

# HOLLANDSE CLUB

## Rules & Regulations Amendments (10 March 21)

Following recent approval from the Registry of Societies, and reflected in the changes to the Club's constitution, the following key deletions and additions/ amendments (in blue) have been made to the Club's Rules & Regulations following the AGM on 10 March 21:

### Article 2.7

Wherever in these Rules the word 'Direct Family' shall occur, it shall mean a child, spouse, partner, or parent of the Member, who are Residents, living in the same household. All other categories of persons are excluded such as tenants, siblings, friends. All Direct Family Members must be registered for Membership. The Main Committee has the right to determine who complies with this definition.

### Article 2.8

A Corporate Member shall comprise of the categories detailed in Article 7.4.

### Article 2.9

Wherever in these Rules the word 'General Meeting' shall occur, it shall mean either an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members.

### Article 2.10

Wherever in these Rules the words "Voting Member" shall occur, it shall mean a Member that is entitled to attend and vote in respect of the matter being voted on at a General Meeting as set out in Article 18.1.

### Article 5.4

For each of the categories of Membership a person may join as a single member, or as part of a Direct Family.

### Article 5.5

A person who is under the age of twenty-one (21) or twenty-five (25) if in full-time education shall be permitted to be included in a Direct Family's membership, provided that he or she complies with the terms as defined under Direct Family. Once a person has reached the age of twenty-one (21) or twenty-five (25), even if in full time education, he or she is no longer entitled to remain part of a Direct Family's membership and can instead become a single member in one of the applicable membership categories.

### Article 6.1

Approved Members of the Club shall be classified as holding one of the following categories of membership with the Club and being entitled to the rights and privileges associated only with that particular category of membership:

- 1) ~~Ordinary~~ Lifetime Membership
- 2) Associate Membership

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3) [...]

9) Transferable Membership

*Please note the term “Ordinary” membership has been replaced by “Lifetime” membership throughout all rules, as applicable.*

## Article 7.3.1

A Singapore Member has only ~~partial~~ **limited** voting rights within the Club under these Rules.

## Article 7.6.1

To qualify as an Absent Member, the Member, may notify the ~~Club Secretary~~ **General Manager** in writing upon commencement of his leave of absence to be considered by the Main Committee to be admitted to the Absent Members List.

## Article 7.6.2

A Member may only be admitted to and remain on the Absent Members’ List provided he has paid in full all amounts due to the Club up until his date of departure and ~~once he has paid:~~

- ~~a. A one-time fee which shall be decided upon from time to time by the Main Committee for admittance onto the Absent Members’ List or~~
- b. the annual fee payable in advance for remaining on the Absent Members’ List. This fee which shall be decided upon from time to time by the Main Committee (a pro-rated annual absence fee shall be charged in the year the Member becomes absent in line with his/her last day at the Club).**

## Article 7.6.4

An Absent Member must inform the ~~Club Secretary~~ **General Manager** of his return to Singapore. [...]. Full contributions increased by compulsory surcharges, if any, shall be payable in respect of the month during which reinstatement becomes effective.

## Article 7.6.9

**An Absent Member may transfer their Membership to Direct Family that is a child of that Member, provided all dues are up to date, subject to Main Committee approval, and payment of a transfer fee as applicable.**

## Article 7.8.5

**A Transferable Membership can be transferred to Direct Family on the death of a Transferable Member, subject to Main Committee approval.**

## **Article 9 Candidate Trial Members**

### Article 9.1

Upon receipt of the application for **Trial** Membership, the ~~candidate~~ **Trial** Member shall be sent a copy of these Rules and Bye-Laws.

### Article 9.2

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A ~~candidate~~ Trial Member shall be permitted to make use of the Club's facilities and shall have the same privileges and obligations as a Member in the category for which he has applied, but he shall have no voting rights and shall not be permitted to introduce guests in the Club.

## Article 9.3

~~A candidate Member who is rejected cannot be introduced again within one (1) year following rejection, nor can he be introduced as a guest during the period.~~

A Trial Member may not apply for another trial of the Club within one (1) year of completion of the previous trial.

