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COMMON GAMING HOUSES ACT
(CHAPTER 49)

COMMON GAMING HOUSES
(EXEMPTION) (NO. 5)
NOTIFICATION 2014

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

Paragraph

1. Citation
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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 24 of the Common Gaming Houses Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Notification:

Citation

1. This Notification may be cited as the Common Gaming Houses (Exemption) (No. 5) Notification 2014.

Exemption

2.—(1) The Minister hereby exempts Bishan East Grassroots Organisations (referred to in this Notification as “the organiser”) from the provisions of the Act in respect of the “Mahjong Competition In-conjunction with Lunar New Year Celebration” promotion to be held from 17th January 2014 to 8th February 2014 (both dates inclusive) and the mahjong games to be held on 8th February 2014 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the multi-purpose hall of Bishan Community Club.

(2) The exemption is subject to compliance by the organiser with the conditions specified in the Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE

Paragraph 2

CONDITIONS

1. The only game played shall be mahjong.
2. All players must be at least 21 years of age and residing in the Bishan-Toa Payoh Group Representation Constituency, and all spectators and staff must be at least 21 years of age.
3. Prize sponsors must not be involved in any business related to gambling.
4. Advertising for the mahjong competition shall be confined to posters and banners displayed within such area within the Bishan-Toa Payoh Group Representation Constituency as is designated by the organiser to be the Bishan East district.
5. The organiser may charge an entrance fee of \$13 to cover the cost of hosting the mahjong competition, less the value of the prizes.
6. Token prizes can be allowed in recognition of the skills shown by the winners.
7. The organiser shall ensure that the rules of the game are explained clearly to all players before the start of the event.
8. The organiser shall deploy umpires on site to referee the event and resolve any disputes.
9. The mahjong activities shall be held indoors at the multi-purpose hall of Bishan Community Club.
10. The multi-purpose hall of Bishan Community Club must have adequate sound-proofing to minimise noise pollution.
11. The organiser must open up the premises for spot-checks by the police during the event.
12. The organiser must take all reasonable steps to ensure that there are no private deals or side-betting throughout the event.

Made this 16th day of January 2014.

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Singapore.*