

# HKLTL Captains' Meeting

9 January 2026 Meeting



# Agenda

- 2025-26 Fall Session Review
- 2025-26 Spring Session Updates
- 2026-27 Guidance
- Housekeeping Reminders

# Committee

## Executive Committee

- Chair - Nive Bailey, D1 HKCC
- Secretary - Penny Austin, D3 HKFC Unmatchables
- Treasurer - Shaline Gnanalingam, D3 LRC We Got Game
- Registrar - Lea-Anne Lee, D3 Darkside Glory
- Recruiter - Alice Tang, D2 CWB Simply Smashing

## Division Representatives

- Premier - Kung Winchester, DB Gold
- Division 1 - Mary Low, IRC
- Division 2 - Lily Tan, AC Slice Girls
- Division 3 - Louise Hannam, LRC We Got Game
- Division 4 - Katie Ho, HKTC Baseline Kitties
- Division 5 - Mikki Kemp, LRC Ladies

# 2025-26 Fall Session Review

## Formal communication with committee

- Online protest and change request forms up and running. Rules updated

## Line calls

- Number of complaints to div reps regarding line calls
- Players are responsible for making their own calls and benefit of the doubt goes to the opponent
- If disagreement persists, all 4 players come to the net to discuss
  - Options to walk away forfeiting the set or continue playing and reserve the right to protest

## Holiday Events

- Successful Christmas event for D3/4/5 sponsored by TennisAsia, OTR and Active Crew
- Successful event for D1/2: social and potluck at The Manhattan organized by Div Reps

## HKLTL Finances \$26K surplus

- Reduce registration fee, \$1K per division allocated to socials, possible charitable donation

# 2025-26 Spring Session Updates

- Minimum play rule 5.9: players are required to play at least one match a season
  - Nearly 90% of players have played at least one match
    - Impressively, all but 2 D5 players played at least one match in the first half
  - Submit a medical certification or amend your team list within the window to avoid penalties
- Phone rule 12: Use of devices (except between sets 2&3) results in a one set penalty
  - Implemented in response to conflicts relating to; stalling, coaching, hindrance, club rule violations
  - Original "warning" system led to arguments and committee adjudication
  - Submit a request to change the rule via the website in the form of a proposal
- End of season event planning in progress
  - Social Sub-Committee Claire Sparrow, Elle Davies and Anita Chellaram

# Coach Assessments and Regrading

- Purpose is to maintain competition using impartial expertise outside the committee
- Committee reviewed the current CA and regrading process
  - Limited coaching resources
  - Assessment accuracy
  - Assessment accessibility
- Process changes implemented to increase accuracy and accessibility
  - Approved coaches will be more broadly accessible to public court teams
  - TennisAsia and OTR will identify and train 2 additional coaches
  - March 20 HKTC Open Assessment Day confirmed
  - Additional Open Assessment Day for teams in September (Kowloon tbc)
- Regrading
  - Coach Assessments will no longer be required for regrading
  - Established a standard framework to evaluate downgrade requests
  - Downgrading 2 divisions is possible
- Coaches do not determine player grade. Assessment is one of several factors

# 2026-27 Direction

- Hot Weather rule 9.1b: No-ad format when Very Hot Weather warning announced before 9.00am
- Rule to revise HKLTL match format proposed in December 2023
  - “HKLTL matches will be played with only one regular deuce. Any second deuce will be played sudden death and the next point will decide the game. The receiving pair will decide who will receive serve at the second deuce.”*
  - Rule considered under HKLTL Special Resolution but did not pass
  - Approximately 75% of the teams submitted evenly balanced views for and against
  - When a Special Resolution has been determined, another vote will not be held within 3 years
- Long seasons and hot weather
  - Continue growing the league while keeping the season as short as possible
  - Shift focus to building healthy teams rather than more teams
  - Even number divisions can eliminate "byes" and shorten the season
  - Push fall start later by allowing final rain date in first week of spring session


# 2026-27: Online Stats and Results

- HKLTL committee on track to integrate League Republic software into the HKLTL website
- Will provide HKLTL statistics and results similar to HKCTA but at a lower cost
- Committee currently testing the system
  - Div Reps entering stats in parallel with existing process
  - Instruction guide written, data entry is manageable
- Plan to have the new stats format live for 2026-27 season
- 2026-27 captains will enter match results
- Investigating the new system for scheduling and registration, tbd



## Results overview

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Premier

Division 1

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HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
<a href="#">DB Gold</a>	4 - 4	<a href="#">Sparks</a>	HP1: 2 - 2, HP2: 2 - 2
<a href="#">HLY</a>	2 - 6	<a href="#">KRC Pink Panthers</a>	HP1: 0 - 4, HP2: 2 - 2
<a href="#">Joyful</a>	0 - 8	<a href="#">American Club</a>	HP1: 0 - 4, HP2: 0 - 4
<a href="#">KRC</a>	1 - 7	<a href="#">Hong Kong Country Club</a>	
<a href="#">LRC Wildcards</a>	3 - 5	<a href="#">Sunshine</a>	





PREMIER

LIVE

#		P	W	D	L	SF
1	<a href="#">Hong Kong Country Club</a>	2	2	0	0	13
2	<a href="#">LRC Wildcards</a>	2	1	0	1	11
3	<a href="#">American Club</a>	2	1	0	1	10
4	<a href="#">DB Gold</a>	2	1	1	0	9
5	<a href="#">HLY</a>	2	1	0	1	9
6	<a href="#">KRC Pink Panthers</a>	2	1	0	1	9
7	<a href="#">KRC</a>	2	1	0	1	7
8	<a href="#">Sunshine</a>	2	1	0	1	7
9	<a href="#">Sparks</a>	2	0	1	1	4
10	<a href="#">Joyful</a>	2	0	0	2	1

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## Match results

 MATCH HUB  
 COMPETITIONS  
 STANDINGS  
 STATS

## Division 2

25/09/25 | 09:00 | Aberdeen Tennis & Squash Centre

Glam Slams

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5 - 3

DB Queens

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Share

Match Statistics

Game History

HOME PAIR 1 VS AWAY PAIR 1 & 2			HOME PAIR 1 VS AWAY PAIR 1 & 2
Katy Bovaird, Yumiko Mitsusada	6	3	Debra Hu, Lieke Safieka Otten
Katy Bovaird, Yumiko Mitsusada	6	3	Debra Hu, Lieke Safieka Otten
Katy Bovaird, Yumiko Mitsusada	6	3	Nimisha Kashyap, Saeko Katsumata
Katy Bovaird, Yumiko Mitsusada	6	4	Nimisha Kashyap, Saeko Katsumata
HOME PAIR 1 VS AWAY PAIR 1 & 2			HOME PAIR 1 VS AWAY PAIR 1 & 2
Yoko Serizawa, Yiling Zheng	2	6	Debra Hu, Lieke Safieka Otten
Yoko Serizawa, Yiling Zheng	6	4	Debra Hu, Lieke Safieka Otten
Yoko Serizawa, Yiling Zheng	1	6	Nimisha Kashyap, Saeko Katsumata
Yoko Serizawa, Yiling Zheng	5	7	Nimisha Kashyap, Saeko Katsumata

# Housekeeping Reminders

- Check that guest player numbers do not exceed 12
- Delete players who will not meet the 1 match requirement or arrange dr cert.
- Turn off phones
- Remind teammates to call lines honestly and assume the same of opponents
- Protests not encouraged, but if you notice a pattern of behavior, advise your Div Rep
- March 20 HKTC Open Assessment Day - open to all new players
- Plan to attend the end of season event

Have a great Spring session!