

By Registered Post and
Email to inquiry@hkaaa.com

The Chairman
Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association
24/F, Guangdong Tours Centre,
18 Pennington Street, Causeway Bay,
Hong Kong

Dear Sirs

14 February 2020

Hong Kong Masters Athletics Championship (HKMAC) 2019

As members of the Organising Committee of the Hong Kong Masters Athletics Championship (HKMAC OC), we write to express our concerns on the refusal of the organiser of HKMAC 2019 Chinese Sports & Recreation Association 華人運動員協會 (“CSRA”) to account for the funds received from HKMAC 2019 and our concerns on the future development of masters athletics games in Hong Kong.

The incident arose out of the refund arrangement (“Refund Arrangement”) following cancellation of the HKMAC 2019. The Refund Arrangement was unilaterally decided and announced by CSRA without consulting HKMAC OC members.

Given the support of and involvement in HKMAC by Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association (HKAAA), we wish to officially inform HKAAA of the matter. Further details are set out in the followings:

Background

Some local veteran athletes had taken the initiatives with the support of HKAAA to promote HKMAC and it has become an annual event since 2014. To better organise the championship, representatives of various HKAAA affiliated clubs came together and later formed the HKMAC OC. Since inception, the organiser of each championship is one of the affiliated clubs of HKAAA and all act on a voluntarily basis. HKAAA was named as the “Co-organiser” of the annual HKMAC event.

In 2015 and 2016, Diocesan Boys’ School Athletics Club (“DBSAC”) was appointed by HKMAC OC to organise the championship. In the subsequent 2 years, Pui Kiu Middle School Alumni Association (培僑中學校友會) became the organiser for HKMAC 2017 and 2018. For HKMAC 2019, HKMAC OC came to a consensus that the baton would pass to CSRA to organise HKMAC 2019. Same as for all previous championship, HKAAA provided judges and officials for the event and assisted in the booking of the Sports Ground.

HKMAC 2019

Same as in previous championships, members of the HKMAC OC came together to discuss the arrangement of HKMAC 2019. The first meeting was held in late May 2019 and agreed that the registration fee, each individual event entry and relay fees would be raised to HK\$120, HK\$80/event and HK\$320/relay respectively so as to provide CSRA greater flexibility in putting forward the championship. However, no further meeting had been arranged thereafter to discuss progress of the organisation of the event. Since late September, we have been urging CSRA to update and release the official accounts of HKMAC 2019, including the number of participants, total number of events entered and details of various expenditures, but to no avail.

On 14 November 2019, CSRA announced its decision, without consulting the HKMAC OC, to cancel the event. Following cancellation, we were of the view that we needed to reconcile the situation to plan the way forward, including examining the possibility of postponing the championship to a later date. Several reminders to submit income and expenditures with supporting documents were sent to Mr. C.K. Liu, Chairman of CSRA but without any response.

On or around 19 December 2019, CSRA unilaterally sent, in the name of HKMAC OC, but without any prior consultation or knowledge of the undersigned HKMAC OC members, an email to various affiliated clubs and some individual participants setting out the refund arrangements (namely, no refund of the registration fee of \$120, a refund of HK\$35 per individual event and HK\$140 per relay event (**Appendix A**)). We (the undersigned) had since then repeatedly communicated to Mr. C.K. Liu that the refund arrangement had never been put forward to HKMAC OC for discussion or agreement, and reminded CSRA of the need to provide a detailed accounts of the income and expenditure for the event together with supporting documents/receipts so that the OC could verify all expenses incurred before deciding on the way forward.

On 4 January 2020, we sent a written message to CSRA reflecting the refund arrangement and demanding detailed accounts with supporting documents as well as withdrawal of the unauthorised refund messages issued in the name of HKMAC by CSRA (see **Appendix B**).

On or around 4 January 2020, CSRA ignoring our message, again unilaterally resent its email of 19 December 2019 urging affiliated clubs and some individual participants to accept the refund arrangement and to provide means of receiving the payment.

On 11 January 2020, we met with CSRA at Wan Chai Stadium reiterating again our concerns and disagreement on the promulgated refund arrangement, and the importance to provide HKMAC OC with the details/supporting documents on all income and expenditure in preparing for the championship. The discussion of the meeting was recorded. Should HKAAA consider it necessary, we could forward a copy of the voice clip to a designated HKAAA official for reference and record purposes.

