

香港精英運動員協會憲章  
Constitution of Hong Kong Elite Athletes  
Association

## Chapter One General

Article 1. The Association is named "香港精英運動員協會", with English name: "Hong Kong Elite Athletes Association".

Article 2. Address of the Association: Room 36 & 38, G/F, Block B, Mei Fung House, Mei Lam Estate, Sha Tin District, New Territories.

## Chapter Two Purpose

Article 3. The Association is an independent athlete organisation and a non-profit legally registered association with the purpose of:

- i) Advocating sportsmanship and uniting the strength of members to facilitate the development of local sports;
- ii) Promoting and enhancing the public image of elite athletes;
- iii) Encouraging and organising members to participate in public welfare affairs and contribute to society;
- iv) Following up on matters concerning sports development;
- v) Promoting mutual understanding, friendship and solidarity among members, and displaying the spirit of mutual assistance.

## Chapter Three Membership and Membership Fee

### Article 4. Membership

The Association has set up the following memberships:

- i) 基本會員 ( Ordinary Member )
- ii) 名譽會籍 ( Honorary Membership )

#### Qualification

- i) Any scholarship athlete in active service or anyone who has been member of the Jubilee Sports Centre, the Hong Kong Sports Institute or the Hong Kong Sports Development Board that agrees with the purpose of the Association and is willing to abide by its rules and regulations may apply for membership; or
- ii) Anyone who has represented Hong Kong at the Asian Games or games of the same level or above that agrees with the purpose of the Association and is willing to abide by its rules and regulations may apply for membership.
- iii) The Association can invite people that contributed to Hong Kong's sports development to be the Honorary President, Honorary Vice President or Honorary Member under approval of the Executive Committee.

#### Article 5. Membership Application

- i) The application form shall be filled in as required and submitted together with the membership fee;
- ii) The application shall be reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee of the Association, and discussed at each regular meeting;
- iii) If the application is not accepted, all payment will be refunded to the applicant.

#### Article 6. Membership Fee

- i) All ordinary members admitted by the Association shall pay membership fee. The membership fee will be determined by the Executive Committee.
- ii) Retired members who wish to resume membership shall reapply for membership and pay the membership fee again.

#### Article 7. Rights of Members

All members:

- i) Are eligible to attend the General Meeting and be elected as a member of the Executive Committee;
- ii) Are eligible to nominate, be elected and vote in the General Meeting;
- iii) Can participate in the events organised by the Association.

Article 8. Obligations of Members

- i) Abide by the Constitution and the decisions of the General Meeting, Special General Meeting and Executive Committee;
- ii) Attend the General Meeting;
- iii) Do the utmost to help to promote the purpose established by the Association and participate in the activities organised by the Association;
- iv) Shall pay the membership fee according to [Membership Fee] under Article 6 of Chapter Three.

Article 9. President

The Executive Committee can invite people that has contributed to Hong Kong's sports development to become the President after discussion and approval. The President can participate in or attend the meetings of the Executive Committee, give advice and lead the Association in setting directions.

Chapter Four Structures & Functions and Powers

Article 10. The General Meeting is the highest power structure of the Association, and the Executive Committee is the executive structure afterwards, which is responsible for all daily meeting operations. In addition, working groups have been set up to assist the Association's purpose at different levels.

Article 11. The Executive Committee shall be composed of no more than 13 members, with one chairman, two vice chairmen, one secretary general and one treasurer elected by each other, and the rest as members

Article 12. Members of the Association are voluntary (except for salaried staff) for a term of two years and may be re-elected.

Article 13. In case of any vacancy for member, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy by mutual election.

Article 14. The Executive Committee shall decide on the employment, dismissal and remuneration of any staff employed by the Association when necessary.

