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Men's Champions League 2023 - 2024 Format and Rules

HKLA Encourages established teams with a committed pool of players to register a team. We ask that teams that rely heavily on "additional players" from Division 2 teams consider combining with other teams to avoid forfeits.

Registration

Registration will open at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 25th, 2023. Registration is first come, first serve. 10 Teams will participate in the 2023-2024 Men's Champions League.

- 1. Captains/managers register the team on the website with the team's name and pay a team fee of 7,000 HKD.
- 2. Players can register under a team name.
 - o Players are approved by captains first and then added to the team.
- 3. Registration will remain open until the beginning of the playoffs.
- 4. There is no limit to the number of players that can be registered for any team, however, only 23 players may be dressed/active at any one game.
- 5. Teams will be divided into two divisions based on previous results in the Champions League seasons, strength of roster, and number of registered players.

Schedule and Format

- Both divisions will play from January to March.
- Games will be played at Po Kong Village, Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park.
- Following the completion of team registration, HKLA will draft and distribute as complete a schedule as possible for the season. Captains will have an opportunity to request changes to the schedule.
- Teams that are unable to field at least 9 players will forfeit the game.
- Teams that forfeit a scheduled, regular season game, will pay a fee of 550HKD.

Player Sharing and Playoff Eligibility

- Players not registered for a team will not be able to play in the Men's Champions League.
- Division 1 and Division 2 teams are permitted to field up to 5 additional players per regular season game. These additional players must be individuals who are registered for a Division 2 Men's Champions League team.
- Except for the regular season, additional players cannot be used in the playoffs, and they must decide which team to play in the playoffs before the playoffs begin.
- Division 1 players are not permitted to act as additional players.

Officiating

- Each team must submit at least 2 officials for the 2023/2024 season.
- If teams do not have and are not willing to nominate 2 officials, they will be given the option to pay an additional fee.
- Training courses will be available for players who have not had previous training.
- HKLA will work with officials to create a complete game schedule before the start of the season.
- If officials are not able to attend, they are responsible for finding a replacement.
- Officials will be compensated by HKLA with the standard officiating fee.

GAME RULES:

Men's games: World Lacrosse 2021-2023 Rules of Men's Field Lacrosse (Except for rule changes stated below)

Duration:

Men- 4 quarters of 15 minutes running time, stop last 2 minutes of 4th quarter.

Breaks:

Halftime will be a 4-minute intermission and quarter breaks for men will be 2 minutes.

Timeouts:

Teams are allowed One Timeout (90 seconds) per half.

Overtime (OT):

No OT will occur for the Round Robin Games. For Playoff Games, the OT format will be a 4-minute OT period after a 1-minute break. If it is still a draw, then a 4-minute Sudden Death OT will take place, repeating until a goal.

Warmup:

Warmups will need to occur off the field if there is no available time before the start of the game.

Weather Cancellation Arrangement:

A game shall be canceled and rescheduled when any of the following weather hazard warnings is hoisted within 3 hours before the match. The final decision will be discussed with the captains.

- Red/Black rainstorm warning
- Thunderstorm warning
- Typhoon signal no. 3 or above

The team representatives will be informed by HKLA about the game rescheduling accordingly.

Game reschedules request

Game fixtures shall be released on a timely basis. Any teams that would like to reschedule a game must notify HKLA 5 days in advance and must get the consent of the opposition team before notifying HKLA.

Discipline

Discipline is an integral part of the game both on and off the pitch and as coaches, players, managers, and officials it is our mission to ensure Lacrosse is a game of controlled physical endeavor.

The Hong Kong Lacrosse Official Committee (HKLOC) and league commissioner will review the discipline report and decide if any further action and penalties are required. The result of the review will take place within 7 days of receiving the report.

Penalties may include the following (but are not limited to): bans from playing or attendance at events, expulsion from HKLA, fines on individuals or teams, expulsion of teams from competition, docking of league points from current or future competition, demotion.

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A team may appeal the non-automatic penalties within 24 hours of being notified. Appeals should be sent in writing to the Director of Officiating. The director of officiating will form a disciplinary panel consisting of the following personnel:

- Director of Officiating 1)
- 2) One official committee member
- One senior member of coaching staff 3)