

10th Asian Lawn Bowls Championship 2014

CONDITION OF PLAY

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Tournament: 10th Asian Lawn Bowls Championship 2014

Dates: 2nd – 9th December 2014

Venue: Bijiashan Park, Shenzhen

Controlling body

Asian Lawn Bowls Federation (Bowls Asia)

Organizing body: Chinese Multi Bowls Association

Tournament director: Cyril Leung

General

All matches shall be played under Laws of the Sport of Bowls (crystal mark third edition). All bowls used during the tournament must carry a registered World Bowls stamp of 2014 or later.

The Controlling body reserves the right to alter the format and/or time of play to suit local unforeseen circumstance, giving as much notice as practical.

Jury of Appeal

Any dispute on the decision of the umpires or organizing body should be logged to Tournament Director. The dispute will be handled by a jury of appeal consisting of:

- the President of Bowls Asia
- the President or nominee of host country
- one senior VP of Bowls Asia

Entry conditions and eligibility

All players are to be affiliated with their National Authority that is a member of Bowls Asia.

Disciplines

- Singles: Four bowls per player, two sets of 9 ends
- Pairs: Three bowls per player, 14 ends
- Triples: Two bowls per player, 14 ends
- Fours: Two bowls per player, 14 ends

Team composition

Players must remain in the disciplines as confirmed in the Manager Meeting. Players are allowed to change position within team, but not to change disciplines.

Substitute Players

A substitute may be utilized in any of the following ways:

- The Manager of the team may make himself/herself as substitute
- The Manager of the team may call upon a registered player from the National team.
- The Organizing Committee may be requested to provide a substitute.

Any usage of substitute must get the prior approval from Tournament Director before the match.

Practice

Official practice will be permitted on the competition greens on 2nd December 2014.

Draw

For a discipline with eight or more entries, teams will be divided into two sections. The grouping of each discipline will be based on the previous individual discipline ranking in 9th Asian Lawn Bowls Championship 2012.

Section A	Section B
1 st	2 nd
4 th	3 rd
5 th	6 th
8 th	7 th
9 th	10 th

New entrants will be placed after all ranked teams. Teams with same rank will be ordered ascending with their country name.

No re-draw after the fixture was issued. If any team withdraws after the fixture was issued, their space will be bye.

Sectional stage

The format will be single round-robin. Top two teams of each section will be qualified for Knock-out stage.

Section Ranking

The position of sectional stage of each section will be ranked in following order:

1. Higher match points gained
2. Higher number of Sets won (for Singles discipline only)
3. Higher Net shot difference (total shots for minus total shot against)
4. The result of match between the teams
5. Toss of coin.

Knock-out stage

The first placed teams of each section will proceed to semi-final A and semi-final B. The second placed teams from each section will be randomly drawn into semi-final A and semi-final B. Winners of semi-finals will proceed to Finals.

In the Singles knockout match, if it was tied after two sets, a tie breaker of 3 ends will be played to determine the winner. See Law 56.2.

For pairs, triples or fours, if the score is draw after 14 ends, an extra end will be played to determine the winner. See Law 28.

Format of Play

Any team arriving at the green more than 5 minutes after the official start time shall forfeit the game.

If a game is forfeited, the non-offending side will be awarded two match points and a net total of shots that is equal to the average net total of shots scored by the winners of all other matches played in the same round of the same section.

If any team is disqualified completely from the competition during the sectional play stage, all of the completed match results for the disqualified team will be expunged.

In each match, the winner will be awarded two points. One point will be awarded to each team for a draw.

Signing of Final Score Card

The final scorecard shall be signed by both players/skips. The players/skips should return the signed scorecards to the Umpire on the green at the conclusion of each game. All scorecards shall be checked and signed by the Umpire. The scores in the scorecards are final.

Trial ends

One trial end in each direction will be allowed for all games in accordance with Law 5.1
Trial ends can be commenced 15 minutes before official start time. No trial ends after start time.

Jack re-spot

No dead end. See Law 56.5.3.

Jack will be re-spotted with the nearest point of the jack to the mat at a spot on the rink which is two meters from the front ditch and on the centre line. Play should continue.

If the spot is partly or completely covered by a bowl, the jack should be placed as close as possible to the covered spot, in line with that spot and the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink without touching a bowl.

Restricting movement of players during play

Prior to the start of each end, the players will take their position at the mat-end of the green:

- Pairs: the leads
- Triples: the leads and the seconds
- Fours: the leads, the seconds and the thirds

After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under following circumstances.

- Singles
 - o Delivery of the third or fourth bowls
- Pairs
 - o Lead: after delivery of the third bowl
 - o Skip: after delivery of the second or third bowl
- Triples
 - o Lead: after the Second has delivered the second bowl
 - o Second: after delivery of the second bowl
 - o Skip: after delivery of each bowl.
- Fours
 - o Lead: after the Second has delivered the second bowl
 - o Second: after delivery of the second bowl
 - o Third: after delivery of the second bowl
 - o Skip: after delivery of each bowl.

Please note that double skip is NOT allowed.

Nation Ranking Points in Each Discipline

- Nation ranked 1st (gold medalist) in each discipline will receive a number of ranking points equal to the number of nations taking part in that discipline
- Nation in the 2nd position (silver medalist) will receive 1 ranking point less than the 1st position
- Nations in the 3rd position (bronze medalist) will receive 1 ranking point less than the

2nd position.

- Nations ranked in subsequent positions will receive 1 ranking point less than the preceding position and so on down the position table. Nation ranked last will receive 1 ranking point.
- Additional 1 point will be awarded to gold medalist

Men Overall and Women Overall Trophies

The Men/Women Overall Trophy is awarded to the nation which accumulates the highest number of nation ranking points in all four disciplines.

In the event two or more countries are tied on ranking points, the trophy is awarded to country with the highest “Net Shots Difference” in all four disciplines.

Overall Challenge Champions (Challenge Trophy)

The nation which is ranked top in the medal table is the Overall Champion of the tournament and is awarded the Challenge Trophy. The ranking in the medal table is determined as follows:

1. The nation awarded the most Gold medals;
2. The nation awarded the most Silver medals;
3. The nation awarded the most Bronze medals; and
4. In the event where all medal tallies are still tied, then the Organizing Committee will decide.