

## **Clarifications on the Mixed Fours League**

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1.	How many sides can be entered by a club?	There is no restriction or limitation on number of entries per club.
2.	Is it a side game, how many players per side?	Yes, it is a side game. Each side consisted of 3 teams. Each team consists of 4 players. There will be a total of 12 players per side.
3.	It is a mixed fours. What combination between men and women players?	The restriction is at least 1 man and 1 woman per team. In one team, it can be 1 man + 3 women, 2 men + 2 women, or 3 men + 1 woman.
4.	How to group the teams into divisions?	There will be no higher or lower divisions. Every division is same. Sides will be drawn into divisions (same meaning as groups or sections), say 10 sides per division. The divisions will be named as Group A, Group B, and so on. Group A will have same status as Group B. The number of sides and divisions will depend on the number of entries.
5	If we have entered more than 1 side, is it possible to place each side into different group?	Yes. The grouping is by open draw. We will try our best to have two sides of same club into two different divisions.
6	Is it a once-off format and will have no impact to Triples League next year?	Yes, it is a once-off format to celebrate our 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. It has nothing related with any Triples League in the past or future.
7.	Our club does not have female bowlers and we do not allow non club players representing us, what is your proposal?	Clubs with single gender can apply exemption to play with all men or all women. League panel will review and grant special approval for this. Except from this, all entries should be a side of mixed team with at least 1 player of both genders in each team.
8.	We did not have sufficient female bowlers. Can we have a side with two mixed teams and 1 men's team?	No. all teams must have at least 1 man and 1 woman player.
9	Can we enter 2 sides in mixed teams plus 1 side of all men in lower division?	No. If your club enters three sides, ALL these three sides must be in mixed fours.
10	What will be the entry fee for each side?	The entry fee will be advised with the issuance of entry form

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11	Can players switch between sides in different divisions	<p>Yes, a player is allowed to switch between sides in any divisions before he/she is tied.</p> <p>A bowler will be tied after he/she plays 3 or more games in one side. Tied players are only allowed to play in the side where he/she was tied.</p> <p><b>Registered players are not allowed to switch between sides.</b></p>
12	What is the prize	<p>Prize will be awarded to top two sides of each division. Each side will have 15 players eligible for the prize. There is also prize for the champion team for each division.</p>
13	Before the game starts, one of our single gender players does not turn up due to foreseen circumstance. What can we do?	<p>If any team is short of 1 player, they can play 3-3-2 with 25% discount. In this case, the team can play with 3 players of same gender. It is similar practice as premier league.</p>
14	How the draw be held and what is the naming standard?	<p>In the draw, for a club with multiple sides (e.g. 3 sides from ABC club), we just draw a side of ABC (without specific name of each side) into any 3 of different divisions.</p> <p>After the draw, we will get a combination of club side in which division, e.g. 1 ABC side in division B, 1 ABC side in Division E, and 1 ABC side in Division G.</p> <p>The naming standard will be ABC-A in Division B, ABC-B in Division E, and ABC-C in Division G.</p>
15	If there are insufficient rinks, which side has the priority to play on original fixture?	<p>All divisions and sides are equal in priority. Rescheduled games will be randomly spilt across different sides in all divisions.</p>

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16.	If our club has insufficient players and request for reschedule, is the lowest rank side being forced to reschedule.	Bye-law 8.5.b will be revised. The statement “If the National League Panel allows a postponement, it must instruct postponements in a priority of lowest ranked team to highest ranked team” will be removed accordingly. All sides will be treated as equal priority. Postponement application will be on specific side.
17	Bye-law 8.1.d, says that each side should contain at least one men and one women. Should it read as "one man and one woman"?	Yes. Bye-law 8.1.d should be read as “Each side should consist of three teams. Each team should consist of 4 players with at least one man and one woman.”
18	What is the rule for registered players?	Convenors should submit the registered player list (6 for each side) before their second match. The registered player must have played the first game in that side. A registered player can only play in the side that he/she was registered.
19	What happens if the convenor submits a wrong list or forgets to submit the registered player list before the second game?	HKLBA office will base on the eligible players list to select the registered players for them. Selection will be in alphabetic order using their family names, then initials.