



Yau Yat Chuen Garden City Club Ltd.  
又一村花園俱樂部有限公司

9 April, 2019

Re: Variations to Sports Membership Scheme

Dear Members,

Further to my earlier circular to you on 26 Feb 2019, I wish to inform you that the Recreation Sub-Committee, the PRL Sub-Committee and our Management Team have reached a decision to vary our existing Sports Membership terms. The variations are intended to attract suitable sportswomen and sportsmen to join our Club and enable our Club to make greater sports contribution to Hong Kong pursuant to Government policy for private leases renewal.

When deciding on the variations, the two Sub-Committees and the Management Team have fully considered your interest and concern as full members of the Club and have confidence that a bearable balance has been struck.

The admission of Sports Members alone is not recognised as a sport contribution but their joining in competitions using our Club facilities and organized by recognised Sports Associations is so recognised. Sports Members are expected to contribute in different ways such as joining our Club's teams or providing training at our Club to persons nominated by Eligible Outside Bodies prescribed by Government.

Also, the two Sub-Committees will also discuss and decide on further opening up hours to Eligible Outside Bodies soon and I will report on that in due course.

You are therefore cordially invited to nominate candidates for Sports Membership if you have suitable nominees in mind in respect of any kind of sport for the two Sub-Committees to consider but the Club reserves the right to reject any nomination without giving any reason.



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The existing Sports Membership terms and the variations are attached for your information. Applications can be submitted anytime from 10 April 2019. Application forms can be downloaded from our website or collected from the Recreation Front Desk from 10 April 2019. Applications will be processed and considered at least once a month.

If you have any query, please write to the Club Secretariat or email them at [secretariat@yycclub.org](mailto:secretariat@yycclub.org).

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Chairman



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## **Sports Membership Scheme**

### **Existing Terms**

1. Membership Validity
  - 1.1 1 year.
2. Membership Fee
  - 2.1 Annual Fee: HK\$900 (No admission fee is required);
  - 2.2 Monthly Subscription Fee: HK\$100.
3. Eligibility
  - 3.1 Under the age of 28;
  - 3.2 Excel in Tennis Sport;
  - 3.3 Undertake to represent the Club in open competition at advance level.

### **New Terms**

1. Criteria
  - 1.1 Able to show participation in competition, distinction or coaching in sports recognized by HAB such as badminton, tennis or table tennis;
  - 1.2 It is necessary for the applicant to be proposed by a full member of the Club and seconded by 4 other full members;
  - 1.3 Applicants may be invited to interviews.
  - 1.4 Subject to approval of Recreation Sub-Committee and PRL Sub-Committee (2 out of three representatives from each Sub-Committee by majority of 4 representatives at their absolute discretion).
2. Rights and Obligations
  - 2.1 Use of all facilities excluding Chinese Restaurant and Card Rooms but including all other facilities such as gym, Verbena Cafe and beverage facilities. Expenditure of each Sports Member in Verbena Cafe shall not exceed HK\$5,000 per month;
  - 2.2 Use of non-sports facilities must be incidental to use of sport facilities.



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- 2.3 Sports Members are not entitled to bring guests to use the Club facilities and are not entitled to use the Club's car parking spaces except on dates of home league games hosted by the Club;
  - 2.4 Each Sports Member shall undertake to use reasonable endeavors to represent the Club or at the request of the Club participate in relevant sports competitions and/or provide training to persons nominated by Eligible Outside Bodies and/or practising with team members of the Club and persons nominated by Eligible Outside Bodies;
3. Conditions
- 3.1 Monthly subscription fee:  
HK\$100 (under the age of 21) or HK\$500 (over the age of 21);
  - 3.2 Sports Membership is to be reviewed and renewed on an annual basis at the Club's absolute discretion;
  - 3.3 Non-transferable;
  - 3.4 Not be entitled to apply for Absentee Membership;
  - 3.5 No voting right;
  - 3.6 Shall comply with the regulations of the Club for the use of the Club's facilities from time to time adopted.
4. Remarks
- 4.1 No age restrictions;
  - 4.2 No entrance fee;
  - 4.3 Initial target to recruit 10 members each for badminton, tennis or table tennis as soon as possible but the initial target of 30 members can be interchanged between different sports according to responses.

**Attachment**

Please see extract of sections 3.3.2 and 3.3.18 from HAB's Consultation Paper.





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**Extract from HAB's Consultation Paper**

項目 Item	章節 Chapter No	建議內容 Proposed Reviews and Suggestions
1)	3.3.2	To further promote sports development, many private sports clubs have admitted <b>junior members or sports members</b> that allow young sportsmen and women to join at significantly reduced rates of entry to provide them with training facilities.
2)	3.3.18	The Working Group also proposes to require PRL lessees which are private sports clubs to allow non-members access to essential supporting facilities such as toilets, changing rooms, drinking fountains and “pro shops” selling sport-related goods, such as equipment, medical supplies and sports nutrition items. <b>As regards their use of other ancillary facilities such as F&amp;B outlets, we may consider supporting arrangements where the use of such facilities by non-members is incidental to their use of sports-related facilities.</b> The Working Group does not however see a justification for allowing the private sports clubs to open up their F&B outlets to non-members who are not users of the sports facilities as this is tantamount to allowing the private sports clubs to operate such outlets commercially, which contravenes the original intent of PRLs in providing services to their members and results in unfair competition with F&B outlets operating on private leases that are subject to full market premium.