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COMMON GAMING HOUSES ACT (CHAPTER 49)

COMMON GAMING HOUSES (EXEMPTION) (NO. 75) NOTIFICATION 2014

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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. 75) Notification 2014.

Definition

2. In this Notification, “organisers” means —
- (a) the Marine Parade Active Ageing Committee;
 - (b) the Marine Parade Senior Citizens’ Executive Committee;
and
 - (c) the Marine Drive View Residents’ Committee.

Exemption

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

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- (a) the “Mahjong Competition @ Joo Chiat CC — Senior Citizens’ Mind Game Exchange” promotion to be held from 7 November 2014 to 15 November 2014 (both dates inclusive); and
- (b) the mahjong games to be held at the multi-purpose hall of Joo Chiat Community Club as part of that promotion from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on 15 November 2014.
- (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 55 years of age and residing in —
 - (a) the Joo Chiat Constituency; or
 - (b) such area within the Marine Parade Group Representation Constituency as is designated by the organisers to be the Marine Parade district.
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 displayed within the Marine Parade district.
6. The organisers may charge an entrance fee of \$12 for PAssion Card members and \$15 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.
10. The mahjong activities must be held indoors at the multi-purpose hall of Joo Chiat Community Club.

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

11. The multi-purpose hall of Joo Chiat Community Club must have adequate sound-proofing to minimise noise pollution.
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 4 November 2014.

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Singapore.*

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