



Membership By-Laws

Types of Membership:

1. Full Members

(a) Founder Members

Are the members who are listed as Founder Members in the Articles of Association of USFHK.

(b) Non-Founder Members

Must be tertiary institutions offering full-time post-secondary education programs in Hong Kong and shall have standard venues for sports competitions as approved by the USFHK Council.

2. Associate Members

Tertiary institutions not fulfilling the criteria of full membership may be accepted as Associate Members.

Admission as full or associate member is subject to approval of the Council.

The Pathway to become Full Member

Associate Members can become Full (Non-founder) members, but not Full (Founder) members. To become a Full (Non-founder) member, the Associate Member should meet the following criteria for five years:

- i. possess and provide venues suitable for USFHK competitions or international recognized local competitions as approved by the Council.
- ii. be an Associate Member for at least five years.
- iii. have a Physical Education Department and/or equivalent and with at least one full time sports professional staff.
- iv. be an Associate Member in good standing and do not have a record of disrepute for THREE years.
- v. must have demonstrated satisfactory performance as Executive Committee member and convenor.
- vi. must have satisfactory participation rate in regular competitions/events.

Upon satisfactory completion of the above criteria, admission as a Full member is subject to final approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the Council.

Members Privileges and Obligations

The Council may from time to time determine and prescribe such methods and procedures for admission of Full and Associate Members as well as the privileges to which they shall be entitled and the obligations to which they shall be subject, as it shall deem appropriate provided that all such methods, procedures, privileges and obligations shall be in accordance with the other provisions of the Articles.

Privileges:

1. Full (Founder) Members:

Eligible to attend Council/Executive Committee/University Games Committee meetings and have voting rights, and are entitled to all other benefits for Full Members.

2. Full (Non-Founder) Members:

- i. may attend Council meetings without voting rights
- ii. can attend the Executive Committee and University Games Committee meetings with voting rights
- iii. can be nominated as the Chairman in the Executive Committee
- iv. can participate in all USFHK competitions/events.

3. Associate Members:

- i. may attend the Executive Committee meetings without voting rights, which should be the privilege reserved for full members only.
- ii. can attend the Sub-Committees' meetings with voting rights and can be nominated as the Chairman of the Sub-Committees.
- iii. can participate in some of the USFHK competitions/events, as approved by the Council on a yearly basis.

Obligations:

All members should comply with the Articles of Association, the Internal Regulations, By-laws and any rules set by USFHK Council. Members' behaviour should always be promoting the spirit of the Federation.

1. All members should be delegated to be Convenors for at least 1.5 events* of USFHK competitions/events.
2. All members should contribute their venues, where possible, for USFHK competitions/events.
3. All members should nominate its highest-ranking Physical Education (or equivalent) full-time staff to serve as Council member and Executive Committee members.

* All co-convenors will be treated as 0.5 unit