

Lawn Bowls Association of Hong Kong, China

HKSAR Reunification Cup 2023

Date: 1st & 2nd July 2023

Condition of Play

Updated on 30 May, 2023

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, July 1-2, 2023**. 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. 203 teams are divided into 29 groups of seven 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 – 8 th	Cup Competition	9 th – 16 th	Plate Competition
17 th – 24 th	Bowl Competition	25 th – 32 nd	Knife Competition
33 rd – 40 th	Fork Competition	41 st – 48 th	Spoon Competition

3. Each match will be played 8 ends. 2 points for a match win; 1 point each for a tie. For round-robin stages, all 8 ends must be completed unless time is up.
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) The team that won the game played between the two teams
 - e) 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. 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.
3. A time limit of 50 minutes will apply in all games up to Semi-Finals and 60 minutes will apply in all Finals.
4. The jack will be placed by the Skip at a legitimate point on the center line. The Duty Official will not entertain any request for measurement of jack length.
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 to remain 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. Prize presentation ceremony to follow immediately after the completion of the Finals at CCC.
2. 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.
3. In case of any disputes, decision of the Duty Official is final.