

Hong Kong Scrabble Players Association
Hong Kong Player Statuses Regulation

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Section I: General

1. Definition

In this Regulation:

“Association” shall mean the Hong Kong Scrabble Players Association.

“Main Committee” shall mean the Main Committee of the Association.

“Members” shall mean individual members of the Association.

“Regulation” shall mean the Hong Kong Player Statuses Regulation of the Association.

“Tournament(s)” shall mean Scrabble tournament(s).

2. Aim

The Regulation aims at regulating the statuses as Hong Kong players in WESPA-rated events, and other overseas and international tournaments.

3. Amendment

The Regulation shall be amended or rescinded at any Main Committee meeting with recommendation from any popularly elected Main Committee member, and a motion carried by a two-thirds majority.

4. Interpretation

The interpretation of the Regulation shall rest with the Main Committee.

Section II: Statuses

1. Types of statuses

There are two statuses as Hong Kong players: representation and affiliation.

2. Representation

All Hong Kong Permanent Residents can choose Hong Kong as their representation in WESPA-rated events, and other overseas and international tournaments. Players with Hong Kong representation status can:

- Through a qualifying process, represent Hong Kong in the WESPA Championship and any WESPA-rated tournaments in which there is a quota for Hong Kong players
- Represent Hong Kong in international and overseas tournaments
- Be shown as a Hong Kong player in the WESPA database
- Participate in the Hong Kong National Scrabble Championship

3. Affiliation

Hong Kong Residents who are not yet Permanent Residents can choose Hong Kong as their affiliation in WESPA-rated events, and other overseas and international tournaments after signing a declaration. Players with Hong Kong affiliation status can:

- Be identified as from Hong Kong in international and overseas tournaments
- Be shown as a Hong Kong player in the WESPA database
- After competing in any overseas WESPA-rated tournaments under Hong Kong affiliation, obtain Hong Kong representation status
- After becoming a Hong Kong Permanent Resident, obtain Hong Kong representation status

Section III: Loss of statuses

1. Loss of representation status

A player would lose his or her representation status if he or she, with the approval from any other national association recognized by WESPA, chose to represent that country in WESPA-rated tournaments.

2. Loss of affiliation status

A player would lose his or her affiliation status if he or she:

- with the approval from any other national association recognized by WESPA, chose to represent that country in WESPA-rated tournaments; or
- obtained Hong Kong representation status.

3. Lost status can only be obtained again with a five-year waiting period

A player cannot obtain representation or affiliation statuses again once he gave up his representation or affiliation status, unless he or she did not play in any tournaments representing any country other than Hong Kong in the previous five years, and sincerely wants to obtain Hong Kong player statuses again by signing a declaration.

Section IV: Main Committee's discretion

The Main Committee can exercise its discretionary power in judgments relating to Section II and III of the regulation under exceptional circumstances, with recommendation from any popularly elected Main Committee member, and a motion carried by a two-thirds majority.

Section V: Appeal

Any players affected by any judgments by virtue of the regulation reserves the right of appeal to the Main Committee.