



香港賽馬會
The Hong Kong Jockey Club

SYNDICATE AGREEMENT

1. **OBJECTS**

The object of the Syndicate is to own and race a horse or horses under the Rules of Racing and Instructions (the "Rules") made by the Stewards of The Hong Kong Jockey Club (the "Club") under the racing name

_____ Syndicate

(Name In Chinese : _____ 團體)

2. **MEMBERS**

The Syndicate must consist of not less than five (5) and not more than fifty (50) members. All Syndicate members must be members of the Club and ordinarily resident in The Hong Kong SAR as defined under the Rules and the Club's Ownership Bye-laws. Each member must have at least 1% share interest in the Syndicate. The members shall be jointly and severally accountable to the Club for all aspects of the ownership and management of the horse(s) registered under the name of the Syndicate.

3. **MANAGERS**

A syndicate with five (5) to eight (8) members shall nominate two (2) or three (3) managers and a syndicate with nine (9) to fifty (50) members shall nominate three (3) managers (each hereinafter referred to as the "Manager"). All Syndicate Managers must :-

- a. have been members of the Club for at least one year.
- b. assume all the liabilities, responsibilities and privileges of Owners as set out in the Rules and the Club's Ownership Bye-laws.
- c. not previously have sold a horse which has been drawn in the ballot unless for a reason considered adequate by the Stewards.
- d. not already own four (4) horses whether as Owner, Partner or Syndicate Manager.

- e. conform to the Rules and Bye-laws of the Club and any other rules and conditions as laid down by the Club from time to time.
- f. ensure that if one of the Managers retire from the Syndicate an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Syndicate will be called to elect a replacement.
- g. be founder members of or have joined the Syndicate for at least 3 years.

4. TREASURER

- a. The Managers shall elect one of the Managers to be the Treasurer of the Syndicate who shall be responsible for keeping the accounts of the Syndicate and corresponding with the Club.
- b. All Syndicate Managers shall be jointly and severally liable for all debts, liabilities, obligations, costs, fees, charges and expenses of the Syndicate and may cause such debts, fees, costs, charges or expenses be debited from the Syndicate Account from time to time.

5. INAUGURAL MEETING

An Inaugural Meeting shall be held to:-

- a. approve the Syndicate Agreement.
- b. appoint Managers to serve until the next Annual General Meeting of the Syndicate.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting shall be held at such convenient time in each year during the period from the close of one season to the opening of the next and at such convenient place as the Managers may decide to:-

- a. elect the Managers to serve until the following Annual General Meeting.
- b. declare a dividend (if any).

7. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Extraordinary General Meetings may be convened by the Treasurer or by members of the Syndicate (number to be determined at the AGM) giving notice in which the object(s) for which the meetings are called shall be specified.

8. QUORUM

- a. No business save the election of a chairman of the meeting shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business.

- b. At any general meeting, other than a meeting convened for the purpose as set out in sub-paragraph (c) below, one third of the members present in person and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum.
- c. The quorum of a general meeting convened for the purpose of winding up or dissolving the Syndicate shall be more than one-half of the members of the Syndicate present and entitled to vote.

9. NOTICE

At least two (2) weeks' written notice must be given for all general meetings.

10. VOTING

- a. At any general meeting any resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands or on the withdrawal of any other demand for a poll) a poll is demanded by any member or members present in person and representing not less than one-tenth of total voting rights of all members.
- b. Every member who is present in person at any general meeting shall be entitled, on a show of hands, to one vote only and, on a poll, to one vote for every share of which he is a holder.
- c. A resolution, whether by show of hands or by a poll, shall be carried by a simple majority. In the case of an equality of votes at any general meeting, the chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

11. APPOINTMENT OF TRAINER

The Managers shall appoint a Trainer in accordance with the conditions laid down by the Club. A change in Trainer must be approved by members of the Syndicate at an Extraordinary General Meeting or by a resolution in writing, signed by all members of the Syndicate (which shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting duly convened and held).

12. CALLS

The Treasurer will make calls from time to time on members to meet the cost of subscription, training fees, retaining fees and other expenses of the Syndicate. If a call is not met within one month, the shares of the member in default shall be forfeited by a resolution at an Extraordinary General Meeting to that effect.

13. DISPOSAL OF SHARES

- a. On the retirement or death of a member, such member or his / her estate (as the case may be) may either:-
 - (i) sell his/her share privately to any other eligible member of the Club; or

(ii) request the Treasurer to notify eligible members of the Club and arrange for sale of the share by way of auction.

b. If the share cannot be sold by the methods stated above, the Managers may determine a fair valuation in their view of the share, pay the relevant member out of funds of the Syndicate and reduce the size of the Syndicate by one member subject to the provisions of Rule 43 (1) of the Rules.