On 19 January 2020, Mr. C.K. Liu of CSRA provided by hand a piece of A4 size paper with title “HKMAC Income and Expenditure Items” to Mr. Alex Ko listing out various expenditure items purporting incurred for the HKMAC 2019 but with no receipts or any supporting documents and the same had also not been signed nor it bears the letter head of CSRA. A copy of the said document is at **Appendix C**.

On 20 January 2020, we replied to CSRA reiterating our concerns that HKMAC OC was unable to verify the contents of the list and requested CSRA to provide supporting documents/receipts to substantiate the accounts. Our reply is at **Appendix D** for your easy reference.

On 2 February 2020, CSRA again unilaterally made another announcement by email to various affiliated clubs and some individual participants, emphasising, amongst other things, that they have full authority to handle all matters relating to HKMAC 2019, including all matters relating to income and expenditures of the championship, and also referred to the statement on the HKMAC 2019 entry form that there would be no refund should the championship be not held (**Appendix E**).

On 3 February 2020, HKMAC OC posted a notice on HKMAC website informing all participants by HKMAC OC and stating that the undersigned do not endorse the refund arrangement set out in the email announcement made by CSRA (**Appendix F**).

We deeply believe that we collectively owe a moral obligation to all participants to ensure that the refund arrangement is reasonable and the reasons why HKMAC 2019 could not be postponed to a later date. Despite our repeated requests made to CSRA to produce the event accounts, relevant receipts for payments and any bona fide records justifying the necessary expenses, we were kept in the dark by CSRA. Each of us have received queries and grievances on the refund arrangement of which we, as members of HKMAC OC, regrettably could not answer.

As HKMAC was organised for HKAAA's affiliated clubs only and HKAAA was the "co-organiser" of the championship, we would much appreciate if you could examine the matter and take necessary action before it snowballs into a crisis damaging the reputation of HKMAC and hampering the progress of athletics development in Hong Kong. Alternatively, you may wish to (explicitly) appoint the all or any of the undersigned as members of the Masters Commission to follow up on the matters with CSRA.

Should you require further elaboration on the above, or require further information about HKMAC, please feel free to contact any of the undersigned. We could also be reached by email at admin@hkmac.org.

Yours faithfully

Members of HKMAC OC

Mr. Sin On Yuen, email : sinanthony@hotmail.com

Mr. Wong Wai Ho, email : whwong999@yahoo.com.hk

Ms. Alice Lok, email : alizeelook@gmail.com

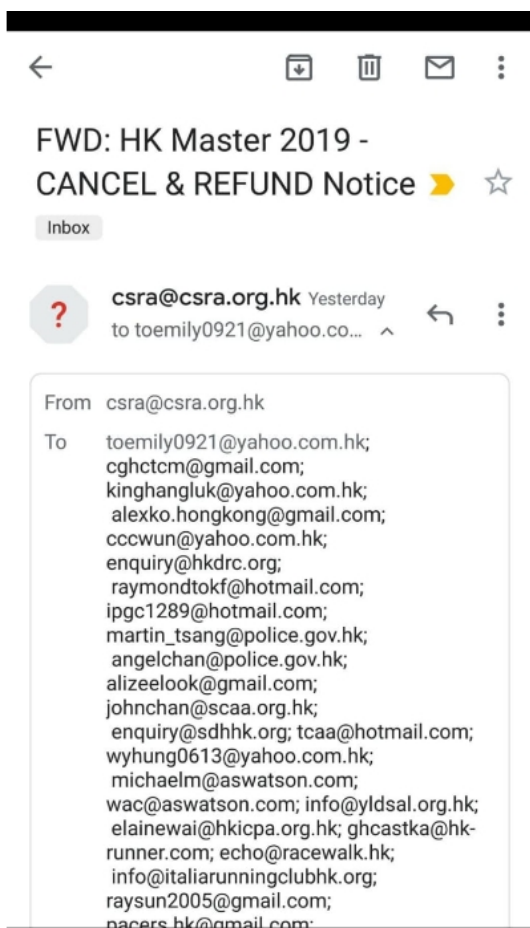
Ms. Cecila Tse, email : cecitse888@yahoo.com.hk

