

HKGSA Registered Official Menu

Officials are present at all competitions to enforce the technical rules of the specific discipline to ensure the competition is conducted in a fair manner. These General Rules are basic regulations for all registered officials of HKGSA. HKGSA recognises that these Rules may be adjusted from time to time but recommends that all officials adhere to these Rules as closely as possible.

GENERAL RULES

- ◆ An official must be registered before he/she represents his/her club in HKGSA affairs or being nominated/ recommended by his/her club in any course or program.
- ◆ All officials who want to be HKGSA registered official must fill in the HKGSA Official Registration Form.
- ◆ Registered officials are allowed to represent only one club at a time in any situation.
- ◆ All HKGSA registered officials who wish to transfer club membership must fill in the Club Transfer - Official Registration Form, new information will be valid after seven working days when the HKGSA staff receive all necessary documents.
- ◆ Violation of any rules set here will be subject to penalty as decided by HKGSA.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 Age 16 or over;
- 1.2 Possess valid HKGSA Official Certificates; and
- 1.3 Endorsed by HKGSA Members

2. ENFORCEMENT AT PRACTICE

- 2.1 Failure to comply with this Menu and/or Code of Conduct will be grounded for termination of official membership status.
- 2.2 Clubs that continue to conduct a program with official who has been suspended his/her official registration due to violation of the Official Menu and/or Code of Conduct will risk losing membership.

3. RESPONSIBILITY

- 3.1 If required, officials shall report to HKGSA of the problems and progress of all swimmers/players and/or teams in any HKGSA organized training courses and/or overseas meets.
- 3.2 All officials must seek prior approval from the HKGSA before representing Hong Kong in any overseas or local events such as demonstrations, exchange, clinics, competitions...etc.
- 3.3 All officials should wear proper costumes offered by the HKGSA of all competitions except when no costumes are offered and individual clothing are allowed.

- 3.4 Individual clothing of all officials shall be in good moral taste and suitable for the occasion of competitions of all disciplines and not to carry any symbol which may be considered offensive.
- 3.5 Follow the rules and regulations of all swimming pools and wear clean sandals at all times when officiating in any HKGSA competitions and events.
- 3.6 Each official shall strictly observe the rules, regulations, policies and guidelines of HKGSA and World Aquatics rules.
- 3.7 All officials shall be responsible for their action and abide by the Code of Conduct.

4. UNAUTHORIZED RELATIONS AND MISBEHAVIOUR

- 4.1 No registered officials shall have any kind of relationship with a suspended body.
- 4.2 Officiating any competition with suspended bodies is not permissible.
- 4.3 Officiating and holding of demonstrations and/or exhibitions, clinics, training, competitions, etc., with suspended bodies is not permissible.

5. RIGHTS

Registered Officials are eligible to:

- 5.1 Officiate any competitions and participate in HKGSA events.
- 5.2 Participate in HKGSA organized and sanctioned official training courses.

6. DISQUALIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL

- 6.1 Any disqualification and withdrawal of registered official shall be handled by a sub-committee case by case and final decision is subject to the decision of the Respective Disciplines' Committee/Technical Committee of the HKGSA.

Code of Conduct for Registered Officials

This Code establishes the basic regulations for fair play and moral behaviour and general discipline of registered officials in all HKGSA activities. HKGSA retains its rights to review the content of the Code of Conduct in any circumstance.

1. Declare conflict of interest when necessary.
2. Be honest and ensure all qualifications presented are all truth.
3. Attend all official training courses when necessary.
4. Know and abide by World Aquatics and HKGSA rules, regulations and standards.
5. Officiate all competitions in a professional manner.
6. Encourage, develop and maintain integrity in relationships with all officials, swimmers/players and coaches.
7. Any relationship to further personal, political, or business interests is strictly prohibited within the officiating hours of competitions organized by the HKGSA.
8. Act as a role model that promotes positive aspects of the specific discipline.
9. Maintain the highest standards of personal conduct and project a favorable image of the specific discipline at all times.
10. Discourage the use of performance-enhancing drugs or World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA") banned substances and any illegal substance in any situation.
11. Treat all participants in a fair manner within the context of their training, competitions regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, religion, socio-economic status and any other conditions.
12. Do not engage in any conduct that is contrary to or inconsistent with the policies of HKGSA.
13. Do not express any personal opinion/comments/speech that damages the image of HKGSA.