

Tournament Formats

AIA Open Team (HK\$6,500 per team)

Teams will be divided into sections of 8, 10 or 12 depending on the number of entries, playing a single round robin of 20-, 16- or 14-board matches. Eight (or 16 if the total entries exceed 40) teams will qualify for the play-offs.

The round of 16 (if applicable) will be 28 boards, in 2 segments of 14 boards. The quarter-finals will be 28 boards, in 2 segments of 14 boards. The semi-finals and final will be 48 boards, in 3 segments.

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of HKCBA, the winner of the Open Team a cash prize of HK\$15,000 and the 1st runners-up HK\$5,000.

Inter-city Ladies Team (HK\$6,500 per team)

This will be held only if there are 3 or more entries. If there are 8 or more entries, they will play in their own section; otherwise, they will play together with the Open series.

If there is a Ladies section, the top 4 teams will play in a semi-final. Otherwise there will only be a final. The semi-finals (if held) will be 28 boards, in 2 segments. The final will either be 28 boards, in 2 segments (with a semi-final) or 42 boards, in 3 segments (without a semi-final).

President's Cup Youth Team (Free for visitors, HK\$1,500 for local teams)

They will play in their own section(s), in a single round robin. The top 4 teams will qualify into the semi-finals.

The semi-finals will be 28 boards, in 2 segments. The final will be 28 boards also in 2 segments.

Channel 8 IMP Pairs (HK\$200 per pair, HK\$100 for youths)

This will either be a 1-winner event. Total IMP scoring will be used.

JPMorgan Swiss Team (HK\$600 per team, HK\$300 for youths)

The event will consists of 6 rounds of 8 boards each.

San Miguel "Happy Hour" Continuous Pairs (HK\$200 per pair)

We have initially obtained a favourable response from San Miguel. Similar to previous years, San Miguel beer will be provided to all participants free of charge. 5 segments of 6 boards each will be played, scored in match points. Each segment winner, 1st runners-up, 2nd runners-up will receive cash prizes of HK\$300, HK\$200 and HK\$100 respectively. The best 4 scores (out of 5) will be chosen to determine the winner.

Geely Automobile Open Pairs Qualifying (HK\$200 per pair)

This will consist of a 1-session qualifying round qualifying 24 pairs into the final. Together with the Open Team losing semi-finalists, there will be a 15-table final.

Geely Automobile Open Pairs Final (HK\$200 per pair)

This will be a 15-table event, run in barameter-style. All tables will be playing the same boards at the same time. Each pair will meet every other pair. The winning pair, 1st runners-up, 2nd runners-up, 3rd runners-up will receive HK\$4,000, HK\$2,000, HK\$1,000 and HK\$500 respectively.

Inter-city Mixed Pairs (HK\$200 per pair)

This will be a 1-winner event, scored in match points.

Geely Automobile Swiss Pairs (HK\$200 per pair)

5 segments of 6 boards each will be played, scored in match points. The winning pair, 1st runners-up, 2nd runners-up will receive HK\$700, HK\$500 and HK\$300 respectively.

HKES Speedball Pairs (HK\$200 per pair)

This will be a 1-winner event, scored in match points. You will be only given 5 minutes or less to complete a board!!

Overall Winner

“Ranking Points” will be given to each player in each event, depending on the finishing position. The player with the highest ranking point will be the overall winner. The winner, 1st runner-up, 2nd runner-up, 3rd runner-up, 4th runner-up will receive HK\$4,000, HK\$2,000, HK\$1,000, HK\$500 and HK\$300 respectively.