Mr. Alex Ko, email : alexko.hongkong@gmail.com

c.c. CSRA, email : csra@csra.org.hk

Appendix A

Email received from CSRA:



philme_mc_lam@customs.gov.hk;
jackiepkho@gmail.com;
fannyw@csra.org.hk; mail@puikiu.org.hk;
shtb.walk@gmail.com;
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mail@puikiu.org.hk; Italia Running Club -
Hong Kong info@italiarunningclubhk.org;
King Hang Luk kinghangluk@yahoo.com.hk
• oldcake@gmail.com
Timothy Lui • timbossui@gmail.com
June Au • auyingmei@yahoo.com.hk

Date 4 Jan 2020, 18:28

Standard encryption (TLS).
[See security details](#)

RESEND

----- Original Message -----
Subject: HK Master 2019 - CANCEL & REFUND
Notice
From: "csra@csra.org.hk" <csra@csra.org.hk>
Date: 12/19/19 1:01 am
To: "fannyw@csra.org.hk" <fannyw@csra.org.hk>

發放日期 ISSUED :19 DEC 2019

香港先進田徑錦標賽 2019 賽事取消及退款安排

有關香港先進田徑錦標賽2019之退款安排，從賽事取消至今，我們已積極向周圍場地及康文署洽商場地事宜，可惜康文署在未來半年內之場地均未能配合。因此，很遺憾地正式宣佈香港先進田徑錦標賽 2019 賽事取消，在扣除各項開支後作出以下有限之退款安排。

在報名條款中，我們已清楚列明『所繳付之費用一律不獲發還』。惟當我們決定不再補賽，經過委員會商議後，在扣除所有已付開支（如：場租及保險、紀念品、工作人員及參賽者服裝、號碼布、獎牌、獎座、頒獎台佈景板製作費等項目費用），仍有少許退款空間。而決定退款安排如下：

退款計算：

註冊費（\$120/人）：不會退款

個人項目費（\$80/項）：退款\$35/項

接力項目費（\$320/隊）：退款\$140/隊

所有退款安排將與各屬會聯絡及核對，並以屬會名義退回；請各屬會自行與會員溝通及安排。最後，再次感謝大家支持及參與及工作人員之努力及付出，冀盼來年再與大家在田徑場上見面。

賽事委員會

香港先進田徑錦標賽 2019

Appendix B

Message sent on 4 January 2020 to WhatsApp chat group titled “香港先進田徑錦標賽 2019” with 14 participants including Mr. C.K. Liu

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Chinese Sports & Recreation Association.

Dear sir,

Re: HKMAC 2019.

