



Junior Team Tennis 2021 – Spring Rules

Administration

Rule 1

League competitions shall be administered by the League Management Committee (LMC) in accordance with the rules of tennis of the International Tennis Federation as the same may be modified by these Rules from time to time.

Rule 2

(A) The LMC, which is appointed annually by the Council of the Hong Kong Tennis Association (HKTA), shall comprise a Chairman, a League Secretary, and not less than 8 additional members from among the Tennis Convenors or members of the Member Clubs.

(B) The LMC shall be responsible for the:-

- (i) registration of players and teams,
- (ii) grading of individual players,
- (iii) division of teams,
- (iv) establishment of League schedules of play, and
- (v) publishing of a League Handbook or its equivalent on the Internet, the results of play and the interpretation of Rules

(C) The LMC shall also be responsible for the arbitration of disputes between players/teams/Clubs on League matters and on conduct. The LMC may either upon receipt of a complaint or at its own instigation convene a meeting of the LMC (which shall regulate its own proceedings and at which a quorum shall be four) to deal with any of the above matters and any other matters relating to the League and shall have power to:-

- (i) suspend players/teams/clubs from the League;
- (ii) expel players/clubs from the League and / or
- (iii) refuse entry of a club or player to a future League; and/or
- (iv) take any other action as the Committee thinks fit.

(D) All communications relating to Rules 2(B) and 2(C) must be directed by Member Clubs to the LMC through their Tennis Convenors. The LMC will communicate with the Member Clubs by sending their correspondence to the Tennis Convenors and one other person nominated by each Member Club from time to time.



Entries

Rule 3

(A) The league shall be a unisex league and be divided into the following divisions:

- (i) **A (Intermediate)**
All players should be aged 18 and under (i.e. born in 2003 or after). No player ranked in the top 20 of the Hong Kong Junior Boys' rankings and top 15 of the Hong Kong Junior Girls' rankings shall be accepted.
- (ii) **B (Beginners, age 14 & under)**
All players should be aged 14 and under (i.e. born in 2007 or after). No player ranked in the top 80 of the Hong Kong Junior Boys' rankings and top 35 of the Hong Kong Junior Girls' rankings shall be accepted.
- (iii) **C (Beginners, age 12 and under)**
All players should be aged 12 and under (i.e. born in 2009 or after). No player ranked in the top 160 of the Hong Kong Junior Boys' rankings and top 70 of the Hong Kong Junior Girls' rankings shall be accepted.

The Junior Ranking used will be that posted on the HKTA website on the date of the entry deadline.

The LMC allows teams to register a maximum of 3 "one higher" graded players into a team if the club is not entering a higher division during the season. Only one higher graded registered player is allowed to participate in each match

- (B) Any Division may be sub-divided into Groups as may be warranted by the number of entries. Any Division not sub-divided shall be considered to have one Group.
- (C) All matches shall be scheduled to be played on Fridays (excluding postponed match).

Eligibility of Teams

Rule 4

- (A) The competitions shall be open to all HKTA Member Clubs, all Corporate Patrons and other registered sports clubs, association / organisations with adequate tennis playing facilities which have been approved by the League, and to individual teams and adequate insurance against claims for personal injuries suffered by players playing on their courts. The LMC shall have the discretion to refuse any entry, subject to final appeal to the HKTA Council by the aggrieved party.
- (B) No teams shall be eligible to play until the entrance fee as stipulated in the entry form has been paid. No player shall be eligible to play for a team unless registered with the LMC within the time limits from time to time stipulated by the LMC and no registration shall be accepted unless accompanied by such sum as shall from time to time be stipulated by the LMC as the League entry fee.



Eligibility of Players

Rule 5

- (A) Each player in the League must at the time of his/her registration by his/her club as a member of a team, be aged 18 or under, 14 or under, 12 or under (by the end of the current calendar year) as appropriate. Each player must also be a subscribing member of the HKTA whose membership fee is not in arrears.
- (B) Players may only register with one club team in any division. **They may play in a higher division for another team of their own club subject to Rule 5(C).**
- (C) Subject to Rule 5(B) players with lower grading may play in a higher Division provided that once he/she has played in a higher Division more than twice in a season he/she may not then play again in the lower Division in that season.

