

Holland Cup & Knockout Tournament: Cup, Plate, Bowl & Saucer Competitions

The Tournament

- i) The Knockout Tournament shall be played each year and shall consist of Cup, Plate, Bowl and Saucer Competitions, plus the Holland Cup which shall consist of the top 8 teams from the Premier and First Division.
- ii) The HKHAWS Committee shall determine which teams will take part in the Cup /Plate competitions and which will take part in the Bowl / Saucer Competitions, based on the teams' performances in the current Winter League matches.
- iii) Convenors will be advised which competition they will take part in by the HKHAWS committee, in writing.
- iv) The Committee will work out fixtures for the competitions based on a draw of all the teams participating in the Tournament.

Seeding

- i) Teams eligible for the tournament will be seeded by the HKHAWS Committee based on the teams' performances in the current Winter League matches.
- ii) The draw will provide that the top four seeded teams in each Competition will not meet in the preliminary round.
- iii) The first seeded team will be at the top of the draw, the second seeded team at the bottom of the draw, the third seeded team at the top of the bottom half of the draw and the fourth seeded team at the bottom of the top half of the draw, and so on.

Entry and Withdrawal

- i) All "Saturday" teams are deemed to have entered the Knockout Tournament unless a written withdrawal is received no later than 29th January 2016 (Fri).
- ii) The Committee reserves the right to impose a fine on any team withdrawing from the Tournament after such date, to offset expenses arising as a result of the withdrawal.

Conduct of Play

- i) Unless otherwise advised by the Committee, matches will be thirty-five minutes each way, with an interval at half time of at least 5 minutes.
- ii) Current Premier Division rules will apply to the Holland Cup games.
- iii) Each team is allowed to field 16 players, including substitutes, in each Tournament match. Match cards will be provided by the HKHA WS prior to the start of each match and should be passed on to Tournament officials prior to the games.

- iv) Names of all players, including substitutes must be checked against photo ID e.g. HKID, passport by the officials and umpires before the start of the match.

Drawn Matches

- i) In the event of a draw in all rounds up to and including the semi finals, the match winners will be determined by a penalty shoot-out competition. The penalty shoot-out competition will follow the Penalty Shoot-out Competition Regulations laid down in the current FIH Rules of Hockey.
- ii) In the event of a draw in the **final round** one period of extra time shall be played:
- iii) A period of five minutes will be allowed between the expiry of full time and the start of extra time.
- iv) Unless otherwise advised by the Committee, extra time shall consist of ten minutes one way, with no break at half time, and the first team to score a goal will be deemed to have won the match.
- v) Should the scores be tied at the end of extra time, the match winners will be determined by a penalty shoot-out competition. The penalty shoot-out competition will follow the Penalty Shoot-out Competition Regulations laid down in the current FIH Rules of Hockey.

Player Registration

- i) Each team must submit their team list of up to twenty two (22) players by a deadline set by the Committee. Players can be registered to ONE team only.
- ii) All players on the team list must have been registered with the HKHAWS and have participated in at least two league games prior to the submission of the Tournament team list.

THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY:-

- Each team must register at least 8 players who are currently registered with that team for the current Winter League.
- A team may not nominate a player from a higher ranking team as a player for a lower ranking team.
- A player, once registered, may not play for any other team.
- The following players may not be registered to play in the lower ranking team in the Tournament:
 - i) Players who are deemed to belong to the higher ranking team **according to bye-law 8.2.2.**
 - ii) Players who have played in any of the last two League games of a higher ranking team

Insufficient Players to start a match

- i) In the event that either or both teams have less than eight players at the start time for the match, a maximum of ten minutes shall be allowed as a “grace period”. During this period, the match shall start as soon as both teams have at least eight players.
- ii) In the event of one team having less than eight players at the expiry of the “grace period” they shall concede the match to their opponents.
- iii) After the expiry of the “grace period”, if neither of the teams has the minimum eight players, the game shall be abandoned.
- iii) The home team captain is required to report the abandonment of the match to the Registrar within four days of the match.
- iv) If a team gives a walkover, then they will not be permitted to continue in the competition. The committee may also award a fine to any team giving a walkover.

Starting Time of Match

Matches shall start **promptly** at the start time advised in the fixtures.

“Grace periods” of 10 minutes are based on the scheduled start time, not the end of the previous match. To prevent the timetable overrunning, umpires are advised to speak with the captains and conduct the toss for ends etc. before the completion of the previous match in order that the match can start at the specified start time promptly.

If in case a match starts later than the scheduled time, games will be cut short at the umpires' discretion to avoid overrunning the session.

Miscellaneous

Competition Bye-laws shall also apply to the Knockout Tournament. Please refer to the Hong Kong Hockey Association Women's Section Byelaws on www.hockey.org.hk.