



The Bowls Grand Prix 草地滾球香港大獎賽 25th – 28th March 2016

A. Conditions of Entry

1. Tournament dates are from Friday 25th to Monday 28th March, 2016. Contingency dates are Saturday, 2nd April and Monday, 4th April.
2. Team invitation qualifications:-
 - a. The top four ranked sides in Division One of the 2015 Premier League
 - b. The Bowls Grand Prix 2015 winners
 - c. One team representing the HKLBA
 - d. Any other teams as determined by the tournament director to maintain the number of participating teams

The 6 teams to be invited are:-

Men: KBGC-A, KCC-A, CCC-A, TMSA-A, HKPBC-A and HKLBA

Women: HKFC-A, STSA-A, SBSC-A, IRC-A, ILBC-A and HKLBA

3. Each team is encouraged to provide a team name, which is subject to the final approval by the tournament director.
4. 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 clubs based at public greens, which fails to oblige may be required to reimburse the HKLBA 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.
5. Entries fee per team is \$1,250.
6. Entries deadline is Friday, 26th February.
7. Entries fee net of expenses will form the prize-money pool. 66% to the winning team; 33% to runner-up. The challenge trophy may be kept by the winning team for one year.
8. Each team is responsible for its own drinks and/or refreshment cost on a consumption basis.

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 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 course of play when time up is signified must be completed. A dead end after time up will not be re-played.
4. Format of each discipline (traditional play):-
 - a. Singles – 21 shots up (in excess of 21 shots will not count) (Markers provided by HKLBA)
 - 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, except for players approved by the tournament director.
 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 Friday, 19th March.
 9. 10 match points will be contested for in each match, namely 2 match points to each winning discipline, 1 match point for a tie; and 2 match points for a higher aggregate difference between shots scored for and against, or 1 match 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 percentage of shots for against shots against (total shots for divided by total shots against)
 - d. Match results of the teams concerned
 11. Side coaching by a team coach approved by the tournament director is allowed. The coach must 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 about 8 minutes before the appointed match start time. Any player arriving after the announcement shall lose the right to play trial ends.
 13. Any team or singles player not ready to play by the appointed match start 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 1.32.

- Subject to alteration -