Registration of Teams

Rule 6

- (A) Each eligible team shall forward an entry form nominating at least EIGHT players to be registered as a nucleus of that team for that season. Clubs/teams must submit the **FULL NAMES** of the players in English and Chinese (if applicable) along with their **HKID Card Nos. / Travel Document Nos. / Birth Certificate Nos., Date of Birth, Rankings assigned by Captains and HKTA Membership Nos.** with expiry date, if known. Team Captains are responsible for ascertaining the eligibility of players representing their respective teams.
All players in any team must hold a valid HKTA membership at the commencement of the League. If there are any player in the team who is not a member at the time of his team's first match or whose membership fees is not paid or is in arrears, he/she will be removed from the playing list and will not be eligible to play at any time during the season.
- (B) Clubs/team captains shall rank all team players in terms of their singles ability on the entry form: i.e. the player ranked 1 will be the team's best singles player, the player ranked 2 is the second best and so on. Any changes to the published ranking must be submitted before the first match of the season. After that the rankings will remain for the league season. The LMC reserves the right to adjust any player's singles ranking. Each team shall appoint a non-playing captain, who should be over the age of 18, and notify the LMC of his/her name and telephone number.
- (C) The players in each individual team submitted by a club must be clearly specified. A player can only be registered for one team in one season. A player may not withdraw his registration from one team and apply to be registered with another team after commencement of the League season.
- (D) A player may not play for different Clubs in the League during the same season.
- (E) A player may not play for different teams in the same Division during the same season.
- (F) Captains must accompany their team to all matches or inform the LMC prior to the commencement of the match the name and contact number of their substitute. Failure to abide by this rule may result in the team being suspended from the league.



Replacement Players

Rule 7

- (A) During the period of the Junior Team Tennis should a player who already has played at least two matches in a team become unavailable to continue to play due to:
- (a) injury or sickness, or
 - (b) prolonged absence from Hong Kong,
- the club may submit an application for a replacement player on the following conditions -
- (i) the replacement player has an eligible LMC grading to play for the team, and
 - (ii) such application is made in writing by the Tennis Convenor or Captain and counter-signed by the outgoing and replacement players for whom the application is made, and
 - (iii) such application is substantiated by documentary proof acceptable to the LMC.

Unless a replacement player has played at least two previous matches for his/her team, he/she shall not be permitted to compete in a Playoff Match in a multi-group Division or any of the final two fixture matches in a single-group Division.

An administration fee, to be determined by the LMC from time to time, will be charged for the processing of each replacement player.

(Note: This rule does not apply to default due to injury or sickness sustained by a player during a fixture match for which no replacement is allowed for that match.)

Rule 8

No individual shall represent a Club in any Playoff Match unless he/she has played for the team on at least two occasions and has not played in any higher Division for more than two matches in the same season. Being named as a team member in a walkover match shall not be counted as an occasion for eligibility to represent a club in a Play-off Match.

Additional Player

Rule 9

The LMC will only entertain applications for additional players within 14 days after commencement of the league season and the LMC may adjust the ranking of the players in the team as a result of the additional players joining the team. Any application received after the league handbook has been uploaded may be charged an administration fee of **HK\$150** for processing of each additional player, or such other sum as may be determined by the LMC from time to time.

Fixture List

Rule 10

- (A) The date and location of every League match to be played shall be fixed by the LMC. The Fixture list shall be drawn up with details of participating teams, names and telephone numbers of each team captain, and copies thereof shall be made available to each participating team.
- (B) If any team shall find it inconvenient to entertain two or more visiting teams simultaneously, the home team shall be responsible to find an alternative venue



Tennis Balls

Rule 11

The Home Team shall provide new balls for every scheduled fixture. Such balls may be of any standard make complying with the regulations of the International Tennis Federation.