Article 15. The functions and powers of the General Meeting are as follows:

- i) Approve the revised Constitution ;
- ii) Approve the business report and financial report of the Executive Committee;
- iii) Determine matters concerning business development and reform.
- iv) Appoint voluntary auditor;
- v) Appoint voluntary auditor;

Article 16. The functions and powers of the Executive Committee are as follows:

- i) Execute the decisions of the General Meeting and the Special General Meeting;
- ii) Invite people who have contributed to Hong Kong's sports development to become the President, Vice President, Honorary President, Honorary Vice President, Advisor or Honorary Member;
- iii) Review and approve membership application;
- iv) Determine membership fee and annual fee;
- v) Formulate financial budgets;
- vi) Handle the daily meeting affairs;
- vii) Give advice to the General Meeting;
- viii) Determine the employment, dismissal and remuneration of staff.

Article 17. The functions and powers of the members of the Executive Committee are as follows:

- i) The Executive Committee shall elect the group leaders through mutual election.
- ii) The Chairman shall preside over the General Meeting and the meetings of Executive Committee, as well as supervise the work of all groups;
- iii) The Vice Chairman shall assist the Chairman in dealing with the meeting affairs, and act on his/her behalf in turn in case of the absence, leave or resignation;
- iv) The Secretary-General shall be responsible for all the paperwork, the preparation of the agenda, the minutes of all meeting resolutions and the handling of routine meeting affairs ;
- v) The Treasurer shall be responsible for revenues and expenditures, custody, budgeting, auditing revenue and expenditure accounts, and submitting the accounts to the voluntary auditor to make financial reports.

Article 18. The fiscal year of the Association is from April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

## Chapter Five Meetings

### Article 19. General Meeting

- i) It must be held at least once every new year, with a gap of no more than fifteen months from the previous assembly, and shall be presided over by Chairman.
- ii) A Special General Meeting may be requested by the Executive Committee or by two-thirds of the total members under joint written signatures.
- iii) The General Meeting shall have a quorum of fifteen. If the quorum is insufficient, the General Meeting will be adjourned and resumed within fourteen days from that date. In a resumed meeting, no matter how many members are present, they shall be deemed as a quorum.

### Article 20: Executive Committee

- i) Hold meetings every two months;
- ii) The Chairman may gather members at any time when necessary and the quorum shall be half of the total number of all members (i.e. seven);
- iii) The meetings shall be presided over by Chairman. In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, members present shall select an interim Chairman from among them to preside over the meeting.
- iv) The agendas of all meetings must be approved by more than half of the participants before they can become resolutions. If the votes of both parties are equal, the chairman presiding over the meeting shall have an additional vote.

## Chapter Six Election

Article 21. Members who want to run for the members of the Executive Committee shall register in writing with the Secretariat within the time limit specified before the General Meeting.

Article 22. The election of members of the Executive Committee shall be conducted by secret ballot and the votes shall be counted in public. Those who obtain the most votes shall be elected as the members. In the event of the same number of votes, a re-election shall be conducted immediately for those with the same number of votes; if there are equal nominations (i.e., only 13 nominations), no election will be held and 13 candidates will be automatically elected as members of the new Executive Committee.

Article 23. A meeting of the new Executive Committee shall be held within 14 days from the date of election, so that the members can elect people suitable for the various positions on the Committee from among them.

## Chapter Seven Sources and Uses of Funds

Article 24. Source of funds:

- i) Membership fee;
- ii) Raising funds through activities;
- iii) Donations from community enthusiasts;
- iv) Sponsorship by commercial organisations; and
- v) Others: administrative fees collected for assisting other organisations in holding activities, etc.

Article 25. The funds of the Association shall only be used for the normal operation of the Association and the handling of the business stipulated in Article Three of Chapter Two of the Constitution, and shall not be used for other purposes.



Chapter Eight Supplementary Provisions

Article 26. Dissolution of the Association shall be approved by the General Meeting or the Special General Meeting, and shall be approved by more than two-thirds of the members present at the General Meeting or the Special General Meeting. If there is any surplus asset, the General Meeting or the Special General Meeting may decide to grant it to the institution close to the purpose of this Association. In the event of any liability arising at the time of dissolution of the Association, all persons associated with the Association, such as the President, Vice President, Honorary President, Honorary Vice President, Advisor, Honorary Member, Voluntary Legal Advisor, Voluntary Auditor and all members, shall not be liable for any related debts.

Article 27. Any amendment to this Constitution shall not come into force unless it is approved by the General Meeting or the Special General Meeting.