Dear Team Reps,

**Please take the time to read the following information regarding the forthcoming season:**

**EGM**

An EGM will not take place prior to the start of this season.

**Head of DSC / Assistant Secretary**

After a decade of service, Laurence Rudge has decided to step down from the YYL ExCo. Laurence most recently served as head of the Disciplinary Committee, as well as Assistant Secretary. On behalf of the Yau Yee League we would like to thank him for his unwavering commitment and excellent work over all these years. Michael Johnson, the League Chair, will head the DSC for the coming season and join incumbents Edwin Lim and Michael Wong in addition to Neil Jensen to make a four man DSC sub-committee. Should there be any appeals of DSC decision to Exco, the Exco will be Chaired by Adam Wise or Jon McKinley throughout the appeal process.

**Referee Liaison**

Mike Ashton has been co-opted as Referee Liaison for the 2016/17 season. Mike will follow up on complaints and disciplinary issues with the Hong Kong Football Referees’ Association (HKFRA) on behalf of Members, and act as general point of contact.

**Player Registration**

Please make sure you have read and understood the rules regarding player registration. Particular care should be taken when registering a player from the HKFA, a fellow Yau Yee League Member or anyone who has potentially been previously registered using a different document.

A player with two profiles on the website will be deemed ineligible, as in previous seasons – a simple check can be performed by searching the players first or last name (opposed to their full name) and asking them if they have ever previously been registered in the League.

League Rules are available here: <http://www.yauyeeleague.com/en/rules.php>

**Pitch Allocation**

KCC Dragons and KCC Knights will play away games at a time and location selected by the Yau Yee League AO, in line with other Member Teams in the League. Home games will remain at their allotted times, but are subject to change by the Yau Yee League AO as deemed necessary and at the ExCo’s and AO’s sole discretion. Macabbi FC, Bank of China and Gurkha International FC will supply pitches for all of their home and away games (less away games when they are playing against teams who also provide their own pitches) during the season.

**League Calendar**

A playing calendar is available to teams using the following link: <http://www.yauyeeleague.com/en/cal.php>

The calendar is subject to change throughout the season and it is your responsibility to check for amendments and the fixtures on the website to ensure your teams fulfills their obligations in accordance with league rules.

**Withdrawal of USRC / Promotion / Relegation**

USRC have withdrawn from the league and as in previous seasons, and assuming no changes to the current number of Member Teams, two teams will be relegated from Divisions 1-3, with three promoted from divisions 2-4, with a view to have 12 teams in every Division next season with the addition of 2 x new teams subject to them meeting the criteria set by Exco and being voted in by a majority of members at the next AGM.

**Goal of the Month**

Every month, Teams are asked to submit any video footage of goals they deem worthy of winning the ‘Goal of the Month’, via youtube link. Submissions will be reviewed by Michael Wong and Neil Jensen of ExCo and a winner will be selected. Each month, the Team sending the winning entry will win a case of Carlsberg and there will be a cash prize awarded at the annual dinner for goal of the season. Videos to be submitted to [michaelwongtc@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelwongtc@hotmail.com) and [jensen\_neil1@yahoo.com](mailto:jensen_neil1@yahoo.com) within two days of month end. Judges’ decision is final!

**ExCo / Team Reps XI**

ExCo will be arranging several games throughout the season, usually midweek, with a curtain raiser against the referees prior to the cup finals being the highlight. These games represent a great opportunity for the committee and team reps to get together and play a bit of footy in a convivial atmosphere. Any team reps interested in playing in some of these games should email [michael.johnson@yauyeeleague.com](mailto:michael.johnson@yauyeeleague.com) for further details.

**FIFA Laws of the Game**

Useful resource for changes in current laws of the game: <http://www.fifa.com/mm/Document/FootballDevelopment/Refereeing/02/79/92/44/Laws.of.the.Game.2016.2017_Neutral.pdf> pdf is also attached with this note.

**Administrative Changes To League Constitution & Rules**

The following changes have been approved by exco:

**Change To Constitution (Must be Ratified By Members at 2017 YYL AGM)**

**4 Registered Address**  
  
The registered address of The League shall be 1F & 2F, 47A, Shui Hau Village, Lantau Island, Hong Kong.