Rules of Play

Rule 12

- (A) For all League fixtures, the home team shall provide not less than two and not more than three courts for the match but in either event shall provide the same number of courts that are stated in the club list and make the match courts available for practice no later than 6:00 p.m. The first game of the match on each provided court shall commence at 6:15 p.m., the official starting time. If any players are not ready on court to commence the first round of play at the official starting time, the first set shall be forfeited to the opposing team. The second round of play must commence immediately after the first round. If a team is not ready to play, the set will be forfeited to the opposing team immediately.
- (B) *All matches are to finish at 9:00p.m except where both captains agree and courts are available on that night.* Captains are encouraged to start matches on time to ensure adequate playing time. Subject to Rule 13 the team winning the most sets will be the winner.
- (C) Courts with floodlights must be used throughout the match. **The lights should be turned on as soon as requested by either captain.** If any courts and/or floodlights shall become unavailable for match play after commencement of a fixture, the unfinished set and all subsequent sets to be played on those courts shall be forfeited to the Away Team. This rule shall apply unless the Home Team subsequently submits to the LMC through the Tennis Convenor that the cause of unavailability is due to unexpected circumstances beyond the control of the Home Team and such submission is accepted by the LMC.
- (D) The match should be played on the same surface as declared in the league book throughout the league season. If a change of surface is necessary during the course of the match, prior agreement of the opposing team captain must be obtained.
- (E) The Home Team has the obligation to provide courts. In the event that one or both of such courts are unavailable the home team may arrange to play at another venue, subject to the following:
- (i) The home team must inform the away team and the LMC of any proposed changes (with adequate reason) in writing at least one week in advance of such changes.
 - (ii) The LMC will decide whether to accept or reject the request and will notify the two teams of its decision in writing at least four days prior to the fixture date.
 - (iii) In the event that the away team disagrees with any proposed changes or the LMC does not approve of the change of courts, then the scheduled match shall be forfeited to the away team, unless the original courts are made available for play as scheduled.



- (F) Notwithstanding Rule 12(A), in all HKTA officiated matches the team captains are required to submit to the HKTA official the names of their players 10 minutes before the official starting time.
- (G) For Division C only: The Captain shall be allowed to sit on court next to the seat of his/her team but he/she may not move away from that area and in particular may not cross the net to the opposite side of the court. The Captains shall only be allowed to talk with their players at the change of ends or end of the match (not during play).

Format of Play

Rule 13

- (A) Prior to the commencement of a match, each captain shall insert the players' name in the online system before the match starts. After that time no change of name will be permitted on the system.
- (B) Substitutions may be made, subject to agreement by the opposing captain, on the understanding that any sets won by the substituted players must be forfeited to the opposing team. Names of the substitutes must be clearly indicated on the score-sheet.
- (C) Declared players in all league fixtures are required to produce HKTA Membership Card for verification purposes when requested by the captain (or his delegate) of the opposing team or a LMC official. Failure to do so may render the player(s) ineligible for the tie.
- (D) Each team will consist of 6 players.
- (E) The match format will consist of six singles matches and three doubles matches. The six singles players will form the three pairs to play in the doubles.
- (F) For singles, play will consist of ONE tiebreak set.
- (G) For doubles, play will consist of ONE-tiebreak set.
- (H) 'NO LET RULE' will be adopted in both singles and doubles matches. 'NO LET RULE' means "If the serve hits the net, strap or band and goes into the correct service box, the ball will be in play."
- (I) A match will be played in the following sequence and manner (Team A vs Team B):
Each of the numbers A1, B1 etc. represents an individual player e.g. A3 is Player 3 from Team A.
 - (i) The highest ranked singles players on the evening from both teams shall play each other. The second highest ranked singles players from both teams shall play each other and so forth.
 - (ii) There are no restrictions on how to pair up the three doubles teams.
 - (iii) When rubber 5 or rubber 6 is completed, one of the three doubles matches shall commence on that court immediately. If two of the three remaining rubbers can commence at the same time, the home team shall decide which rubber shall be played first, e.g. if rubber 8 and rubber 9 are both ready to play, then the home team can decide which rubber to be played first. If the home team chooses to play rubber 9 first, then rubber 8 will be played on the next available court and rubber 7 will be played last.

If a club provides two courts for the match, the match should be played in the following sequence:-



	Court 1	Court 2	
Commence at 6:15 p.m			
1 st Round (Singles)	A1 vs B1 (Highest ranked singles players on the night from both teams) <i>Rubber 1</i>	A2 vs B2 (2 nd Highest ranked singles players on the night from both teams) <i>Rubber 2</i>	1 set each
Followed by			
2 nd Round (Singles)	A3 vs B3 (3 rd Highest ranked singles players on the night from both teams) <i>Rubber 3</i>	A4 vs B4 (4 th Highest ranked singles players on the night from both teams) <i>Rubber 4</i>	1 set each
Followed by			
3 rd Round (Singles)	A5 vs B5 (5 th Highest ranked singles players on the night from both teams) <i>Rubber 5</i>	A6 vs B6 (6 th Highest ranked singles players on the night from both teams) <i>Rubber 6</i>	1 set each
Followed by			
4 th Round (Doubles)	A Doubles Team 1 vs B Doubles Team 1 <i>Rubber 7</i>		1 set each
	A Doubles Team 2 vs B Doubles Team 2 <i>Rubber 8</i>		1 set each
	A Doubles Team 3 vs B Doubles Team 3 <i>Rubber 9</i>		1 set each