14. ENLARGEMENT OF SYNDICATE

Subject to the Rules and the Club's Ownership Bye-laws, the Syndicate may be enlarged by taking in a specified number of new members at an agreed cost per share by a resolution at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

15. NEW SUBSCRIPTION

The members may decide to subscribe for an additional horse for the Syndicate by a resolution at an Extraordinary General Meeting or by a resolution in writing signed by all members of the Syndicate (which shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting duly convened and held).

16. RETAINERS

The members may decide to enter into a retaining agreement with a rider or participate in a Trainer's arrangements to retain a rider by a resolution at an Extraordinary General Meeting or by a resolution in writing signed by all members of the Syndicate (which shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting duly convened and held).

17. CHARGES

Each member of the Syndicate is jointly and severally liable for the payment of the purchase price of the Syndicate horse(s) and meeting the stabling, livery and all other charges incurred by the horse(s) thereafter.

18. RESPONSIBILITIES

Other responsibilities of all Syndicate Managers and members are detailed in Annex A.

19. DISPUTES

Any dispute under this agreement shall be referred to the Board of Stewards of the Club in writing. The Stewards will appoint an arbitrator in respect of such dispute whose decision shall be final.

SYNDICATE AGREEMENT

_____ Syndicate

(Name In Chinese : _____ 團體)

Treasurer : _____ Tel no. _____

Correspondence Address : _____

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree in full to the provisions and conditions set out above.

Managers

English Name	Membership No	*Share (%)	Signature
1. _____ (Treasurer)	()	_____	_____
2. _____	()	_____	_____
3. _____	()	_____	_____

Members Name (Membership no.)	*Share (%)	Signature	Members Name (Membership no.)	*Share (%)	Signature
4. ()			11. ()		
5. ()			12. ()		
6. ()			13. ()		
7. ()			14. ()		
8. ()			15. ()		
9. ()			16. ()		
10. ()			17. ()		

Date : _____

*** If no share percentage is indicated on the form, it will be assumed that each member has an equal share in the Syndicate.**

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SYNDICATE AGREEMENT (Cont'd)

_____ Syndicate

Members Name (Membership no.)	*Share (%)	Signature	Members Name (Membership no.)	*Share (%)	Signature
18. ()			35. ()		
19. ()			36. ()		
20. ()			37. ()		
21. ()			38. ()		
22. ()			39. ()		
23. ()			40. ()		
24. ()			41. ()		
25. ()			42. ()		
26. ()			43. ()		
27. ()			44. ()		
28. ()			45. ()		
29. ()			46. ()		
30. ()			47. ()		
31. ()			48. ()		
32. ()			49. ()		
33. ()			50. ()		
34. ()					

Date : _____

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Annex A

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL SYNDICATE MANAGERS AND MEMBERS

(All members of the Syndicate hereafter referred to as "Members")

1. a. The Monthly Fees for each share shall become due and payable to the Syndicate Treasurer by each of the Members on the first day of EACH and every MONTH during the currency of the Syndicate.
- b. From the Monthly Fees the Treasurer shall pay the Club all the expenses relating to the Syndicate.
2. a. Subject to Clause 2(b) and the Rules, the Syndicate Managers shall have complete power to manage the Syndicate's Horse(s) on behalf of the Syndicate.
- b. The Syndicate shall from time to time by Extraordinary General Meeting determine if and when the Syndicate's Horse(s) shall commence their racing career, retire for breeding or stud duties, be gelded, or sold or change trainer.
- c. Without limiting the generality of Clause 1(b) the Treasurer's duties include :-
 - (1) The keeping of a Register noting:
 - (i) The names and addresses of the Members and the number of shares held by each, and
 - (ii) Dates of entries in the Register
 - (2) Keeping the accounts of the Syndicate and if requested by the Members, send a copy thereof to the Members every THREE Months.
 - (3) Ensuring that all fees owing by the Members are paid.
 - (4) Insuring and keeping insured the Syndicate's Horse(s) to protect the best interests of the Members.
 - (5) Notifying the Registry Office in writing of every change in the membership of a Syndicate (including a death of a Member), every change in the percentage of a Member's interest in the Syndicate, and every change in the Member's registered address, within thirty (30) days of the change.
 - (6) Ensuring that any new Member joining the Syndicate shall execute a Syndicate Agreement and forward it to the Registry Office.
 - (7) Due and timely compliance in all respects with the requirements of the Registry Office from time to time in force relating to Syndicate horses.
 - (8) Ensuring that at all times the Syndicate is fully subscribed.
- d. Upon retirement or removal of the Treasurer, the person named after the name of the departing Treasurer in the Syndicate Agreement shall be the new Treasurer of the Syndicate

unless the Members by Extraordinary General Meeting appoint another one of their members to be the Treasurer. The Syndicate shall immediately notify the Registry Office upon the resignation or removal of the Treasurer or the appointment of a new Treasurer.

