

HKLBA Bye-laws Version 15 – Changes summary

Below are the changes of bye-law with effective in April 2011.

bye-law	Bye-law after changes	Action taken
1.2.a	<p>Dress of players</p> <p>...</p> <p>Proper lawn bowls shoes means lawn bowls shoes manufactured by World Bowls recognized manufacturers. If they are home-made or manufactured by other companies, they must be smooth-soled, dot-less and heel-less shoes.</p>	Remove statement about the color of shoes
1.7.a	<p>Bowls</p> <p>In National League Competitions and National Championship Competitions any bowl with a date stamp of not more than 20 years before the date of the competition may be validly used. For International competitions or qualifying tournaments for International Competitions, bowls shall comply with the provisions of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as issued by World Bowls and WIBC or the competition organiser's requirements.</p>	Clarify the validity of bowls
1.25.e	<p>Greens</p> <p>The home clubs reserve the rights to refuse any players with improper footwear to enter its green.</p>	Add clause on footwear
1.29	<p>Anti-Doping</p> <p>All Anti-Doping policies issued by WADA (IOC), the World Bowls governing body, SF&OC of Hong Kong, China or Hong Kong Anti-Doping Committee should be strictly adhered to by this Association and its members.</p>	Include HK Anti Doping committee as advised by SF&OC
1.30	<p>Validity of Bowls</p> <p>In National League Competitions and National Championship Competitions any bowl with a date stamp of not more than 20 years before the date of the competition may be validly used. For International competitions or qualifying tournaments for International Competitions, bowls shall comply with the provisions of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as issued by World Bowls and WIBC or the competition organiser's requirements.</p>	Remove. Clause was covered in 1.7.a
1.31.	<p>Voting rights</p> <p>Each member club's vote entitlement is based on their total number of men and women sides competing in the current or most recent Premier League Championships, as follows:</p> <p>one (1) vote for one side, two (2) votes for two or three sides, three (3) votes for four or five sides, four (4) votes for six or seven sides, five (5) votes for eight or more sides.</p>	Add clause to define the voting rights
2.	<p>Bye-Laws of the League Competition (General)</p> <p>The Bye-laws in this section will apply to all National League Competitions unless otherwise specifically modified within the specific provision of the particular League Competition. The National League Competitions shall be managed and controlled by the National League Panel. The National League Panel Chairman shall be the Vice President of the Association delegated the responsibility following the Annual General Meeting, and at least two other panel members who shall be members of the Council of Management.</p>	Clarify the formation and responsibility of League panel

<p>2.5.a.</p>	<p>Drawing of Rinks</p> <p>For side matches, the drawing of rinks shall be done before the match starts in accordance with the following procedure. All players names shall be the same as recorded in accordance with Clause 2.15.b.</p> <p>1) Prior the draw, both Home and Away Side Captains shall enter the names of their players on their score cards in the appropriate positions. They shall shuffle and exchange their score cards without looking at the inside of the cards until step 4.</p> <p>2) Away Side Captain shall lay down the (home-side) score cards with data facing downwards on the table, then mark the number of rink to play on each card.</p> <p>3) Home Side Captain shall lay down and pair-off the (away-side) score cards on top of those marked score cards.</p> <p>4) Both Captains shall then turn over the score cards to reveal the drawn opponents and their rink numbers. The respective Side Captains shall copy the names of their players on to the opponents' cards.</p>	<p>Revise the procedures on Drawing of Rink.</p>
<p>2.16.</p>	<p>Player names in the scorecards</p> <p>The names of players should be clearly recorded in the score cards and they should match with the computer records.</p>	<p>Define the player names requirements in score cards</p>
<p>3.8.h 4.8.h</p>	<p>If any name discrepancy is identified in breach of clause 2.16, a warning will be issued to the club for the first offence. For repeated offences, 0.5 points will be deducted for each obvious discrepancy without any further warning.</p>	<p>Add penalty clause for unmatched players names</p>
<p>1.18 to 1.22</p>	<p>Hong Kong team N/A</p>	<p>Make clauses 1.18 to 1.22 to N/A</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Hong Kong China Team</p> <p>HKLBA Bye-laws Version 15 Draft of New Section 5 The Hong Kong China Teams Version (b) dated 3rd Jan 14th 2011</p> <p>5. THE HONG KONG CHINA TEAMS.</p> <p>The Bye-laws in this section will apply to the process of selection of players to represent Hong Kong China in all international events. The Vice President (International) of the Association shall be responsible for the coordination of all matters relating to the Hong Kong China Team and the U25 Hong Kong China Team and for reporting such matters to the Council of Management as required by these Bye-law s.</p> <p>5.1. Hong Kong China Team Selection</p> <p>a) The Hong Kong China Team qualification and selection process shall be agreed by the Council of Management and adopted for a period of at least one year. Members qualified for the Hong Kong Squad shall remain members for one full year.</p> <p>b) Except as stated in Clause 5.9 only members of the Hong Kong Squad shall be eligible for selection to play in the Hong Kong China Team. The qualification process shall be as described below in Clause 5.3 and the selection process of the players in the Hong Kong China Teams for specific international</p>	<p>Add chapter 5 for Hong Kong China team</p>

