

8 October 2025

Dear All Team Managers,

Thank you for supporting to the Hong Kong China Softball Association Open League, we understand that there are lot of instability affecting the 2024-2025 open league, such as unpredictable weather, tight schedule for local and international competitions which cause the difficulties on the arrangement of games. We would also like to express our deep appreciation to all participating teams, and we are happy to see you again in 2025-2026 league.

The entries for the 2025/2026 Fast Pitch Leagues are now opened. The closing date for registration is 23 October 2025 (Thu) at 5:00 p.m. We herewith enclosed the registration documents of Season 2025-2026 for your information.

1. League Registration and Fee

With the agreement of the Hong Kong China Softball Association Executive Council, some of the entry fees and the rules related in the registration for the coming 2025-26 season have been revised. The Association reserves the right to reject entries submitted, especially for late entries. Payments should be made in the form of <u>TWO crossed cheques</u>, one for the Team Entry Fee and one for the rest of the amount, made payable to <u>"Hong Kong China Softball Association".</u>

For convenience, league fees can also be paid by bank transfer. Please contact our staff if you wish to pay by bank transfer and a dedicated account number will be provided.

The maximum number of players in any team roster is twenty-five (25) and the minimum number is fifteen (15). A team with less than 15 players will not be entertained.



Please refer to the table below for the division names of 2025-26.

Division in 2025-26
Men's S
Men's A
Men's B
Men's C
Men's D
Women's A
Women's B
Women's C

It is an obligation that all teams participating in our leagues season 2025-2026 must deposit <u>HK\$2,500</u> in the Association Account. All teams are requested to adhere closely to the league fixtures for the entire season. If a team fails to do so, the team will give a walkover and will be penalized with a fine of <u>HK\$1,000</u>; and for the second walkover game, irrespectively whether the walkovers are consecutive or not, the balance deposit of <u>HK\$1,000</u> will be confiscated. Also, there will be penalty for <u>total \$500</u> when teams fail to submit Line up sheet on time or fail to allow scorer to check identities of the players with respect to the registered record on time. Details of the penalty please refer to Appendix I.

Furthermore, all the players from the offended team will not be allowed to transfer to other teams. The Commissioner of League Affairs reserves the right of allowing an ejected team to be registered in next season.

On the contrary, if a team is found to have completed the whole league fixtures' games without giving a walkover or failure on submit line up on time, the deposit of HK\$2,500 will be refunded. Teams must collect the refund cheque within 12 months after receiving the notification of collecting the refund cheque. Any request of reissue the cheque after 12 months will not be entertained.

Any team fails to submit duly completed application forms, photos and full payment by the closing date, the team will have its registration rejected and its payment will be confiscated without further notice.

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2. Lockers drawing ballots and Reservation Fee

The Annual fee for renting a locker in 2025-2026 season at Tin Kwong Road is <u>HK\$1,750</u>. To establish a fair distribution of lockers to the teams when the number of applications excess our locker provisions, the allocation of lockers to the teams shall be decided by a draw. All teams who wish to apply a locker shall notify the Association through the "Affiliated Club/Team" league registration form with the payment by cheque and be submitted by 23 October 2025 (Thu) at 5:00 p.m. The drawing ballot will be held during the Manager Meeting (Exact date to be confirmed). If any team fails to apply for a locker as desired, the cheque will be returned.

3. Team Manager Meeting (Exact date to be confirmed)

A team manager meeting will be held at TKR conference room. The commissioner of league affairs will explain the playing rules and formats. All queries concerning the league regulations will be answered.

4. League Schedule

The association will announce the first 3 months schedule on the team manager meeting, if any team have requests for the fixture of October, November and December 2025, please send to se@softball.org.hk on or before 23 October 2025 (Thu). Any late request will not be entertained.

A schedule summary for 2025-2026 team registration is shown below.

8/10/2025 (Wed)	Starting team registration for 2025-26 season
23/10/2025 (Thu)	Deadline of team registration for 2025-26 season. Entry Fee together with complete registration document should be reached at the Association office on 23/10/2025 before 5:00 p.m. Late application will not be accepted.
To be confirmed	Team managers' meeting will be held at TKR. The locker allocation for the teams will be drawn in the meeting.



5. Outfield Panel Display Team's Logo

The participation teams are invited to display their team logos on the outfield panel of the TKR main field at no cost this season.

Banners will be arranged according to the 2024-25 season results, with champions and 1st runners-up of each division sharing one banner, and other teams sharing banners with up to four teams per banner (in no particular order).

Please submit the team's logo in the 4:3 aspect ratio and 300DPI AI format (CMYK) to se@softball.org.hk on or before 23 October 2025 (Thu). If any team is unable to submit team's logo, their team's name will be displayed by default. Sample of the display team's logo please refer to Appendix II.

Only team's logo is allowed to be placed in the banner. The Association reserves the right to reject any design if we think that it is not suitable/appropriate to display on the outfield panel. **Any late submissions will not be accepted**.

Comm. League Affairs Hong Kong China Softball Association

Appendix I- 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.



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Appendix II- Sample for outfield panel display team's logo



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