If the club provides three courts for the match, the match should be played in the following sequence:-

	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	
Commence at 6:15 p.m				
1 st Round (Singles)	A1 vs B1 (Highest ranked singles players on the night from both teams) <i>Rubber 1</i>	A2 vs B2 (2 nd Highest ranked singles players on the night from both teams) <i>Rubber 2</i>	A3 vs B3 (3 rd Highest ranked singles players on the night from both teams) <i>Rubber 3</i>	1 set each
Followed by				
2 nd Round (Singles)	A4 vs B4 (4 th Highest ranked singles players on the night from both teams) <i>Rubber 4</i>	A5 vs B5 (5 th Highest ranked singles players on the night from both teams) <i>Rubber 5</i>	A6 vs B6 (6 th Highest ranked singles players on the night from both teams) <i>Rubber 6</i>	1 set each
Followed by				



3 rd Round (Doubles)	A Doubles Team 1 vs B Doubles Team 1 <i>Rubber 7</i>	A Doubles Team 2 vs B Doubles Team 2 <i>Rubber 8</i>	A Doubles Team 3 vs B Doubles Team 3 <i>Rubber 9</i>	1 set each
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However if the matches commence on time the sequence of the singles rubbers may be altered.

Scoring

Rule 14

- (A) A total of 9 sets will be played (6 sets of singles and 3 sets of doubles) in each match. No-ad deuce games (see definition below) will be played in each set, and a 7 point tie-break will be played at 6 games all. The winning team is the team that wins the highest number of sets.
- (B) The winning team will be awarded one League point.
- (C) If sets are played by incorrect sequence ranked player, any of the winning sets shall be forfeited to the opponent team.
- (D) Any sets scored by an ineligible or unregistered player who has been declared and agreed to by the opposing captain shall be forfeited to the opposition. When an ineligible or unregistered player has not been declared by the player/captain but still plays then the whole match will be forfeited 0-9 to the opposition, and the offending player may render himself/herself liable to suspension by the LMC.

Score-sheet

Rule 15

- (A) The captain of the winning team shall submit a score-sheet signed by both captains to reach the LMC on or before Monday following the match won by his/her team.
- (B) Any match not reported may result in the forfeiture of the winning match.

Continuity of Play

Rule 16

- (A) Play shall be continuous from the first point of each set until the set is concluded. Play shall never be suspended, delayed, or interfered with for the purpose of enabling a player to recover his/her strength or his/her wind. When changing sides, a maximum of one and half minutes shall elapse from the cessation of the previous game to the beginning of the next game, the exception being that there will be no break at the end of the first game of each set. After the first game of each set, the players will change ends but will not rest, which is similar to the change of ends in a Tie-break. No coaching of any player by any person is allowed when a match is in progress, but discussion among declared players of the same team is permitted during game breaks and set breaks.
- (B) Play may be suspended once in every set due to injury. A one-time three (3) minutes



injury time shall be allowed for that condition. Inability to resume play after 3 minutes shall result in forfeiture of the set.

- (C) Players shall not concede a Walkover Set without valid reasons. Failure to observe this rule may render a player liable to disciplinary action by the LMC and may result in forfeiture of all the sets won by the player in the fixture.
- (D) The Home Team shall be responsible for providing two courts with floodlights in accordance with the provision of Rule 10(A) and to enable uninterrupted match play until the fixture is completed. If any courts and/or floodlights shall become unavailable for the match play after commencement of a fixture, the unfinished set and all subsequent sets to be played on those courts shall be forfeited to the Away Team. This rule shall apply unless the Home Team subsequently submits to the LMC through the Tennis Convenor or Captain that the cause of unavailability is due to unexpected circumstances beyond the control of the Home Team and such submission is accepted by the LMC.