events shall be as described below in Clause 5.4.

5.2. The Hong Kong Squad Qualification Process.

a) The Hong Kong Squad will provide a pool of bowlers from which the Hong Kong China Team Selection Panel may select specific Hong Kong China Teams to represent Hong Kong China in international events.

b) The top 15 players from each gender according to the Bowler Ranking system of the last 3 years of Point-awarding Championships shall be eligible to be members of the Hong Kong Squad.

c) Bowler Rankings will be based on the total weighted points achieved in a 3 year rolling total of the Point-awarding Championships as provided below. The points awarded for each round shall be same as stated in Clause 6.22 Bowler of the Year Award. Should players have equal total points, then all shall be included in that respective Squad.

d) The Point-awarding Championships comprise:

- National Singles
- National Pairs
- National Triples
- National Fours
- Knock-Out Singles
- 2x4x2 Pairs

e) Weightings shall be applied to the points awarded as follows:

- 100% for the current year,
- 75% for the immediate past year,
- 50% for the year before the immediate past year.

5.3. The Hong Kong China Team Selection Panel.

a) The Hong Kong China Team Selection Panel for each gender shall comprise:

- The President of HKLBA,
- The Vice President (International) of HKLBA.
- The respective 5 Selectors.

b) Clubs who have at least one side of the respective gender which is eligible to play in the 1st division of the Premier League at the date of the request for nomination issued by HKLBA may nominate one member as a nominated selector.

The nominated selector shall have the following minimum qualifications:

- 1) Represented Hong Kong at the Asia Pacific level or above as a player or manager, or having more than 10 years regular bowling experience and preferably currently playing in the League 1st division, and
- 2) Committed to attend scheduled training of the HK Squad, and
- 3) Committed to attend National Championship semi-finals and finals.

c) The Council of Management shall select from the nominated selectors, 5 men Selectors and 5 women Selectors to form part of the Selection Panel for the respective year.

5.4. The Hong Kong China Team Selection Process.

a) The selection process shall apply separately to men and women players.

Upon the receipt of an invitation to enter a representative team or player in an international event, the VP (International) shall advise all members of the Hong Kong Squad of the entry

requirements and criteria and members shall advise their availability for the respective event.

b) The Selection Panel shall hold meetings, as convened by the V P (International), to consider and select the respective Hong Kong China Team as necessary to meet the entry dates and requirements of the calendar of international events.

In deciding on the players to be selected for participation in the events, the Selection Panel may take the following criteria into account.

- a. Level of competition
- b. Availability of players
- c. Manner and etiquette
- d. Personality and ambassadorship
- e. Inter-personnel skill
- f. Team spirit and harmony
- g. Stress and pressure management ability
- h. Choices of best players for required positions
- i. Chances of further development

In addition, the following criteria will also be applied:

- j. A bowler's current standard of performance in local and international events in the relevant discipline on the relevant playing surface
- k. A bowler's level of commitment to the Hong Kong Squad
- l. A bowler's performance and attitude during training and when representing Hong Kong China.

d) The VP (International) shall arrange trial games for the Hong Kong Squad, including other teams of similar competence, to be attended by the Selection Panel for additional assessment of player's ability to be selected for a particular event.

e) The selection of relevant players at Selection Panel Meetings shall if necessary be decided by voting. All members of the Selection Panel present at the Meeting shall have one vote and in the event of a tie the President of HKLBA shall have an additional casting vote.

f) The Vice President (International) shall report the recommendations of the Selection Panel Meetings to the Council of Management in a timely manner for ratification by the Council of the players selected for the event.

g) In the event of the Council of Management not ratifying the recommendations of the Selection Panel, the VP (International) shall refer the matter to the Selection Panel for further consideration.

h) In the event of insufficient players being available to play in a particular international event, the Selection Panel shall recommend to the Council of Management alternative players which meet the entry requirements.