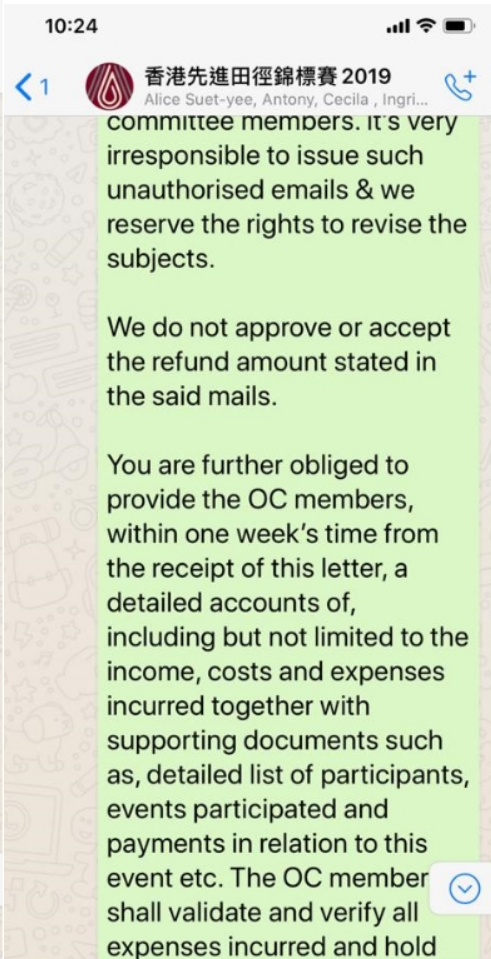
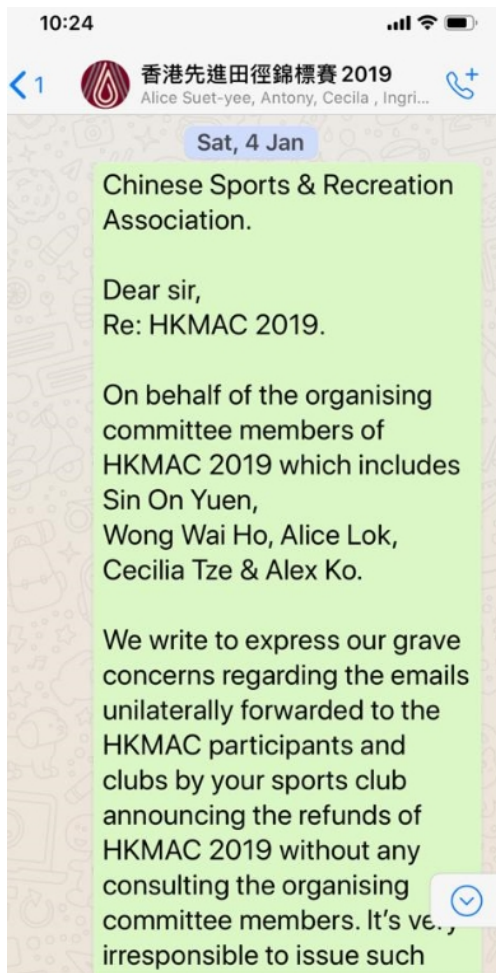
On behalf of the organising committee members of HKMAC 2019 which includes Sin On Yuen, Wong Wai Ho, Alice Lok, Cecilia Tze & Alex Ko.

We write to express our grave concerns regarding the emails unilaterally forwarded to the HKMAC participants and clubs by your sports club announcing the refunds of HKMAC 2019 without any consulting the organising committee members. It's very irresponsible to issue such unauthorised emails & we reserve the rights to revise the subjects.

We do not approve or accept the refund amount stated in the said mails.

You are further obliged to provide the OC members, within one week's time from the receipt of this letter, a detailed accounts of, including but not limited to the income, costs and expenses incurred together with supporting documents such as, detailed list of participants, events participated and payments in relation to this event etc. The OC members shall validate and verify all expenses incurred and hold meeting to decide on how much should be refunded to the participants.

Please note the participants will hold all OC members responsible for any action taken taken in relation to the HKMAC. Please withdraw the said mails promptly and produce all the information to the OC for further discussion. We hope to reach some amicable solution regarding the refund matters.



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香港先進田徑錦標賽 2019

Alice Suet-ye, Antony, Cecilia, Ingri...



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Document provided by Mr. C.K. Liu to Mr. Alex Ko on 19 January 2020

