

**Paediatric Orthopaedics Chapter**  
**The Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association**

- 1) The name of the Chapter shall be “ *The Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association - Paediatric Orthopaedics Chapter.*” The Chinese name shall be 香港骨科醫學會 – 兒童骨科分會
  
- 2) **Objects of the Chapter**  
The objects of the Chapter are :
  - a) *To promote the advancement of the art and science of paediatric orthopaedics*
  - b) *To foster the development of training, practice and research in paediatric orthopaedics*
  - c) *To promote fraternity among practitioners of paediatric orthopaedics*
  - d) *To promote international exchange in paediatric orthopaedics.*
  
- 3) **Membership**
  - a) This Chapter is a Chapter under the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association. Any member of the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association who has an interest in paediatric orthopaedics can apply to be a member .
  - b) Membership of the Chapter shall comprise:
    - (i) **Fellows** – who may be elected from applicants who are fellows of the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association.
    - (ii) **Members** - who may be elected from applicants who are members of the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association.  
  
***Voting rights are limited to fellows & members of the Chapter.***
  - (ii) **Associate members** – who may be elected from applicants who are associate members of the HKOA.
  - c) Application for membership must be made on an application form.
  
- 4) **Subscriptions**
  - a) Membership fees are due on 1 January of each biennium and are payable in advance.

Any change in biennial subscription will be decided at Council meeting of the Chapter and has to be approved by the Council of the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association.

- b) No member shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the Chapter whilst his or her subscription is in arrears.
- c) The membership fees shall be received by the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association.
- d) The funds for running the Chapter will be **provided by the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association**. An annual budget for the Chapter shall be submitted to the Council of the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association for approval.

5) **Composition of the Council of the Chapter**

- a) The Council shall consist of a President, an Honorary Secretary and two Council Members.
- b) The Honorary Secretary shall be responsible for the organization of all meetings, keeping a record of the minutes and conducting all correspondence. He/She shall maintain an up-to-date list of names and addresses of all members of the Chapter. He shall inform each member when his/her subscription for the forthcoming year is due.
- c) The members of the Council shall be nominated from amongst the fellows of the Chapter. Nominations shall be called from amongst fellows and members, the period of nomination shall be at least 14 days, and nominations shall be made in writing and be delivered to the Honorary Secretary at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting of the Chapter. Election shall be made at the annual general meeting of the Chapter and voting shall be by secret ballot in person.
- d) The members of the Council shall serve for a term of two years and, with the exception of the President, shall be eligible for **immediate re-election**. The term of office shall start on 1st January of the first year of the biennium and end on 31st December of the second year of the biennium.
- e) No member of the Council shall hold more than one office concurrently.
- f) In the event of resignation of a member of the Council, the Council shall have the power to co-opt a member to the office **for the remaining term**.
- g) **The composition of the council of the Chapter will be submitted to the council of Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association for endorsement.**

6) **Meetings**

- a) A half-yearly scientific meeting shall be held, the time and place are to be determined by the Council of the Chapter. For large meetings, a budget if necessary, shall be submitted to the Council of the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association for approval. Expenditure will be paid by the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association and any surplus will be returned to the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association.
- b) Council meetings shall be held at least once in each calendar year, and on such other occasions as may be decided by the Council. Two members of the Council shall form a quorum.
- c) A General Meeting shall be held biennially. All other general meetings besides the Biennial General Meeting shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings. A minimum of 8 ordinary members shall form a quorum at any general meeting. Three weeks' notice of the time and date of the meeting must be served. The right to vote shall be reserved for ordinary members who have paid their current subscriptions and all arrears.

7) **Alteration of Constitution**

The Constitution and Rules of the Chapter shall be altered only by the vote of at least three-fourths of the members present and entitled to vote at an Extraordinary General Meetings.

8) **Dissolution of the Chapter**

- a) Dissolution of the Chapter shall be decided only by the vote of at least three-fourths of the members present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting.
- b) Upon the dissolution of the Chapter, its debts and liabilities shall be born by the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association.