



# 2022 National Day Cup



**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022**

## Condition of Play

Updated on 20 September, 2022

### Precautionary Measures related to COVID-19

All participants are required to take a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) on the day of the event. Only those who can produce proof of negative RAT result and a BLUE Vaccine Pass Code are allowed to enter the venue and take part in the competition.

### Reporting Time and Schedule

- 1<sup>st</sup> October (Day 1) - All teams are required to report to the Duty Official before 9:30 am.  
2<sup>nd</sup> October (Day 2) - Teams qualified for the Knife, Fork & Spoon competitions are required to report to the Duty Official before 9:30 am.  
Teams qualified for the Cup, Plate & Bowl competitions are required to report to the Duty Official before 10:50 am.  
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. Unless the team concerned is still engaged in the previous game, any team fails to get ready to play when the green is available will forfeit the game to their opponent.

### Dress Code

Matching uniform as specified in Bye-law 1.17.

### Competition Format

1. 156 teams are divided into 26 groups of six teams.
2. Single round-robin will be played on Day 1. The top 48 teams with the most accumulated points will qualify for the knock-out stage on Day 2 in different competitions:

1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cup Competition	9 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Plate Competition
17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bowl Competition	25 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	Knife Competition
33 <sup>rd</sup> – 40 <sup>th</sup>	Fork Competition	41 <sup>st</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	Spoon Competition
3. Teams ranked from 49<sup>th</sup> to 56<sup>th</sup> will be awarded consolation prize at the presentation ceremony after the Finals.

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4. During the round-robin stage, all fours ends of the two sets should be played to complete the game. Two points will be awarded for a set win and one point for a set draw. Two additional points will also be awarded to the team with the most aggregate shots after the two sets. If the aggregate shots are tied, each team will be awarded one point.
5. At the completion of the round robin stage, all teams will be ranked in the order of:
  - a) Highest points won
  - b) Highest net total of shots scored
  - c) Highest number of ends won
  - d) The team that won the game played between the two teams
  - e) If still equal, a toss of coin will decide the winner
6. If a match is forfeited, the non-offending team will be credited with one match won, two sets won, a 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.
7. All scorecards must be signed and handed in to the Duty Official immediately after each match.

## Match Format

1. Fours. Two bowls per player. Sets play. Two sets of 4 ends each. All ends in both sets must be completed. No tie-break or extra ends are required in the round-robin stage.
2. Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals (knock-out stage): the winner of the match being the best of two sets. If the match is tied, i.e. two drawn sets or one set each, 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.
3. A time limit of 80 minutes will apply in the round-robin games. Matches will commence as signified by the Duty Official. An end in course of play when time up is signified is required to be completed.
4. For the first set, winner of the toss of coin chooses the team to be the first to play. For the second set, the winner of the first set or, if the set is a tie, the winner of the last scoring end, will be the first to play. For tie-break and any further extra ends, the winner of the toss of coin chooses the team to be the first to play.
5. The jack will be placed by the Skip at a legitimate point on the center line. The Duty Official will not entertain any request for measurement of jack length.
6. Any team which burns the jack will be penalized with 2 shots credited to its opponent for that end. The end will be counted as a played end.
7. No trial end and no visit to the head.

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8. Lead, Second and Third to remain at the mat end until after delivery of the second bowl of the Third of both teams.
9. 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.

## Substitution

1. Only one substitute is allowed in each match. A minimum of 3 original players have to play in each match.
2. Substitute is not allowed to play as Skip irrespective of the number of matches played.
3. No team is allowed to play with less than 4 players.
4. Players and substitute 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 on 2<sup>nd</sup> October at KBGC.
2. The Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association reserves the right to alter the format and schedule of play, venue and allocated rinks, etc. to suit unforeseen circumstances.
3. In case of any disputes, decision of the Duty Official is final.