



United Services Recreation Club
Hong Kong - Since 1911

The Club Memorandum and Articles of Association, article 30(h) and the Club Bye-Law 10, as below, stating that,

Ordinary and Service Members may, on leaving Hong Kong to reside elsewhere for a period of 12 months or more, apply for a non-transferable Absent Life Membership. On election by the General Committee and payment of the current Absent Life Membership fee, the Members name will be placed on the list of Ordinary or Service Absent Life Members. This will entitle the Member to enjoy the facilities and privileges of the Club on payment of the current monthly subscription.

Clause 10: Absent Life Membership:

- a) In accordance with Article 30(h) of the Articles of Association, an Ordinary Member leaving Hong Kong to reside overseas for a period of 12 months or more may apply for Absent Life Membership.
- b) An Absent Life Member may not reside in Hong Kong.
- c) A Member will not qualify for Absent Life Membership if he/she is working or otherwise residing overseas while his/her home base or immediate family remains in Hong Kong.
- d) Absent Life Membership will generally only be granted to a Member who has been an Ordinary Member for at least two years.
- e) The grant of Absent Life Membership status is subject to the approval of the General Committee and the prevailing terms, conditions and fees as set out by the General Committee.
- f) In the event an Absent Life Member returns to Hong Kong to reside, the Absent Life Membership will terminate with immediate effect and his/her membership will be considered active with the regular monthly subscriptions and fees as set by the General Committee becoming due and payable from the month that he/she returns.
- g) Should an Absent Life Member returning to Hong Kong to reside wish to not reactivate his/her membership, they are required to submit a letter of resignation to the Club failing which regular monthly subscriptions and fees as set by the General Committee are due and payable from the month that he/she returns.
- h) If an Absent Life Member, having returned to reside in Hong Kong, intends to reside overseas again, he may apply for a fresh Absent Life Member status. The application will only be accepted and considered after two years have lapsed from the date of his/her last resumption of Ordinary Membership. His/her application for Absent Life Membership each time is also subject to an Administration Fee to be determined by the General Committee.
- i) An Absent Member who temporarily visits Hong Kong may apply to reactivate his/her membership temporarily for a single uninterrupted period of up to ninety (90) days, subject to the following:
 - I. Applications must be made in writing to the Club for approval.
 - II. Upon approval of such application, the Absent Member is required to pay the monthly subscription for each calendar month of the reactivation period from the date of approval or date of return, whichever is later. The payment must be made within two (2) days of reactivation of their Membership. If the Absent Member fails to settle such payment, the reactivation shall be deemed to have been declined and the Absent Member's status shall be dealt with in accordance with the Articles and Association and the Bye-Laws of the Club.
 - III. Applications may only be made once in every twelve (12) months period. The twelve (12) months period commences from the day on which an Absent Member departed Hong Kong after a temporary activation of membership.
 - IV. Should the Absent Member's stay in Hong Kong exceed ninety (90) days, his/her Membership status automatically becomes active in accordance with the provisions of Bye-Law 10 (f) and (g).
- j) An Absent Life Member that has not reactivated his/her membership in accordance with Bye-Laws 10 (f), (g) and (i), may not enter or use the Club, including as a guest of another Member.
- k) Absent Life Members that have reserved and are personally staying at the guest accommodation do not need to reactivate their membership nor pay the monthly subscription during the period of reservation and personal stay.