Inclement Weather

Rule 17

(A) In the case of inclement weather before a match starts: -

- (i) For un-officiated matches, when no agreement has been reached between the Captains of both teams to postpone the match, all scheduled players from both teams will have to attend the venue and wait to see if the match can be held. When both teams are at the ground, a match can commence if the Captains of both teams agree to do so. If there is no agreement between the Captains but a majority of all player participating in the match are of the opinion that the match should commence or be postponed as the case may be then the match shall so commence or be postponed. If there is a tie, and the match cannot commence within 30 minutes of the starting time, the match shall be postponed.
- (ii) For playoff matches, the LMC or the on-court official appointed by the LMC shall decide whether the match shall be played or not.

(B) The following shall apply to any match (*excluding playoff matches*) in which play has commenced but is subsequently suspended because of inclement weather making the courts unfit for play:

- (i) No match shall be suspended, or recommence after suspension unless agreed by the Captains of both teams provided that if there is no agreement between the Captains but a majority of all players participating in the match are of the opinion that the match should be suspended, or recommence as the case may be then the match shall be so suspended, or recommenced. If the match cannot recommence within 30 minutes from the time of suspension, the match shall subject to sub-clause B(ii)(a) be postponed.
- (ii) If a match is so postponed, the following rules shall apply:
 - (a) At the time of stoppage of play the team winning at least 5 sets shall be declared the winner and one League point shall be awarded to the winning team. The final result of the respective set won by the teams shall be counted in the calculation for a playoff or position in any Division (refer to Rule 21).



- (b) If neither team has won 5 sets when play is suspended, the match shall be completely replayed, subject to the right of either Captain to agree to forfeit any of the remainder of the unfinished and unplayed sets at the time of discontinuance to the opposing team.
 - (iii) Except as provided in Rule 17 any team unilaterally failing to continue a match will forfeit the entire match and one League point shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- (C) The following shall apply to playoff matches, in which play has commenced but is subsequently suspended because of inclement weather making the courts unfit for play:
- (i) The on-court official appointed by the LMC shall decide whether the match shall be suspended, or shall recommence or shall be postponed
 - (ii) If a match is so postponed, the postponed date and venue will be decided by the LMC.

Suspension of Play due to Insufficient Court Hours

Rule 18

The following rules shall apply to any match in which play has commenced but is subsequently stopped at 9.00 p.m.:

- (A) At the time of stoppage of play the team winning at least 5 sets shall be declared the winner. The final result of the match shall be counted in the calculation for a playoff or position in any Division.
- (B) If neither team has won 5 sets when play is stopped, the match shall be completely replayed, subject to the right of either Captain to agree to forfeit any of the remainder of the unfinished and un-played sets at the time of discontinuance to the opposing team.

Postponements

Rule 19

- (A) Participating teams should try their best to complete their League matches on scheduled dates in accordance with the fixture dates stipulated in the League Handbook. However, if it is not possible for one or both teams to play a match on the scheduled date, a postponement may be arranged by the two teams if both team Captains agree to the postponement. Any postponed playoff match shall be played at a venue and on a date to be decided by the LMC.
- (B) When the courts on which the match is to be played are, in the opinion of the Home Team Captain unfit for play, the Home Team Captain should immediately notify in writing the Away Team Captain and the LMC of such unavailability. However if the Away Team Captain contests this decision, a written complaint can be lodged with the LMC who shall then conduct an inquiry. After the inquiry, if the LMC is of the opinion that the Home Team has misrepresented the reason(s) for postponement, the Home Team will then be deemed to be in breach of this postponement rule and a Walkover Match shall be awarded to the away team.
- (C) The Captains of both teams shall inform the LMC in writing on or before Monday following the match if a match has been postponed or cannot take place for whatever



- reason, as well as when a new match date has been mutually agreed by both Captains.
- (D) The Captains should try to agree to play all postponed matches within 2 weeks from the original fixture dates, but in any case not later than one week after the last fixture match of their Group or Division of the League. All matches played after the deadline will be disregarded for the purposes of counting League points and sets won as mentioned in Rules 21.
- (E) The Home Team Captain should notify the LMC immediately if he/she fails to agree to reschedule a postponed match with the Away Team Captain within the LMC stipulated postponement period. The LMC shall then fix a date for this rescheduled match by giving to both Teams not less than one week's prior written notice, whereupon the Home Team Club shall host this match on the rescheduled date. Failure of either team to compete on the rescheduled date will result in forfeiture of the fixture match to the other team. If both teams fail to compete on the rescheduled date, no League point shall be awarded to either team.
- (F) In the event that a fixture match is not played within 2 weeks from its original fixture date, or that the match is not played within one week after the last fixture match of the League season, or that both team Captains have failed to inform the LMC within 48 hours of the original fixture date of the match's postponement status, then the LMC shall regard both teams to have forfeited the match and no League point shall be awarded to either team.

