



HKLTL 2026-27 Captains' Meeting

7 May 2026

2025-26 HKLTL Lunch

- Hong Kong Country Club
- Courtside Chic
- Buffet and DJ: Celebrate with your tennis community
- Best team performance with the word "love" wins WTA tickets
- Custom Active Crew shirts for best dressed



Agenda

- 2026-27
 - Season Direction
 - Organization
 - Team Placement
 - Schedule
 - Rule Changes
- Actions Required

2026-27 Season Direction

HKLTL is FULL

- HKLTL has grown from 58 teams in 2023-24 to 69 registered 2026-27

Current league structure has challenges

- Long seasons hampered by very hot weather
- Constraints at public and private courts
- Continue growing the league but shift focus to league health over size

Streamline committee, shift some responsibilities to captains, increase transparency for all members

- Handover Chair role and reorganize division rep role
- Division specific WhatsApp groups will be replaced by HKLTL captains' broadcast group
- Home captains input weekly scores and stats
- Scores and stats will be available on League Republic for all players

No new implementations in 2026-27

HKLTL 2026-27 Committee

- Chair Nive Bailey
- Vice-Chair & Treasurer Shaline Gnanalingam
- Secretary Louise Hannam
- Registrar & Recruiting Alice Tang
- Division Representative Lily Tan
- Division Representative Mikki Kemp

- *Past Officer Penny Austin*

2026-27 Registration & Team Placement

PREMIER (11 TEAMS)

CWB Bayside Smashers
 DB Gold
 Hong Kong Country Club
 HK Country Club (from D1)
 HLY
 Joyful
 KRC
 KRC Pink Panthers
 LRC Wildcards
 Sparks
 Sunshine

DIVISION 1 (12 TEAMS)

AC Crush
 American Club
 Courtiers
 CWB Simply Smashing
 DB Ball Blasters
 Happy Tennis
 HK Cricket Club
 IRC
 LRC Mavericks
 LRC Netchix
 Pacific Club
 Team Unity ** (formerly Unity)

DIVISION 2 (10 TEAMS)

AC Slice Girls
 AC Terminetters
 AMC Aces
 CWB Thunder Kites
 Darkside Glory
 GCYCC Racqueteers
 Glam Slams
 HKFC Unmatchables
 Recreio *
 Tennis & I *

DIVISION 3 (11 TEAMS)

Baseline Kitties
 Darkside XT ** (formerly X)
 DB Net Assets
 Double Delights
 Double Fun *
 GTA Vamos
 HKFC Dream Team
 Kiss My Ace
 LRC We Got Game
 Rainbow
 Recreio Play It Forward

DIVISION 4 (11 TEAMS)

AC Eagles
 Darkside Dragons
 Darkside Dynamite
 Darkside Ultra *
 Dreamseekers
 Himalaya *
 HKCC Bauhinias
 IRC Wonders
 LRC Slazengers
 Smash Girls
 The Manhattan

DIVISION 5 (12 TEAMS)

Aberdeen Aces *
 Clearwater Babes
 Dare Doubles
 Darkside Babes
 Darkside Firebird *
 DB Matrix
 Double Happiness *
 Island 26 *
 LRC Kicking Aces
 LRC Ladies
 Serve Queens
 Victoria Vibes

* New team, ** Name change

- HKLTL is FULL
- Decisions made for the benefit of the league over specific team
- Team placement purpose is competitive divisions
- Bottoms up approach
- Existing team results over new team composition
- Win rate, # matches, team standing, team composition
- Team health; minimum play rule 5.9, walkover rule 2.3f, guest player max
- Season length

2026-27 Schedule

- Draft schedules published to captains for review May 11
- Feedback on draft schedules due May 14
- Public court booking forms available for pick up May 18
- Final schedules published for booking May 21

2026-27 Rule Changes

- Rule 5.5 Match Start Time
- Rule 9.1b Hot Weather Advisory
- Rule 10 Protests
- Rule 12.2 Phone Penalty
- **Rule 5 Match Procedure**

2026-27 Rule Changes

- Rule 5.5 Match Start Time change to 9:15
 - Warm up reduced to 15 minutes
 - Reduces strain on court resources for clubs and public court teams
- Rule 9.1b Sudden death deuce during Hot Weather Special Advisory
 - Lower threshold than "Very Hot Weather Warning"
 - If issued by match start (i.e., 9:15)
 - Rule approved but suspended for 2026-27. No hot weather rule during rule 5.5 "single deuce + sudden death" match format trial
- Rule 10 Protest time to file
 - Teams have 3 days to file a complaint instead of 7 (match day is day 1)
- Rule 12 Phone Penalty removed
 - Disproportionate penalty and additional administration
 - Redundant to HKLTL rule 5.4c (90 second change of ends), ITF hindrance rule, and specific club rules

Rule 5.5 Special Resolution Trial

- Special resolution
 - Required for significant changes to match format
 - Dec 2023 resolution to consider "one regular deuce + sudden death" failed
 - Special resolution cannot be considered again for 3 years
- Current league size means long seasons in hot weather and court constraints for public and private court teams
- 2026-27 trial "one regular deuce + sudden death" match format
- Special resolution at the end of the 2026-27 season to decide whether to keep the format or resume regular deuce

Actions Required

Now

- Sign up for the annual lunch!
- Notify registrar of any contact detail changes
- Review draft schedules
- Submit September match LCSD forms by end of May

August

- Ensure HKLTL website and League Republic logins are active
- Review team list and submit Amendment Request online
- Review HKLTL rules and guidelines and ITF rules (HKLTL website)

Captains' season kickoff Zoom in September