

# FAQ for HKAAA membership (under HKICPA)

## Background

As Affiliated Club under HKAAA. When HKICPA member register as HKAAA athletes (annual membership), we can enjoy priority registration for races such as Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon, HK island 10K, and other HKAAA races.

## How can I apply for Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon?

Athletes need to meet **both** requirement in order to enjoy the priority entry

- Registered as HKAAA athletes on or before 30 May on last calendar year

- Registered as HKAAA athletes for the past two consecutive years

(you need to start over again if you missed to join the annual membership)

As Standard Chartered Marathon used to open registration on July – Sept for next year, it usually takes 2 years if you have not join before or if you missed any year in between.

For example, to join SCM Feb 2019 you need to

(Case 1) - Join 2017 membership + Join 2018 membership on or before May

(Case 2) - If you joined 2017 membership, but join 2018 late in June- Dec, you won't be able to apply for SCM 2019 (but you reserved for 2020 if you join 2019)

(Case 3) - Join 2017 membership, but did not join in 2018, and join in 2019, your 2019 will count as year 1

## Timeline

2017 Jan	2018 Jan	2018 Jun	2019 Jan
Join HKAAA 2017 membership (year 1)	Join HKAAA membership ( Year 2)	Apply for race	Race date
2017 Jan – Nov	Jan 2018 – May 2018	July 2018	Feb 2019

## What happen in 2020 and 2021 and what is the change?

1. 2020 race was canceled and 2021 SCM was delay twice from Feb → Apr → Oct
2. Race quota has been shrunk from 70000 → 17000 due to COVID-19 pandemic and requirement from Govt.

### How these change affect HKICPA HKAAA athlete?

1. HKAAA used to accept ALL applications and grant priority registration to HKICPA members that meet the membership requirement as stated above, we used to have close to 300-400 athletes register in SCM via this channel, but **quota for ALL Affiliate club has shrunk to 15 per club in 2021.**

(This year, we allocate the 15 quota via ballot. Due to short notice period from HKAAA, we have only 20 athletes joining the ballot, we expect number of members entering the ballot will raise sharply in 2022)

2. HKAAA has opened another channel (Named as Guarantee Entry) reserve for athletes that applied in 2020, allow them to have a higher chance (but still need to do a ballot) to apply for SAME DISTANCE and race category in 2021, if they failed to join via this channel, their Guarantee Entry can deferred to be used in 2022 race.

3. HKAAA expect the quota for clubs will still be imposed unless government release the restriction to total of participants in future SCM races.

### Procedure to apply / renew HKAAA athletes membership (under HKICPA)

#### Step 1 – application to HKAAA by runners

Visit <https://hkaaa.com/en/registration.php>

Click Registration or Renew (will ask for your login) and input all necessary details

Choose “HKICPA” at members club field (1 or 2 doesn’t matter)

When complete, submit your application

#### Step 2 – approve and verify by HKICPA

After runners submission, HKICPA will receive email notification and HKICPA will approve the application after verification of applicants HKICPA membership (you must be effective member /student member at HKICPA). HKICPA will approve within 2 working days.

#### Step 3 – runners to complete payment

Runners will receive email notification from HKAAA after HKICPA approval. Runners can then visit the link in the email, or login again at

<https://hkaaa.com/en/registration.php> to complete the payment online. HKAAA will post the membership card to you.