Walkover Matches & Walkover Sets

Rule 20

- (A) The LMC discourages walkovers. Teams entered for the League season are expected to play each and every match in accordance with the schedule stipulated in the League Handbook. Captains must ensure that all team members are informed of this commitment. The LMC also discourages a team from conceding the remaining unplayed sets after it has won or lost 5 sets in a match. If there is any team stops playing during the match or forfeit the match in unreasonable, LMC will decide the punishment to the team.
- (B) A Walkover Match may be claimed by a team when either:
- (i) the team is informed in writing by the opposing team that it will not be playing the match and/or will concede a Walkover Match, or
 - (ii) after the team has refused to agree to a request for postponement by the opposing team and the opposing team fails to turn up for the match, or
 - (iii) the opposing team has failed to provide proof of identity of its declared players (refer to Rule 13(C)).
- (C) Subject to 13 (A) a Walkover Set may be claimed by a team when any opponent in the set has failed to produce his/her identity proof, or is a declared ineligible player (Refer to Rule 13 A, B & C)
- (D) A team wishing to claim any Walkover Sets or a Walkover Match must lodge a written claim to the LMC and the opposing team Captain on or before Monday following the match, citing reasons for the claim. In the case of only one team being present on court after 45 minutes of the scheduled Official Starting Time (Refer to Rule 12(A)), a written claim by the claiming team must cite reasons for the claim and put the full names of the players along with their signatures and Hong Kong Identity



Card Nos./Travel Documents Nos./TA Membership Nos. onto a blank League score sheet. To contest this claim, the Captain of the opposing team must inform the LMC in writing within 7 days of the Walkover match stating full reasons for not conceding the Walkover.

- (E) All Walkover claims must be approved by the LMC. The LMC shall consider each claim and make appropriate rulings to award entire matches or sets thereof on a case-by-case basis.
- (F) Once a Walkover Match is awarded by the LMC, a League point will be awarded to the claiming team, but the score of the Walkover Match will not be counted in the determination of team's position in a Group or Division pursuant to Rule 21(C)(i).
- (G) Once a Walkover Set is awarded by the LMC, the claiming team will be deemed to have won that set against its opponents.
- (H) Any team conceding more than one Walkover Match with no valid reasons during the League season will be liable to disciplinary action by the LMC. This action may include suspension of every registered member of that team from HKTA League competitions for one full season within a 12-month period following the end of the current League season.

Champions

Rule 21

- (A) Trophies will be awarded to winners and runner-up in each division.
- (B) The divisional champions shall be decided as follows:
 - (i) The winner of a Group, (or the Champion of a Division if there is only one Group) shall be the team that has been awarded the highest number of League points.
 - (ii) If there are two Groups, there will be a cross playoff. The winner of Group 1 will play the runner-up of Group 2 and vice-versa. If there are co-winners in any group a draw will be conducted by the LMC before the semi-finals to determine which team will play the winner of the other group and which team will play the runner-up of the other group. The winners of these semi-final playoff matches will then play in the final to determine the Divisional Champion. There will be no playoff for third and fourth places.
 - (iii) If there are more than three Groups in a Division, the LMC will decide on a playoff format and notify all contesting teams of its decision within 3 weeks after the commencement of the League season.
- (C) In case of a tie in League points, the following shall apply:
 - (i) With only one Group, the winner of the League match between those two teams shall be the champion of the Division. In cases where two rounds of round-robin matches have been played, if there is a tie in League points won by two teams and each team wins once in their two head to head League matches, their position shall be determined by the number of total sets won in their two head to head League matches – the more sets won, the higher the position. If there is still a tie in the number of total sets won, their position shall be determined by the number of total games won in their two head to head League matches – the more games won, the



higher the position. If there is a tie in the total number of games won, both teams will be declared as the co-champion.

