toss of a coin has the option to be the first to play. For the second set, winner of the first set or, if a tie, winner of the last end of the first set will be the first to play. Winner of the toss has the option to be the first to play for first end of tie-break and any extra ends.

- 9. One trial end of two bowls in each direction of play for each player is allowed.
- 10. Players will take their position at the mat-end prior to the start of each end. Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head after delivery of their third bowl.
- 11. No dead ends. A jack out of bound 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 spot prior to the commencement of each match.
- 12. Failure to comply with any of the conditions of play may result in disqualification. Any Bowler of the Year points accumulated in this tournament may be expunged.
- 13. Duty officials are authorized to make ad hoc changes to the start time of the matches, allocation of rinks and any other arrangements on a competition day as they think fit.
- 14. Players and markers are reminded to respect and observe house rules of the venue club. Club management can ask violating players to leave their premises immediately.
- 15. In case of disputes, the decision of the duty official is final.

