

Hong Kong Adventure Corps

High Island Training Camp Mess

Mess Rules

Introduction

1. The Mess Rules are intended to provide some guidelines to establish the proper use of the Mess by the Mess Members whilst they are in the Mess. This Mess must be considered at all times as the Corps Mess and Members must abide by these rules.
2. Certain Rules are given in general terms only. This is because the Rules will require to be changed or adjusted under conditions from time to time.
3. Anyone on joining as a Mess Member is to be instructed by the responsible person in the customs of the Mess and in the manner in which it is administered.
4. Every Member of the Mess should acquaint himself/herself with the Rules. To enable the Mess to function successfully, Members must behave themselves in such a manner that they will not adversely affect the other Members present in the Mess.
5. Deputy Commandant is the Senior Mess Member of the Mess and he is responsible for the general discipline in the Mess.

Dress

5. All Members should be fully aware that they maintain the recognized standard in appearance. Not only are visitors impressed but it is noticeable that Mess has higher standard of conduct.
6. The Mess Rule encourages the attendance of a pleasant type of guest and discourages the undesirable visitors. All Mess Members are to be discouraged to be prone to relax the dress standard when they are in the Mess.

Behavior and General Conduct in the Mess

7. Members' conduct in their own and other Messes can bring credit but much more quickly discredit to themselves and to their organization.
8. Everyone should understand that a well-mannered Mess is where normal respect is shown to senior officers and often other Mess Members.
9. It is important that Members should learn the difference between servility or fawning upon their seniors and the ordinary courtesy due to superiors in rank.

Pets

10. Pets are not allowed in the Mess and they should be kept under control in the open area.
11. Owners are to ensure that their animal does not cause a nuisance to Members.

Complaints and Suggestions

12. All complaints are to be addressed verbally or in writing to the Deputy Commandant or to the Senior Member present in the camp.
13. All Members are welcome to make constructive suggestions for making improvement to the Mess.

Greetings

14. It is customary to greet the Commandant when he enters the Mess. In the Mess, Members are to formally rise from their seat on the following occasions:
 - a. When the Commandant enters or leaves the Mess.
 - b. When an official guest enters or leaves the Mess.

Periodicals

15. Papers and periodicals are not to be removed from the Mess without obtaining prior permission from Deputy Commandant.

Smoking

16. **“No Smoking Rule”** will be enforced in the Mess from the **1 September 2004**.

Visitors

17. Only by special invitation by a Mess Member that cadets may enter the Mess and the Mess Member must seek permission of any Senior Member present in the Mess.
18. A Member bringing a friend or guest or being visited in the Mess is to introduce his/ her friend or guest to the Members present in the Mess.
19. Make the visitors to your Mess feel at home. If they are unaccompanied by a Member, rise to meet them when they enter the Mess and try to entertain them until the arrival of the Member whom they are visiting.

Public Room

20. The Public Room is for your use. Your conduct in the Public Room should at all times be exemplary. The following Do's and Don'ts are must:

- a. Never place your feet on the furniture.
- b. After reading newspapers, fold them neatly and return them where they were kept.
- c. Loud noises are not tolerated in the Public Room unless it is a special occasion and all Members partake in the affair.
- d. All equipment and inventories are not to be removed from where they have been placed unless authorized to do so by the responsible Member.

Cooking in the Mess

21. Cooking or making tea with a stove in the Mess is strictly forbidden due to the fire hazards.

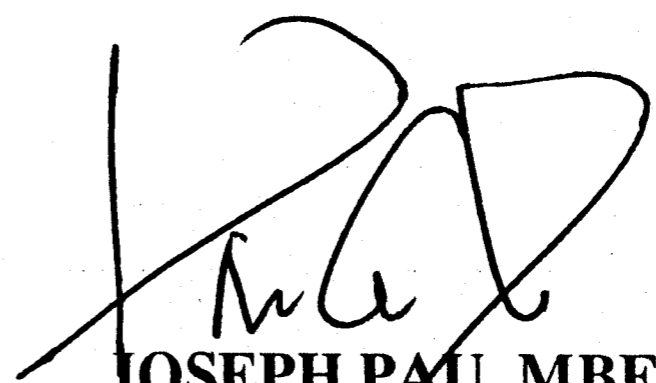
House Keeping

22. Litter and rubbish may on no account be allowed to accumulate in anywhere in the Mess and receptacles are to be emptied before the unit which has used the Mess leaving the camp. This is the responsibility of the Squadron Sergeant Majors.

Alcoholic Drinks

23. There is nothing enjoyable than the right kind of drink in the right place at the right time. Members may bring their own drinks in the Mess but everyone is advised not to overindulge and not to overdo hospitality by pressing additional drinks to someone.

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