

Notes from VP - National League

1. Premier League 2023

The league is running smoothly. Lot of games were rescheduled due to inclement weather and players participated on overseas events.

2. Triples League 2023

The league will start on 9 Dec 2023, Entry will be open next week. Entry deadline is 17 July 2023.

3. Self service update on League Contact list

LBA office has developed a google form. Conveners can go into the system directly and make changes. You can get an updated copy anytime from the system. This will improve our communications and efficiency. This practice will be effect in Triples League 2023.

4. One premier league with 16 sides

After consulting LCSD, they refused to relax the green booking policy on three completed months arrangement. Instead, they will launch an enhanced booking system next year. We will keep in view on their booking policy and procedure, thus the change to one premier league with 16 sides will be on hold until LCSD improves the booking requirements.

In the meantime, we will continue to organize two leagues (one premier league and one triples league) each year. The Triples League 2023 will be on as planned.

Cyril Leung
VP (National League)

Notes from VP - National Championships

1. Reunification Cup 2023

Reunification Cup 2023 is scheduled on 1 & 2 July, 2023. Fixture and Condition of Play are issued.

2. Hong Kong International Bowls Classic Singles Qualifying 2023

Entry Form has been issued and the entry deadline is 10 July.

3. 2023 National Championships Finals Day – Summer

2023 National Championships Finals Day – Summer is scheduled on 25 June, 2023 (Sun). Final of Men's & Women's National Singles and Men's & Women's National Pairs will be arranged for live streaming on the day.

Sanie Ng
VP (National Championships)

Notes from VP - Development

1. Youth Sports Exchange Programme

We have granted funding from Leisure and Cultural Services Department for conducting Youth Sports Exchange Programme at Gold Coast, Australia for 8 boys and 4 girls from 30th June

2023 to 8th July 2023.

2. **Under-25 Age Group Lawn Bowls Championship 2023**

Under-25 Age Group Lawn Bowls Championship 2023 is scheduled on 16th July, 2023 (Sun) at Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre and 23rd July, 2023 (Sun) at Tung Cheong Street Sports Centre. There are around 60 participants taking part in the competition.

3. **New logo for Youth Development Team**

With immediate effect, the Youth Development Team (existing name of HKYDT) will have a new logo and rename to “YDT” officially for all national games. Due to system constrain, the new name will only apply in coming Triples league. The change of name of YDT has been reflected in bye-law in version 17 & 18 accordingly.

Heron Lau
VP (Development)

Notes from VP - Technical

Report at the meeting.

Claudius Lam
VP (Technical)

Notes from VP - International

Report as attached file.

Walter Kwok
VP (International)

2023 Gold Coast Training Camp
Manager's Report
Gold Coast, Australia (3rd ~ 9th June 2023)

1. Event Details and Purpose

The training camp is the final on-location preparation for the Hong Kong, China World Bowls Championships Team, along with providing development opportunities for some promising Emerging Squad players.

The training camp consisted of three components:

1. Three series of test matches with the Gold Coast Tweed District at Robina, Helensvale and Mudgeeraba on 4th – 6th June in various formats, where Robina is the World Singles Champion of Champions venue in September and the latter two are WBC venues.
2. Blue Diamond Pairs at Broadbeach on 5th & 6th June
3. Matador Fours competition at Broadbeach on 7th – 9th June

Green speeds at around 13 seconds for the first 3 days to 14.5 seconds. The latter days at Broadbeach green speeds ranged from 14 to 15.5 seconds. The conditions were generally favourable with no really strong winds and little variation between rinks.

The team arrived on 3rd June at Gold Coast via Sydney and returned to Hong Kong on 10th June.

Officials are Walter Kwok (VP International), Les Carter (High Performance Coach) and Bernard Leung (National Coach)

2. Line-up and Results

Blue Diamond Pairs

Tony Cheung & Lee Ka Ho (Ranked 27th out of 57 teams, 3 wins from 6 played)

Angel So & Helen Cheung (Ranked 31st out of 57 teams, 3 wins from 6 played)

Matador Fours

Imen Tang, Leo Ng, Patrick Choi & James Po (Ranked 31st out of 56 teams, 4 wins from 9 played)

Cheryl Chan, Eva Kwok, Phyllis Wong & Gloria Ha (Ranked 43rd out of 56 teams, 2 wins from 9 played)

3. Comments

For the WBC Team, areas they need to work on to further improve their game or contribution to the team and any potential issues were identified and fine-tunings in their training in the final lead-up to WBC have been agreed.

For the development players, who were new to Australian greens and style of play, they gained invaluable insights and experience against opponents of a high calibre in weight and line control, contribution to building a head and recognizing options such as playing through bowls or using touching bowls to increase shot opportunities.