HONG KONG CHINA SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
LOCAL GROUND RULES
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Appendix I- Example of Rule 5.7.3- Ranking System
If 3 (or more) teams are tied in the overall winning percentage, follow Rule 5.7.3 to break the tie.

## Example

(Fig.1)

|  | Game <br> Played | Win | Loss | Winning \% | Ranking |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TEAM A | 9 | 8 | 1 | $89 \%$ | 1 |
| TEAM B | 9 | 4 | 5 | $44 \%$ |  |
| TEAM C | 9 | 4 | 5 | $44 \%$ |  |
| TEAM D | 9 | 4 | 5 | $44 \%$ |  |
| TEAM E | 9 | 4 | 5 | $44 \%$ |  |
| TEAM F | 9 | 4 | 5 | $44 \%$ |  |
| TEAM G | 9 | 1 | 8 | $11 \%$ | 10 |
| TEAM H | 9 | 4 | 5 | $44 \%$ |  |
| TEAM I | 9 | 4 | 5 | $44 \%$ |  |
| TEAM J | 9 | 2 | 7 | $22 \%$ | 9 |

Following Fig. 1 and rule 5.7.1, team with higher winning percentage ranks on top of other. If 3 or more teams are tied in the winning percentage, follow rule 5.7.3 to break the tie.
(Fig.2)

|  | Game <br> Played | Win | Loss | Winning \% | Ranking |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TEAM B | 6 | 2 | 4 | $33 \%$ |  |
| TEAM C | 6 | 2 | 4 | $33 \%$ |  |
| TEAM D | 6 | 2 | 4 | $33 \%$ |  |
| TEAM E | 6 | 3 | 3 | $50 \%$ | 3 |
| TEAM F | 6 | 2 | 4 | $33 \%$ |  |
| TEAM H | 6 | 2 | 4 | $33 \%$ |  |
| TEAM I | 6 | 4 | 2 | $67 \%$ | 2 |

Following Fig. 2 and rule 5.7 .3 i, calculate the winning percentage among those tied teams, it can derive above rankings and gotten ranking teams are eliminated of tied group.

If 3 or more teams among the group tied again, those teams shall follow rule 5.7.3 ii.

|  | Runs <br> Against | Ranking |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TEAM B | 16 | 4 |
| TEAM C | 22 |  |
| TEAM D | 22 |  |
| TEAM F | 22 |  |
| TEAM H | 22 |  |

Following Fig. 3 and rule 5.7 .3 ii, ranked the teams by their total runs-against recorded played among these tied teams, the team with lowest runs-against is ranks on top of the others and so on. It can derive above rankings and gotten ranking teams are eliminated of tied group.

If $\mathbf{3}$ or more teams among tied in the runs against results, those teams shall follow rule 5.7 .3 iii.
(Fig. 4)

|  | Hits | Ranking |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TEAM C | 17 |  |
| TEAM D | 17 |  |
| TEAM F | 22 | 5 |
| TEAM H | 17 |  |

Following Fig. 4 and rule 5.7 .3 iii, ranked the teams by their total number of hits recorded among these tied teams, the team with the highest number of hits is placed ahead of others and so on. It can derive above rankings.

If 3 or more teams among tied in the number of hits, those teams shall follow rule 5.7.3 iv, their rankings will be decided by drawing in the presence of the tied team managers.

## Appendix II- Penalty when team fail to comply with Rule 7.3 and 7.4

| Accumulation | Penalties |
| :---: | :--- |
| 1st Failure | Team will receive written warning. |
| 2nd Failure | $\$ 200$ deposit of the team will be forfeited. |
| 3rd Failure | $\$ 300$ deposit of the team will be forfeited. |
| 4th Failure | $\$ 500$ deposit of the team will be forfeited. |

*In the game of irresistible circumstances, Hong Kong China Softball Association
reserves the right of final decision of above penalties.

Appendix III- Rule 11.6: Shek Kip Mei softball fields no staying area for any team member

Pitch \#3


Pitch \#4


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