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# **National Day Cup 2025**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 & 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2025**

## **Condition of Play**

### **Reporting Time and Schedule**

1. All teams are required to report to the Duty Official with a minimum of 4 players **15 minutes before their first match on both days**. 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. 7 players per team.
2. 70 teams are divided into 10 groups.
3. A single round-robin will be played. The top 24 teams with the most accumulated points will qualify for the knock-out stage in Cup section (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>), Plate section (9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>) and Bowl section (17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>).
4. 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.
5. At the completion of the round robin stage, all teams will be ranked in the order of:
  - a) Highest points won
  - b) Highest shots diff
  - c) Highest number of shots for
  - d) Highest number of ends won
  - e) The team that won the game played between the two teams
  - f) If still equal, a toss of coin will decide the winner
6. All scorecards must be signed and handed in to the Duty Official immediately after each match.

### **Match Format**

1. Two bowls per player. All ends must be completed unless time is up. No extra ends are required in the round-robin stage.
2. Each match will be played 8 ends and 50 mins. all 8 ends must be completed. If jack is delivered and valid and time is up, the end will continue.



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3. Any team which burns the jack will be penalized with 2 shots added to its opponents for that end. The end will be counted as a played end.
4. No trial end. Head visit is not allowed.
5. In 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.
6. 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.
7. 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. Maximum one substitute is allowed in each game.
2. A minimum of three of the original players have to play in each round.
3. Substitute is not allowed to play as Skip irrespective of the number of matches played.
4. Players and substitutes 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 USRC.
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. During extreme hit weather conditions, players are reminded to replenish water and electrolytes, use of other necessary equipment (hat, protective masks, etc) to reduce the possibility of heat stroke / heat exhaustion. If during the game, players feel sick or dizziness, he/she should voice out to the duty officials immediately for assistance.
4. If during inclement weather with any rainstorm signal hoisted, players should take care of their own safety. Report to the venue umpire/official if you are not able to arrive venue due to heavy rain. Meanwhile, please stay at a safe location and check with the venue umpire/official/LBA website for any updated arrangements on the game.
5. In case of any disputes, the decision of the Duty Official is final.