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Samsung 60th Festival of Sport Aitkenhead Fours Lawn Bowls Competition 2017

Conditions of Play

Reporting Time and Schedule

1. All teams are required to report to the duty official 15 minutes before your first match in person as indicated below. Late-comers will be forfeited their first match.
2. All teams must start play at the scheduled time for each match. No grace period will be allowed. Late-comers will be forfeited the match concerned.
3. No official meal break is scheduled. Players are advised to make their own arrangements during their free sessions.
4. The duty official may advance the start time of any matches. Any team who refuses to start play earlier than the published schedule as instructed by the duty official will be forfeited the match concerned. In addition, all teams are encouraged to seek permission from the duty official to start play in advance of the scheduled time if the allocated rink is available.

Competition Format

1. Men's and women's teams are divided into separate divisions. Each division will offer prizes to the top four finishing teams.
2. Two stages of sectional round-robin followed by the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals.
3. For Stage One, Men are drawn into 5 groups of 4 teams and 3 group of 5 teams. For Women are drawn into 2 groups of 4 teams and 6 group of 3 teams
4. The top two of each group will be qualified to day 2. The top two of each group in Stage Two will progress to the Quarter Finals; Semi Finals Auxiliary Final.
5. At the completion of each stage, all teams will be ranked in the order of:
 - a. Higher number of matches won
 - b. Higher number of total sets won (a tied set is counted as 0.5 set won; a tie-break is not a set)
 - c. Higher number of net total ends (number of ends won minus number of ends lost; tie-break ends not counted)
 - d. Higher number of net total shots (shots for minus shots against; tie-break shots not counted)
 - e. Higher percentage of shots ratio (shots for divided by shots against; tie-break shots not counted)
 - f. Match result between the teams concerned, if applicable
 - g. Toss of coin

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 default team.
7. All score cards must be signed and handed in to the duty official immediately after each match.

Match Format

1. Fours. Two bowls per player. Only one bowl per player for tie-break and any further extra ends.
2. Sets play. Two sets of 4 ends. All ends in both sets must be completed. If a match is tied after two sets (each team having won one set or both sets having been tied), **a one-end tie-break (One bowl per player) will be played to decide the winner.**
3. For first set, the winner of the toss of coin chooses the team to be the first to play. For 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.
4. 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.
5. A jack in motion which goes out of bound or has otherwise become dead will be re-spotted to the fixed spot named "T" on the diagram, which is 2 metres from the ditch.
6. No trial end.
7. No visit to the head.
8. Lead, Second and Third to remain at mat end until after delivery of the second bowl of the Third of both teams.
9. In view of the tight schedule, all players are reminded to play with a smart pace, refrain from prolonged deliberations and be swift when crossing the rink. The duty official may take action against an act of slow play at his/her discretion if the progress of a match is deemed to be delayed.

Substitutions

1. Only one substitute is allowed in each match. A minimum of 3 original players have to play in each match.
2. A substitute is not allowed to be Skip in any match irrespective of the number of matches played.
3. No team is allowed to play with less than 4 players.

General

1. 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.
2. In case of disputes, the decision of the duty official is final.