

13 June 2002

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Chairman
Legco Panel on Home Affairs
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
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Hong Kong

By Fax and By Post

Dear Sir,

Comments on Sports Policy Review

With regard to the Report of the Sports Policy Review Team published by the Home Affairs Bureau on 3 June 2002, our Association would like to submit the following comments for your consideration:-

- (1) We support the Government's decision of dissolving SDB and establishing a Sports Commission to advise on strategic policy planning and funding as well as to coordinate key activities in sports sector. HKSI is to be entrusted with the responsibility on providing elite sports training.
- (2) At least 50% of the membership of the Sports Commission should be appointed from representatives of NSAs. The Chairman would have casting vote.
- (3) The President of SF&OC should be the de facto Chairman of the Sports Commission.
- (4) When reviewing the mechanism and criteria in subverting NSAs, one must make sure that the funding procedure is simplified and red tape is avoided. Besides using sports performance as the major criteria for determining the level of funding to NSAs, one should also take into account the nature of each sport whereas some sports are equipment intensive and require a large area for storage such as sailing, windsurfing and rowing. While other sports require no or little equipment such as athletics and swimming. The definition of fairness in the allocation of funding should base on the idea that each NSA would be given adequate resources to maintain the basic training for its athlete and develop their own sport. Since the funding mechanism and criteria would have a severe effect on the running of NSAs, we hope extensive consultation with NSAs would be made before a decision is made.

Finally, whatever changes are to be introduced by the Government, we hope the autonomy of NSAs would be maintained and the funding to athletes development will not be undermined.

Yours faithfully,

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