

中國香港草地滾球總會
Lawn Bowls Association of Hong Kong, China

Hong Kong International Bowls Classic 2026
Singles Qualifying

Conditions of Play

Version 2 on 6 March, 2026

1. The number of qualifying positions in the men's is 32 & women's section is 31. LBA reserves the right to adjust these numbers and the qualifying fixtures before the commencement of the qualifying matches.
2. Competition date is Saturday 14th March, 2026.
3. If a match is cancelled by the LBA, it will be re-arranged to the contingency dates listed above as far as practicable. Players are reminded to reserve all of the above dates for any re-arranged matches. If a cancelled match is re-arranged to other dates, players will be given one week notice.
4. Four bowls per player. The bowls must be currently stamped, i.e. 2026 or later. **Duty officials are required to inspect the bowl before the beginning of the match.**
5. Players shall report to umpires with their bowls for inspection of expiry (stamp must be 26 or after) at least 15 min before their first game. Expired bowls are not allowed in the Classic Singles Qualifying.
6. Players shall prepare their own scorecards and report the result by themselves. Umpires will not collect scorecards or update results.
7. The first-named player of a match (9am on both days) is required to provide marker as indicated in the fixtures. All losing players are required to act as markers in subsequent matches as decided by the duty umpire. A player may be required to mark for more than one match. **Any player who fails to act as a marker as instructed by the duty umpire and he/she will be barred from entering for LBA National Championships in the following year.** A player may be required to act as a marker before his/her first match as decided by the duty umpire. Any player who refuses to do so will be disqualified.
8. Players and markers are required to report in person to the duty official at the designated venue and be ready to play on the scheduled time. Any player or his/ her marker who fails to do so will forfeit the match.
9. Single knock-out sets play. Each match will consist of 2 sets of 7 ends each. The winner of the match being the best of two sets. If a match is tied (two drawn sets or one set to each player), a tie-break consisting of 3 ends will be played. Toss of coin to start the tie break. If at the completion

of the third end of the tie-break the scores are equal, a fourth end will be played, and so on and so forth.

10. For the first set of each match, winner of the toss of a coin has the option to be the first to play. For the second set, winner of the first set or, if a tie, winner of the last end of the first set will be the first to play. Winner of the toss has the option to be the first to play for first end of tie-break and any extra ends.
11. One trial end of two bowls in each direction of play for each player is allowed.
12. Players will take their position at the mat-end prior to the start of each end. Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head after delivery of their third bowl.
13. No dead ends. A jack out of bound 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 spot prior to the commencement of each match.
14. Failure to comply with any of the conditions of play may result in disqualification. Any Bowler of the Year points accumulated in this tournament may be expunged.
15. Duty officials are authorized to make ad hoc changes to the start time of the matches, allocation of rinks and any other arrangements on a competition day as they think fit.
16. Once duty officials or umpire announce suspend the games, all players should follow duty officials or umpire instruction.
17. Players and markers are reminded to respect and observe house rules of the venue club. Club management can ask violating players to leave their premises immediately.
18. During extreme hot 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.
19. In case replacement is need for the main draw, we will select in the order of:
 - a) Higher number of Game won;
 - b) Higher number of Set won;
 - c) Higher number of Shots Difference (Total Shots For minus Total Shots Against);
 - d) Higher number of Shots For;
20. No refund is allowed once fixture is issued.
21. In case of disputes, the decision of the duty official is final.

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