5.5. Hong Kong Team Manager

a) The Council of Management shall elect a Hong Kong China Team Manager prior to each International event.

b) Once the Manager and the Hong Kong China Team is sanctioned by the Council of Management, it will then be the sole responsibility for the Manager to manage and administer the team.

c) Within one month of their return to Hong Kong, the Manager of the respective Hong Kong China Team (or individuals

representing Hong Kong China overseas) will present a written report to the Council of Management.

d) Within two months of his/her return to Hong Kong, the Manager of the respective Hong Kong China Team shall submit a full, confidential report to the Officers of the Association and the Hong Kong China Team Selectors Panel.

5.6. Incentive for Hong Kong Team

a) Incentive will be offered to Hong Kong China Team members who have achieved satisfactory results in international competitions. The source of funding is either from the prize money received from the organizer of the competition and/or the incentive award from the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China.

b) The allocation of the incentive will be:

b.1. 60% of the prize money or incentive award will be offered as incentive to the winner or champion of the team or individual event. For the team event, the award will be equally distributed between the team members.

b.2. 40% of the prize money or incentive award will be offered as incentive to the runners-up (1st, 2nd and 3rd) of the team or individual event. For the team event, the award will be equally distributed between the team members.

b.3. For the team or individual player who participated in a competition and are qualified for a prize money or incentive award, 20% of such prize money or incentive award will be offered as incentive to the team or individual. For the team event, the award will be equally distributed between the team members.

5.7. The Under 25 Hong Kong China Team.

The selection process of the Under 25 Hong Kong China Team, shall comply with the selection process stated above for the Hong Kong China Team except for the following.

a) The Under 25 Hong Kong Squad shall consist of 5 members from each gender.

b) The Bowler Rankings shall be based on the total weighted points achieved in the current year.

c) The Point-awarding Championships and the respective weightings are:

- Under 25 Singles (40%)
- National Singles (20%)
- National Indoor Singles (20%)
- National Knockout Singles (20%)

5.8. Exceptions to Eligibility Criteria.

In the circumstances of invitations being received for participation of the Hong Kong China Team in international events for which special entry criteria is required by the organisers and/or the HKLBA, the Hong Kong China Team Selection Panel may select bowlers who are not members of the Hong Kong Squad but who otherwise satisfy the special entry criteria. Examples of such events are as follows:-

a) World Champion of Champions. Bowlers representing Hong Kong China shall be the winners of the most recent National Singles Championships.

b) World Cup Indoor Singles and other international indoor events. Bowlers representing Hong Kong China shall be the winners of the most recent National Indoor Singles Championships. In the event of the winner[s] not being available

	to play on the required dates the Panel may select any of the runners-up to represent Hong Kong China in these events.																													
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6.7.b	In the event of a substitute being provided, only one substitute shall be permitted for each team in each game of the competition.	Simplify the conditions for substitute																												
6.22	<p>Bowler of the Year</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Quarter Final Winner</th> <th>Semi Final Winner</th> <th>Final Winner</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fours</td> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Triples</td> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2x4x2 Pairs</td> <td>2</td> <td>5</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pairs</td> <td>2</td> <td>5</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Knock Out Singles</td> <td>3</td> <td>6</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Singles</td> <td>3</td> <td>6</td> <td>12</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Quarter Final Winner	Semi Final Winner	Final Winner	Fours	2	4	8	Triples	2	4	8	2x4x2 Pairs	2	5	10	Pairs	2	5	10	Knock Out Singles	3	6	12	Singles	3	6	12	Add awarding points for Knock Out Singles and 2x4x2 Pairs.
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