

## **Sporting Membership at HKCC: What does it mean?**

The HKCC Sporting Membership offering is aimed at genuine sportspeople who not only want to represent the HKCC but also play an active role in the squash section of the club and the broader HKCC community. It is in the best interests of HKCC to ensure we attract the best candidates for these limited spaces, be that in a predominantly sporting or social capacity. We have strong demand throughout the community and ensuring the places are awarded to the best candidates is of paramount importance to us.

### **Commitment**

Sporting Membership comes with many benefits but also a number of obligations which should be recognised from the outset by the individual. A Sporting Membership is a privilege as it entails expedited entry to the club at a substantially reduced cost when compared to other types of membership. Acceptance of the membership does come with an expected level of commitment that should be carefully considered before joining.

Key aspects of the “commitment”:

- The commitment period is for a minimum of 4 years
- During this period there will be reviews to ensure each member is “on track”
- At the discretion of the Section Committee, the 4 year commitment may be extended in the event of failure to obtain the requisite level desired
- Failure to adhere to the required levels of commitment may result in termination of your membership

Commitment in the squash section doesn't end on the squash court. Your active and proactive assistance in social events is critical and encouraged on every level. We organize many activities as a section within Hong Kong but also internally within the club and your help with any of this is welcomed and will be acknowledged.

The basic level of commitment expected of any Sporting Member within the HKCC squash section comprises:

- 70% availability for main league HK Squash matches
- 50% playing ratio for these matches
- Active support of all section squash events per year (e.g. club nights, Saturday social, tournaments)
- Active support and involvement in the running of section social events (e.g. Annual Ball, Wing Ding, Summer League, Giving Tree, Squash Tours, Barefoot Bowls)

That said, we recognise there may be individual circumstances where that expectation will not be fulfilled for genuine reasons e.g. prolonged injury, unexpected time spent abroad through work. These events are understandable and when those situations arise, the Squash Committee will consider those individually.

### **Required Playing Level**

The minimum standard of playing level to be eligible for a HKCC Sporting Membership is Division 8 of the HK Squash Main League (Men) or Ladies 2 for women. If you are below this

level, you may still consider trialling (see below) as you may be near the standard and could improve with a commitment to regular coaching.

If you are considering applying for a Sports Membership, please at that time provide us with details of your experience and history in playing competitive squash so we can give you an idea as to whether you meet the required standard.

Unlike other clubs, we do not have a specific set time of the year when “trials” take place and we would be willing to assess your eligibility during our Saturday Socials (every weekend from 12).

We have no doubt that you (and your family) will benefit hugely from a HKCC Sporting Membership. But please bear in mind when applying for Sporting Membership status whether your current circumstance will allow the time and commitment required.

**The HKCC Squash Committee**