

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 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 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.

(Fig.3)

	Runs 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 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- Example Case of Rule 8.2

Case 1:

The home team is losing by one run after 4th and a half complete innings. The home team scores (a) one run or (b) two runs, in the bottom of the 4th inning, but the game is called due to weather conditions, before the home team has completed its turn at bat. Who wins the game?

Ruling:

According to Rule 8.2.2, the game is a regulation game.

In (a) the game is a tie, based on Rule 8.2.3, the game shall be continued and rescheduled to play at later dates.

In (b) the home team is the winner. The score does not revert back to the last complete inning, when the visitors were leading, because the home team has at least tied the score. In (b) when the home team takes the lead in the bottom of the last inning, then the game is over because the visiting team no longer has an opportunity to bat or score runs.

Case 2:

The home team is leading by one run after the 3rd innings. The visitors score two runs to go ahead, in the top half of the 4th inning. With one out in the bottom half of the same inning, the umpire calls the game due to rain.

Ruling:

According to Rule 8.2.2, This is a regulation game and the home team wins. The score reverts back to the last complete inning because the home team has not completed its turn at bat in the 5th inning and is behind in the score.

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

Pitch #3



Pitch #4



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