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COMMON GAMING HOUSES ACT
(CHAPTER 49)

COMMON GAMING HOUSES
(EXEMPTION) (NO. 50)
NOTIFICATION 2016

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

Citation

1. This Notification is the Common Gaming Houses (Exemption) (No. 50) Notification 2016.

Definition

2. In this Notification, “organisers” means —
- (a) the Serangoon Community Club Management Committee;
 - (b) the Bedok Reservoir-Punggol Citizens’ Consultative Committee;
 - (c) the Kaki Bukit Senior Citizens’ Executive Committee;
 - (d) the Paya Lebar Kovan Community Club Management Committee;
 - (e) the Eunos Senior Citizens’ Executive Committee; and

(f) the Hougang Community Club Management Committee.

Exemption

3.—(1) The Minister exempts the organisers from the provisions of the Act in respect of —

- (a) the “Aljunied GRC & Hougang SMC Mahjong Challenge 2016” promotion to be held from 1 October 2016 to 18 December 2016 (both dates inclusive); and
- (b) the mahjong games to be held at the multi-purpose hall of Serangoon Community Club from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 18 December 2016.

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

THE SCHEDULE

Paragraph 3

CONDITIONS

1. The only game played must be mahjong.
2. All players must be at least 50 years of age and residing within the Aljunied Group Representation Constituency or the Hougang Single Member Constituency.
3. All spectators and staff must be at least 21 years of age.
4. Prize sponsors must not be involved in any business related to gambling.
5. Advertising for the mahjong competition must be confined to posters and banners displayed within the Aljunied Group Representation Constituency and the Hougang Single Member Constituency.
6. The organisers may charge an entrance fee of \$5 for PASSion Card members and \$8 for non-PASSion Card members to cover the cost of hosting the mahjong competition, less the value of the prizes.
7. Token prizes can be allowed in recognition of the skills shown by the winners.
8. The organisers must ensure that the rules of the game are explained clearly to all players before the start of the event.
9. The organisers must deploy umpires on site to referee the event and resolve any disputes.

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

10. The mahjong activities must be held indoors at the multi-purpose hall of Serangoon Community Club.
11. The organisers must ensure that all doors to the multi-purpose hall of Serangoon Community Club are closed during the event so as to minimise noise from the event.
12. The organisers must open up the premises for spot-checks by the police during the event.
13. The organisers must take all reasonable steps to ensure that there are no private deals or side-betting throughout the event.

Made on 28 September 2016.

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