- (ii) Should there be a tie in League points by more than two teams, the team which has won all the matches against the other teams shall occupy the highest position.

Should there still be a tie after calculation of the League points and the position has not been determined by the head to head outcome, the position of a team shall be determined by the number of net won sets percentage (“Net Won Sets” means the number of sets won less the number of sets lost) of matches played by that team among the tied teams, which is defined as follows :-

$$\frac{\text{No. of Net Won Sets of that team in matches played among the tied teams by that team}^*}{\text{Total no. of sets in matches played among the tied teams}^*} \times 100\%$$

* Walkover matches are excluded

- (iii) Should there still be a tie after calculation of Net Won Sets percentage under Rule 21 C(ii), the position of a team shall be determined by the net won games percentage (“Net Won Games” means the number of games won less the number of games lost) of matches played among the tied teams by that team, which is defined as follows :-

$$\frac{\text{No. of net won games of that team in matches played among the tied teams by that team}^*}{\text{Total no. of games in matches played among the tied teams}^*} \times 100\%$$

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- (iv) Should there still be a tie after calculation of Net Won Games percentage under Rule 21 C (iii), then the position of a team shall be determined by the Net Won Set percentage of matches played among all teams in that group by that team during the League, which is defined as follows:

$$\frac{\text{No. of net won sets of that team in matches played in the group during the league by that team}^*}{\text{Total no. of sets in matches played in the group during the league}^*} \times 100\%$$

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- (v) Should there still be a tie after calculation of Net Won Set percentage under Rule 21 C (iv), then the position of a team shall be determined by the Net Won Games percentage of matches played among all teams in that group by that team during the League, which is defined as follows:-

$$\frac{\text{No. of net won games of that team in matches played in the group during the league by that team}^*}{\text{Total no. of games in matches played in the group during the league}^*} \times 100\%$$

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The rules in this sub-clause will be similarly applied to determine the runner up of the Division.

- (B) All playoff matches shall be played at a venue and on a date to be decided by the LMC. The written notification of the playoff will be sent to the involved teams.

Rule 22

Team Captains should observe the rules regarding the eligibility of players, the reporting of match results and arrangements for postponed matches. The LMC may invoke any rules related to such matters without giving prior warning.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

SCORE

The captain of the winning team must upload the score in online system after the match and also submit the completed score sheet to the LMC within 3 days of each match.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NO-AD SCORING

If both players/teams have won three points each, the score is “Deuce” and a deciding point shall be played. The receiver(s) shall choose whether to receive the service from the right half or the left half of the court. In doubles, the players of the receiving team cannot change positions to receive this deciding point. The player/team who wins the deciding point wins the “Game”.

CLUB RULES CONCERNING MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones may not, under any circumstances, be used by visiting players or spectators when playing at a club which forbids their use.

According to the rules of some clubs any person, whether a member or non-member, may be immediately asked to leave the premises. If, during a match, therefore, a visiting player infringes a club’s rules regarding mobile phones and is asked to leave the premises, this player is deemed to have forfeited any remaining games in a set and all of his other un-played sets.

The LMC expects all players to observe the rules of host clubs. Convenors and captains should ensure that their players are fully aware of the rules made above.

Guideline for match postponement on account of 10+ in Air Quality Health Index (AQHI)

Should the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI), as reported by the Environmental Protection Department at the Reference General Station of the affected Home Team (Refer to below Club List for relevant Reference General Station) reach the band of 10+ with serious health risk at 4:00pm on that day, the captain of either team can request a postponement of the match.

The data is published in the following website: <http://www.aqi.gov.hk>

CLUBS	General Stations
AC	Eastern
AMC	Central/Western
CBGCC	Tseung Kwan O



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COUNTRY	Central/Western
CRC	Central/Western
DBRC	Tung Chung
FPCC	Yuen Long
HKCC	Central/Western
HKFC	Central/Western
HKIS	Eastern
HLY	Tai Po
JLRA	Eastern
KCC	Sham Shui Po
KRC	Eastern
KTC	Sham Shui Po
LRC	Central/Western
NUTC	Tsuen Wan
PACIFIC	Sham Shui Po
SCAA	Sham Shui Po
SSP	Sha Tin
USRC	Sham Shui Po