## Article 11.1

The Main Committee of the Club shall consist of the following officers:

- 1) President
- 2) Vice President
- 3) Secretary
- 4) Treasurer
- 5) Member for Membership ~~Services~~
- 6) Member for Marketing & Commercial Affairs
- 7) Member for Sports & ~~Activities~~
- 8) Member for ~~Maintenance & Property Development~~ Estates
- 9) Ordinary Main Committee Member

## Article 11.15

The Club currently has the following Sub-Committees:

- a) Finance Committee
- b) Marketing & Commercial Affairs Committee
- c) ~~Membership & Communications~~ Committee
- d) ~~Maintenance~~ Estates Committee
- e) ~~Sports & Activities~~ Committee
- f) House Committee

## Article 12.9

Any disciplinary actions as against Members will be dealt with by the Main Committee by forming a Disciplinary Committee (to be headed, and presided over, by either the President, Vice-President, or Club Secretary) supplemented by three (3) voting Members who shall be appointed by the Main Committee.

## Article 12.11

Notwithstanding Articles 12.9 and 12.10 above in relation to discipline, the Main Committee has the power to temporarily suspend, remove permanently or force the resignation of a member of the Main Committee, or any Sub-Committee Member, who has in the opinion of the Main Committee decided by a majority decision of the full membership of the Main Committee (not counting the person or person(s) at whom the disciplinary action is targeted):

- a. behaved in a manner unbecoming of a member of the Main or Sub-Committee;
- b. breached the confidentiality or other undertaking signed or given as a member of the Main or Sub-Committee;

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- c. shown himself to be unfit to fulfil the role assigned to him or her by the President or Chairman;
- d. repeatedly and generally disruptive; or,
- e. for any other reasonable and justifiable basis.

## Article 13.2 (President)

The President shall convene and conduct the Meetings of Members and the Main Committee Meetings... [...] The President shall take any initiative deemed necessary to discharge the long-term social responsibilities of the Club to its Members and employees, and shall provide advice, information and particular experience or expertise that may assist in improving the running of the Club's affairs. The President shall be responsible for assigning (or re-assigning as necessary) portfolios to the Main Committee members, but he may only re-assign the Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer positions when they become vacant. Any changes to the Main Committee shall be notified to the Registrar of Societies within two weeks of the change.

## Article 15.4

~~Each Member~~ Only Voting Members shall have the right to attend a General Meeting of Members and shall have the right to submit proposals for consideration and to participate in the deliberations...[...] Any such notice received by the Secretary shall be included in the notice convening the General Meeting.

## Article 15.5

Only Voting Members of the Club, authorised Club staff and those requested by the Main Committee may attend the General Meeting of Members.

## Article 18.1

Only the following Members shall have voting rights:

- I. ~~Ordinary~~ Lifetime Members;
- II. Associate Members;
- III. Singapore Members;
- IV. Transferable Members;
- V. Corporate Members
- VI. \*Absent Members

## Article 18.2

All Members with voting rights may exercise their right to vote provided they are in good standing, present at the meeting and have signed the attendance list. In the case of Family Membership both Partners (Principal and Spouse/Partner) are considered to be individual Members entitled to the rights and privileges associated with that category of Membership. The Main Committee has the absolute and unappealable right to determine who qualifies as Spouse/ Partner. \*Absent Members are only entitled to vote on any proposed change to these Rules & Regulations which, if implemented, would affect their rights to distribution on dissolution.

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## Article 18.3

When a **Voting Member** is unable to attend a **General Meeting in person**, such **Voting Member** is entitled to vote by a duly signed and completed proxy.

## Article 18.6

A Member may not hold more than ~~three (3) proxies~~ **one (1) proxy**.

## ~~Article 18.10~~

~~Voting on the election of officer-bearers shall be secret ballot.~~

## Article 19.5

~~Persons, who are not residents of Singapore, may be introduced without limitation, it being understood that no introduction shall be valid for more than two (2) weeks.~~

Persons not residing in Singapore, can be introduced for up to 14 days per calendar year to use the HC's facilities. The days do not have to be consecutive.

## Article 19.11

Domestic Helpers of Members are allowed to access the Club in order to (i) care for and attend to the Member's Dependants or (ii) attend activities run for domestic helpers, but such access is subject to rules as the Main Committee may determine from time to time and as stated in the Bye-Laws.

## Article 21.1

All Outstanding Debts to the Club shall be claimable at all times and may include interest, to be determined by the Main Committee, ~~within reason~~ **at any lawful rate**.

## Article 23.3

Termination of Membership shall not constitute termination of debts owing to the Club **which shall become immediately payable**.

## Article 26.1

Suggestions concerning any matter of a domestic nature ..[.] There shall be an opportunity to submit suggestions in the building of the Club, **or through [suggestions@hollandseclub.org.sg](mailto:suggestions@hollandseclub.org.sg)** .

A full copy of the Rules & Regulations is available to read at:

<https://www.hollandseclub.org.sg/membership>



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