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## **Samsung 61<sup>st</sup> Festival of Sport Aitkenhead Fours Lawn Bowls Competition 2018**

### **Conditions of Play**

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#### 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 14 groups of 3 teams and 2 group of 4 teams. For Women are drawn into 4 groups of 6 teams and 4 group of 5 teams
4. The top 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 and Final.
5. At the end of each stage, teams will be ranked within each group in the order of:-
  - a. highest number of match points scored;
  - b. highest shots difference accumulated;
  - c. highest shots for accumulated;
  - d. the team that won the match between the teams concerned, and
  - e. toss of coin
6. Each match will be played over 6 ends. 2 points for a match win; 1 point each for a tie. For round-robin stages, all 6 ends must be completed.
7. If a match is forfeited, the non-offending team will be credited with one match won, a net total of 2 shots, and vice versa for the default team.

8. 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.
2. A time limit of 1 hour will apply for all matches. 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.
3. 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.
4. No trial end.
5. No visit to the head.
6. Lead, Second and Third to remain at mat end until after delivery of the second bowl of the Third of both teams.
7. 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. All players should wear matching club uniform from their respective clubs.
3. In case of disputes, the decision of the duty official is final.

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