**Changes To League Rules (Approved By Exco)**

18. ExCo members and match officials may require a player or players to prove that they are properly registered. This may include, but not necessarily be limited to the inspection of identity documents prior to a match taking place. Failure to provide proof WILL be taken to indicate that the player or players concerned are not registered and thus ineligible to play in the game.

19. Teams can register a maximum of 30 players and up to 4 non-playing team reps. Registration and de-registration must be done via the League website. If the website accepts the player’s registration, he is an eligible player of the team. However, it is the team rep’s responsibility to check and make sure that the registration has not resulted in a duplicate player identity.

20. When a team first registers a new player, the team must supply the player’s full name as shown on his or her Hong Kong identity card, international passport stamped with a valid entry visa for Hong Kong or Hong Kong Immigration Recognizance Document as well as his or her identity document number. The registration itself must be done via the League’s website and it is the responsibility of the team representatives to keep a printed record of the registration details.

21. If a player changes identity documents, (for example from a foreign passport to a Hong Kong ID card), it is the team rep’s responsibility to apply to change the player’s ID detail on the website. The proper procedure would be to apply via email to the Chairman, the secretary, the division rep, the AO and the webmaster, stating the change and the reason for the change and supplying both the previous and new ID document copies for record keeping. Failure to do so will result in the player being deemed ineligible and penalties will be applied (retroactively).

22. In keeping with the amateur nature of the league, no team shall pay players for playing for a team or offer them any form of financial inducement. Any breach of this rule shall be dealt with by the Disciplinary Sub Committee as it sees fit.

23. For a player to be eligible to play in a match, the League must receive his or her registration details at least 48 hours before a game is played. For matches taking place on a Sunday, the normal deadline is midnight on the immediately preceding Friday. The League’s website is programmed to lock-down 48 hours before a game is to be played and release registrations at midnight on the day the games are played. Should a team have a Tuesday midweek game immediately following a Sunday game, it is advisable for the team reps to register enough players for both game by the Friday preceding as there will be no registration window between the games. Newly registered players will automatically be added to the team sheet once registration has been completed via the League’s website. If a team de-registers a player less than 48 hours after he or she has played in a Yau Yee League or Cup match, it will be liable to the penalty set out in Regulation 2.

25. Before the 1st February each year, players may transfer from one League team to another. Any player wishing to transfer must first be de-registered from his previous team’s webpage before he can be registered to his new team. A player may be transferred a maximum of 2 occasions during the course of any playing season. After 1st February each year, players will not be allowed to transfer from one League team to another and any person who has been registered in the current season with the HKFC will not be allowed to join a League team even if he is de-registered from the HKFA. In addition, If a player has played for one League team in a Cup match then he or she is not eligible to play for another team in the same competition during the same season.

**Finances** (previously sent by Steve Cairns on1st September 2016)

Please find attached the spreadsheet for the first payment installment for the Yau Yee League 2016-17 season. The annual fees for **all** teams, aside from those providing a pitch, is 23,000 HKD for the whole season. As always at this point, teams need only pay 13,000 HKD.

 The cost to teams who have been confirmed as having a training pitch is 11,000 HKD for the whole season. At this point, teams only need to pay 5,500 HKD.

 New teams Gurhka and Bank of China, along with Corinthians, are required to pay their **full** annual amount before the deadline.

The current outstanding balance to teams includes all costs for training pitches in August, as well as any money still owing from last season.

The Yau Yee League requires teams to make payments **THREE TIMES A YEAR ONLY.** Therefore, players incurring fines or other costs between now and December do not need to pay until the second request for payment is issued in January 2017.

Please arrange payment to the YYL account: **HSBC Account Number: 600-711626-001**, on or before **September 30th 2016** and send proof of payment to the treasurer's e mail: [treasurer@yauyeeleague.com](mailto:treasurer@yauyeeleague.com)

Failure to make payment AND send proof of payment before the deadline will result in a 500 HKD late payment fine, which will be doubled after a week. Teams who have not settled their dues by 14th October will be suspended.

**Yau Yee League ExCo Contact**

If you are unclear about anything, or wish to ask a question**, please contact Michael Johnson, Adam Wise, Michael Yen (for website issues) or your Div Rep by email or phone.** We are always more than willing to give assistance when required and, usually, at short notice. <http://www.yauyeeleague.com/en/exco_contacts.php>

**Good luck to all of you for the season ahead!**