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香港先進田徑收支項目			
	2018 PK支出		2019 CSRA支出
場租	將軍澳運動場場租	\$14,675.00	2口將軍澳
保險費	將軍澳+DBS1天場地保險保費	\$3,000.00	2日所有比賽
晶片計時	晶片計時統行政及服務費50%按金	\$0.00	0
運動員包	鞋袋50%按金	\$6,600.00	1200 string bag
運動員包	毛巾	\$6,600.00	1200 pcs
運費	運費	\$1,500.00	袋毛巾水樽調手露運費
運動員包	大會T恤	\$85,800.00	1200 紀念TEE
	裁判恤	\$21,450.00	300 工作人員TEE
		\$2,150.00	TEE運費
獎牌	獎牌1045個@RMB8.2	\$20,400.00	1200 個
獎牌掛帶	沒有做	\$4,200.00	1200 條
		\$3,120.00	26 個IND 冠軍盃
獎牌	獎牌9個運費	\$3,300.00	6 個OVERALL 團體盃
獎盃	獎盃6個	\$1,950.00	3 個 OVERALL盃
	紀念獎盃	\$3,850.00	7個
獎盃	獎盃運費	\$2,550.00	所有獎牌獎盃運合共費
號碼布	號碼布運費	\$5,976.00	
號碼布	大牌貼紙	\$3,300.00	
攝影	攝影費50%按金	\$9,000.00	已付攝影費按金(包括航照及拍攝及攝影)
排練費	付華協排練費	\$0.00	
佈置費	佈置費預繳(鄧永康)	\$7,000.00	2Banner & 2Backdrop & Design
		\$500.00	cancelled Setting and return
		\$3,300.00	100M拉尺,瓦通版,墨水, Printer 炭粉(成績報告板)
餐費	報名費內減去354人報名晚宴費	\$0.00	
籌餐	撥入9人小組	\$0.00	
鐵餅	先進田徑標賽鐵餅運費	\$0.00	
購置	裝號碼布密實袋	\$0.00	
鐵架	先進田徑標賽鐵架運費	\$0.00	
購置	樂箱	\$0.00	
樂箱	樂箱運費	\$0.00	
運動員包	付大會T恤、裁判恤、鞋袋余款	\$0.00	
車馬費	學生及義工車馬費(1)	\$2,000.00	5公里SITE VISIT 1
	學生及義工車馬費及午飯(2)	\$3,000.00	5公里SITE VISIT 2
	學生及義工車馬費及午飯(2)	\$1,500.00	5公里SITE VISIT 3
裁判	裁判費	\$3,000.00	5公里比賽指示牌
車費	旅遊車接送費	\$0.00	
餐券	影印席券	\$3,500.00	場刊,上線紙,成績紀錄卡印刷
總費	大會工作人員及裁判飯盒	\$500.00	CANCEL ORDER
場租	將軍澳運動場場租	\$0.00	
水費	22箱水大會工作人員	\$0.00	
購置	贈物、紙杯	\$450.00	5公里比賽使用
車費	運送獎品到酒樓車費	\$0.00	
車費	運送物資返校友會車費	\$0.00	
獎牌	送DBS或謝紀念座	\$0.00	
晶片計時	晶片計時統行政及服務費50%餘款	\$0.00	
餐費	17/11/2018慶功宴	\$0.00	
號碼布	號碼布	\$0.00	
餐券	印刷晚宴餐券500張	\$0.00	
花圈	悼彭將軍花圈	\$0.00	NIL
晚宴		\$1,741.00	與黃河及李哥晚餐
午餐		\$900.00	與黃河及PK人午餐(借地方)
		\$226,812.00	

HKMAC OC Reply to CSRA dated 20 January 2020

Chinese Sports & Recreation Association.

Dear sir,

Re: HKMAC 2019.

We acknowledged receipt of the HKMAC 2019 expenditure dated 18/1/2020. We are perplexed and amazed of the humongous escalation cost compared to the past HKMAC organisers.

We can't verify or we will adopt any expenses without any supporting receipts/ payment advice. We presumed that as the ONLY incomes. Please submit all evidence no later by 31/1/2020.

