



Hong Kong Ladies Tennis League

April 2021

To: All Captains and Division Representatives

Team registrations for the 2021/2022 season are just a few weeks away. Teams re-registering must have at least four (4) players from the previously registered team or they will be considered a new team. All new teams must consist of a minimum of four (4) players or 50%, whichever is the greater, at that level, in order to be placed into that division. Teams must have a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of twelve (12) players. Rule 5.9, which states that each registered player on a team must play at least one (1) match throughout the full year long playing season will continue for next season and we are very pleased with how players and Captains have fulfilled this commitment in previous seasons. Due to the extraordinary and difficult circumstances this past season faced by us all because of Covid, we anticipate a consolidation across all the divisions which may include more movement upwards and downwards than promoting the winning team and moving the bottom team down as per Rule 6.4 stated in our handbook. We cannot state for sure any concrete decision until we have reviewed all 2021-22 team registrations received by the close of the registration period and held our customary Committee meeting. Each division will have a maximum cap of 12 teams as our schedule will not permit a longer playing season. All existing teams who re-register will have priority over new teams. We welcome online/ATM/PayMe payments, however it will be critical that captains send a copy of their payment with the reference number and a note indicating their team name and division so we can match each incoming transaction. That can be either emailed or WhatsApped to Alison, the HKLTL Treasurer (please refer to item 5 below for further details).

Registration will be done through our website which opens on the 8th May and will remain open until the 17th May, 2021. Late registrations will not be accepted. Prior to registering, please be reminded of the following registration guidelines:

1. **Forms.** All registrations must be submitted via the Registration Forms link on our website at www.hkladiestennis.com. **Please note that each division has its own link (division specific) for all forms.** Forms must be submitted by the Captain, who will receive an email confirming receipt of the form from the Registrar. Further information from teams may be requested if necessary. The league will approve each registration after the Committee meets to discuss promotions/demotions in May, 2020. All approved registrations will be posted on the Registration Forms link on our website under "Approved Teams List – 2021/2022".
2. **New Players.** New Players are defined as any individual who has not been registered on a team in the HKLTL within the past three (3) years. All New Players must submit (i) a New Player Questionnaire (NPQ) through our website, and (ii) they must have one of the HKLTL recommended Coaches submit a Coach's Assessment (CA), details of which can be found on the website. The NPQ shall be a full and complete representation of the individual's playing history current/past in any/all tennis leagues, local and overseas. Failure of full disclosure could result in lengthy delays or even removal from the team, if already confirmed.
3. **Guest Players.** Registration of guest players shall be done through the Registration Forms on our website. In order to be eligible to play as a guest, the individual must already be registered on a team in a lower division for the current season and she may only be a guest for one team. **Guest players may be added at any point during the season but the player must be approved by the Registrar or Division Representative prior to playing in her first match.** Approvals may take a few days to process so please plan ahead and have your Guest Players registered in advance. Very urgent cases at short notice should be followed up by a telephone call or WhatsApp message to the Registrar or Division Rep for immediate confirmation. A combination of twelve (12) guest players may be used throughout the one year season. For Division 5, Guest Players must submit a New Player Questionnaire and Coach's Assessment at the time of registration.
4. **Captains.** Please provide accurate and complete information for all players, with special attention to the proper spelling of players' names including nicknames, maiden/married surnames and English and Chinese names. **We will continue to request full HKID card numbers as all players are expected to hold an HKID card. Exceptions to this rule MAY be made under special circumstances and proof of residency may be required. Please remember to acknowledge the Privacy Ordinance Data disclaimer on the bottom of the registration form.**

5. **Fees.** Registration fees will cost HK\$1,000 per team this season. We accept online/ATM payments made directly into our HSBC account # 652-631714-001 account name: Hong Kong Ladies Tennis League or via PayMe using the HKLTL PayCode below. If paying online, by ATM or PayMe, the deposit advice **MUST** be emailed/WhatsApped to the Treasurer at alisontennis@hotmail.com or 9329 2255 along with the team name and division to which the payment relates. **Failure to do this will result in delays to your team's registration being approved.** Payment by cheques will continue to be accepted payable to Hong Kong Ladies Tennis League and mailed to Alison Whalley at House 39, Siena One, Discovery Bay, Lantau Island, Hong Kong. For correct processing of all payments, please indicate on the back of the cheque, the division and team name, e.g. Division 2 - Clearwater Bay and email address. Please note that the registration fee has been temporarily reduced this year in view of a current surplus in the HKLTL's funds.

6. **Deadline.** Registration is open until Monday 17th May, 2021. Late registrations will not be accepted so please ensure your registration forms are submitted before the deadline date.

7. **Revisions.** The league will be closed during the summer break, from Friday, 25th June until Monday, 16th August, 2021 and also during the Christmas break, exact dates of which will be announced later. During these times there will be no communication or revisions handled. Players may be added or deleted close to their scheduled first match on the submission of an Amended Team Registration Form, up until four weeks after the first match in your division. **No changes may take place during the active playing season apart from the first four (4) weeks.** Players may not switch teams once the first match in their division has taken place and approval for such a switch is required from both captains and the league. The addition of new players must be approved by the league in advance of the individual playing any match. Any unregistered players will result in sets won being forfeited to the opponents. Approval of amended team registration forms may take up to a week to process so please plan ahead and provide complete and thorough information.

8. **Public court teams.** Please be reminded that you are responsible for booking all home matches.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Hong Kong Ladies Tennis League.

Yours sincerely,

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