**Hong Kong Football Club International Lawn Bowls Open 2024**

**Unisex Fours (Saturday 2.3.2024 - Sunday 3.3.2024)**

**Condition of Play**

**Reporting Time and Schedule**

1. All teams are required to report to the Duty Official 10 minutes before their first match in person. 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 the opponent.

**Competition Format**

1. Each team will comprise of 4 players of any gender.
2. 48 teams are divided into 8 groups of 6 teams.
3. Single round-robin will be played within the group and one extra game against one team from the other section. A total of 6 games will be played in the preliminary round; with 3 games on the Outdoor green and 3 games on the Indoor green.

The top ranked team of each group will play in the Cup Section and the second ranked team of each group will play in the Plate Section.

1. Each match will be played 8 ends or a maximum of 70 minutes. 2 points for a match win; 1point each for a tie. For round-robin stages, all 8 ends must be completed unless time is up.
2. At completion of the round robin stage, all teams will be ranked in the order of:

* i) Highest points won,
* ii) The team that won the game played between the two teams,
* iii) Higher shots difference (total shots for minus total shots against),
* iv) Higher shots for,
* v) If still equal, a toss of coin will decide the winner.

1. If the match is forfeited, the non-offending team will be credited with one match won, 2 match points and 5 shots, and vice versa for the defaulting team. If both teams forfeited the same match, nil points and shots will be credited to the offending teams.
2. Home team shall complete the score card. After the game, the score card shall be checked and signed by both skips and immediately returned to the duty umpire/official at the completion of the game.

**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. For round-robin stage, 8 ends or a time limit of 70 minutes games will be played alternately on the Indoor carpet and Outdoor grass green.
3. Quarter-finals, semi-finals and final will be knock-out game. 10 ends at the Outdoor Green and a time limit of 75 minutes will apply. If the match is tied, 1 extra end will play to decide the winner.
4. The losers of semi-finals will have to play for the third position.
5. No trial ends.
6. No visit to the head.
7. Jack is positioned by the skip while the Mat is positioned by the lead. The distance of 23M is the minimum length.
8. The jack of a burnt head will be re-spotted at the 2-metre “T” Mark.
9. Matches will commence as signified by the Duty Official. When time is up an end in course of play or the jack and mat has placed, the end will continue to play.

**Substitution**

1. Transfer of player to other team is not allowed.
2. No team is allowed to play with less than 4 players.
3. One substitute is allowed in each match and is allowed to play at any positions. If under special condition that a substitute is required not from the original team members, the substitute is not allowed to play skip.
4. The Duty Official must be notified of any substitution prior to the start of the match.

**General**

1. Players should wear the event T-shirts issued by the Organizing Body. Team uniform is allowed to be worn at the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals.
2. Prize Distribution:

* Cup Champion – HK$20,000.00 + Cup + Medal
* Cup Runner-up – HK$10,000.00 + Medal
* Cup Third – HK$5,000.00 + Medal
* Cup Fourth – HK$2,500.00 + Medal
* Cup 5th to 8th – 4 bottles of red wine + Lee See
* Plate Champion – HK$10,000.00 + Medal
* Plate Runner-up – HK$5,000.00 + Medal
* Plate Third – HK$2,500.00 + Medal
* Plate Fourth – HK$1,500.00 + Medal
* Plate 5th-8th – 4 bottles of red wine + Lee See

1. In case of inclement weather, all games will be played at the Indoor carpet green.
2. In case of any disputes, decision of the duty official is final.
3. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to alter the programs as deemed necessary.