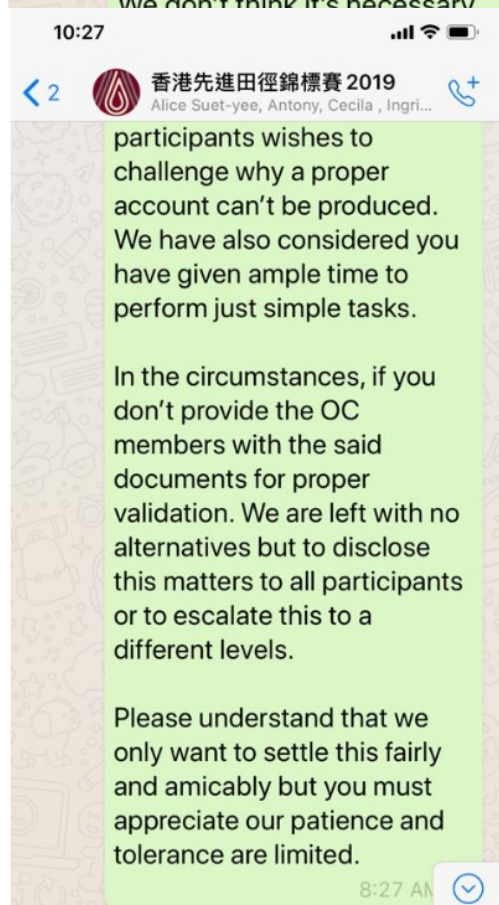
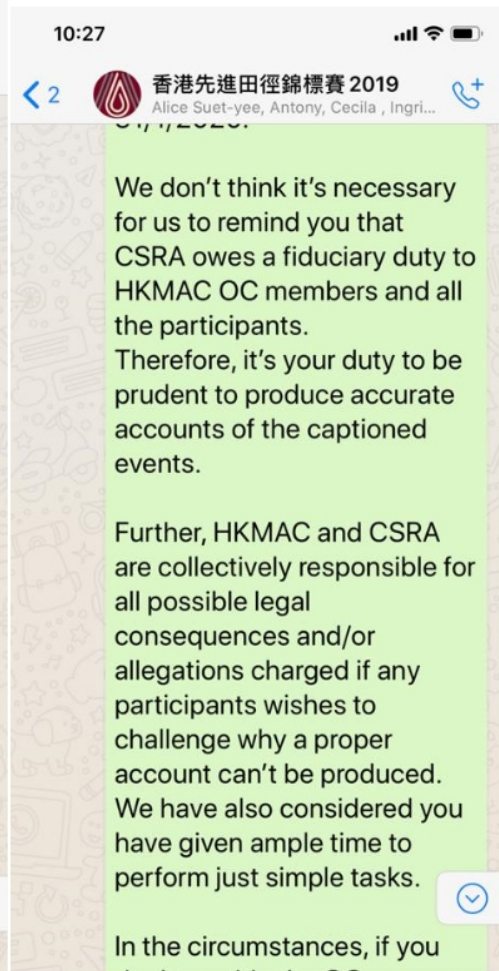
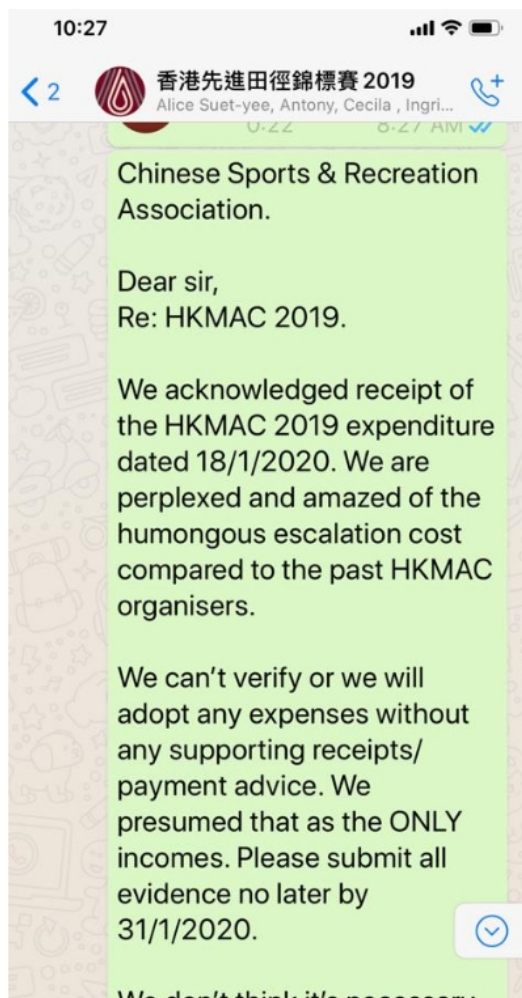
We don't think it's necessary for us to remind you that CSRA owes a fiduciary duty to HKMAC OC members and all the participants.

Therefore, it's your duty to be prudent to produce accurate accounts of the captioned events.

Further, HKMAC and CSRA are collectively responsible for all possible legal consequences and/or allegations charged if any participants wishes to challenge why a proper account can't be produced. We have also considered you have given ample time to perform just simple tasks.

In the circumstances, if you don't provide the OC members with the said documents for proper validation. We are left with no alternatives but to disclose this matters to all participants or to escalate this to a different levels.

Please understand that we only want to settle this fairly and amicably but you must appreciate our patience and tolerance are limited.