3. Unless there is another arrangement agreed by the Members, all prize moneys received by the Syndicate shall be, whenever possible, distributed by the Treasurer on a monthly basis to the Members PRO-RATA to the number of Shares held by each of them PROVIDED THAT the Treasurer may set off against any Member's entitlement any amount then outstanding by that Member on account of Monthly Fees.
4. The Syndicate Managers shall acquire the Owners badges as may be available for any race meeting at which the Syndicate's Horse(s) is engaged and such badges shall be issued on a rotational basis to any Member who may require them.
5. Shares may be offered for sale during the currency of the Syndicate provided that the remaining Members shall have the first option to purchase them.
6. Any Member may at or after a general meeting inspect all documents relating to the giving of votes on any matter determined at that meeting.
7. In the event that any Member fails to pay the Monthly Fees payable by him hereunder or to meet any call by the Treasurer pursuant to Clause 12 under this Agreement within one month upon receipt of a written demand issued by the Treasurer, the share(s) of the defaulting Member shall be forfeited upon a resolution passed at an extraordinary general meeting. In such case the Treasurer shall cause the share(s) of the defaulting Member in the Syndicate to be de-registered and such shareholding shall then be offered for sale. The Treasurer shall apply the sale proceeds of such shareholding for settlement of the costs of such sale and the amounts due by the defaulting Member to the Syndicate accounts and shall thereafter cause the net proceeds (if any) to be paid to the defaulting Member. The defaulting Member shall do all things necessary to give effect to this clause.
8.
 - a. The Syndicate shall be dissolved if the Syndicate's horse(s) has been sold.
 - b. Upon dissolution of the Syndicate the Treasurer shall sell or otherwise convert the assets of the Syndicate into cash. Upon deduction of all proper costs and outgoings and any provision for liabilities, the net proceeds shall be distributed among the Members in proportion to their respective percentage interests in the shareholding, subject to any deduction from a Member's share of such proceeds any outstanding Monthly Fees then due but unpaid by that Member. The Treasurer shall thereafter apply for cancellation of the Syndicate's registration with the Registry Office.

Annex B

Rules of Racing No. 43

Syndicates

Syndicates may be formed, approved and registered by the Stewards of the Jockey Club for the sole purpose of horse racing and the conditions of syndicate membership and its operation will be as follows:-

- (1) A syndicate must consist of not less than five members and not more than 50 members. In the event of this number subsequently falling below five persons, for reasons beyond the syndicate's control, the syndicate shall apply to the Stewards of the Jockey Club for approval to continue to race until such time as they can raise the number of members to five.
- (2) All syndicate members must be normally resident in The Hong Kong SAR.
- (3) A syndicate with five to eight members will be required to nominate two or three managers and a syndicate with nine to 50 members will be required to nominate three managers. All syndicate managers must have been Members of the Jockey Club for at least one year and must also be a founder member or have been a member of the syndicate for at least three years. They will be treated as joint owners and will be subject to all the liabilities, duties and privileges of ownership.
- (4) Membership of a Syndicate, other than as a manager, shall not constitute ownership for the purposes of the provision which governs the right of those that already own four horses, either as a sole owner, a partner or a syndicate manager, to take part in a ballot. In all other aspects the Rules governing ownership continue to apply.
- (5) A Member shall be permitted to join up to three approved syndicates, either as a syndicate manager or an ordinary member.
- (6) Although it will be permitted for such syndicates to own more than one horse, separate syndicates for different horses within one club or approved body will not be permitted.
- (7) The names of the members of a syndicate and those of the nominated managers together with a copy of the agreement between them signed by each member shall be lodged at the Registry Office.
- (8) Any subsequent alteration to an agreement must have the approval of the Stewards of the Jockey Club before any such alteration may be duly registered.
- (9) A horse in which a syndicate is interested shall not be eligible to be entered for or to run in any race whilst any member of the syndicate is a disqualified person and in the event of any such member becoming a disqualified person the registration of any syndicate agreement in respect of the horse shall automatically lapse.
- (10) Applications for renewal of registration of a syndicate shall be made annually in the month of August subject to payment of a prescribed fee which shall be determined by the Stewards of the Jockey Club.

- (11) Every registration of a syndicate with names of all the current managers and members shall be published in the Racing Calendar annually.
- (12) Every member of a syndicate shall in all respects and for all purposes be bound by the Rules of Racing and Instructions and Bye-laws of the Jockey Club irrespective of the nature or extent of the interest or rights of such member in the syndicate and irrespective of the provisions of any constitution governing the syndicate or any agreement between the members of the syndicate.
- (13) Any member of a syndicate committing a breach of any of the Rules of Racing and Instructions and Bye-laws of the Jockey Club relating to syndicates or failing to comply with any of the requirements there of may be penalised by the Stewards of the Jockey Club who may also disqualify any horse owned or leased by the syndicate.
- (14) Every provision contained in these Rules governing syndicates shall also apply to Trainer Syndicates.