有關『香港先進田徑錦標賽 2019』退款事宜

由 2019 年 11 月 15 日我們決定取消 11 月 16 及 17 兩天比賽至今，作為主辦單位的『華人運動員協會』，一直致力尋求協調各單位的意見，因報名方式以屬會為單位，或許當中有部份訊息未能送達每一位參賽者。因此，我們特別發出通告，讓所有參賽者獲取相關詳情：

1. 華人運動員協會，是今次賽事唯一的主辦單位。作為主辦單位，有全權責任按已公開的報名細則決策任何有關是次比賽的安排，包括收入及開支處理。
2. 就是次活動取消，報名條款細則已清楚列明『所有賽事如有取消，一律不設退款。』惟作為主辦，我們亦多番另覓場地進行補賽，可惜康文署場地未能配合。經本會委員商討後，最終在 2019 年 12 月 19 日公佈決定 2019 年度賽事取消，並不設補賽。同時，我們亦積極計算財務狀況，最終安排部份形式之退款。
3. 退款計算包括剔除已用開支，如：場租、保險、獎項、當日活動佈置及已發給各參賽者之選手包等等，詳細開支未能逐一羅列。
4. 香港先進田徑錦標賽的舉辦與很多其他賽事有所不同，每年的主辦單位未必與去年或來屆相同，惟每年的主辦單位皆獨立運作（包括比賽形式、細則條款及財務），故未能像其他賽事一樣，有過往盈餘作補貼。所有退款皆以是次賽事收支作結。
5. 目前，尚有個別屬會不願接收退款，並多番要求主辦單位出示收支證明。我們在此必須強調，收入及開支均屬主辦單位的內部事項及資訊，任何個人、屬會及組織皆無權利及責任要求查閱，懇請各屬會及參賽者予以尊重。我們作為主辦單位，就今屆賽事經已投入大量資源、人力、物力、心力，我們是在不可抗力的因素下取消活動（如因惡劣天氣、抗議示威或活動路線被封閉/阻塞），故未能全數退回報名費用，望各參賽者明白。

截至今天，已有七成參賽屬會/團體接受我們的退款安排。仍未回覆的，煩請在 2020 年 2 月 15 日前聯絡本會，並提供可選擇之退款方式。如在截止日期前還未收到回覆，則當放棄退款，我們將自行決定該筆退款之用途。聯絡本會方法可辦公時間內致電本會 2591 0951 或電郵 csra@csra.org.hk 或文字 whatsapp 53361808。

再一次感謝大家之參與及支持。



Appendix F

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*03/02/2020

Re: HKMAC 2019 Refunds.

We, (Sin On Yuen, Wong Wai Ho, Alice Lok, Cecila Tse & Alex Ko), the 5 organizing committee members of HKMAC 2019, write to clarify our position relating to the email announcement made by Liu Keung of Chinese Sports Recreation Association on/about 19 December 2019. (Mr. Liu Keung is currently the 6 HKMAC OC members).

We are alarmed and disillusioned of the notifications made by CSRA(華人運動員協會, 下同) in the name of OC members without any consulting of the above 5 organising committee members. We regret to advice you that the contents on the refunds stated in the said notice have never been approved by the OC members. In our view, we also considered the decision on refunds is inappropriate and the refund amount is unreasonable.

Since late September last year, we have been urging CSRA to release the official accounts of HKMAC 2019. Especially in November when the decision to cancel the event was made and we have to consider the way forward. With regrets, our repeated requests is made to CSRA to produce the event accounts, all relevant payments of receipts and any bona fuse records justify the expenses made was denied. As such, the HKMAC OC members can't agree to the refund made unilaterally by CSRA. We are still seeking different means to reconcile the situation.

Since the inception of HKMAC 2014, all members and clubs came together to organize the event on a voluntary bases. All HKMAC OC members are appointed by the HKAAA. We owe a fiduciary duty and moral obligation to 3A and all participants. As past organizers of the HKMAC has kept transparent records and books. As organizers of the HKMAC event are of a voluntary basis and cancellation of the 2019 events was made as a safety precaution to all participants, the organizers must produce an account so that the HKMAC can makes a decision of how to deal with fees collected. The HKMAC OC members are not disclaiming any responsibility. We value your opinions and you are encourage to express your views.

Thank you.