

## **Criteria for Evaluation of Club Proposals**

1. A club is open to all HMSC members. It is not exclusive and does not set fixed membership numbers. It does not restrict membership by nationality, ability, or gender. If special circumstances apply, the proposal should include a detailed explanation.
2. A club chooses a venue that is able to allow for anticipated growth in membership. If for some reason a desired venue limits the number of participants (e.g. yoga), a club will indicate ways in which they could possibly accommodate all who wish to participate through reservations or by varying meeting times or in some other way.
3. A club looking for experienced participants (e.g. chess club) should consider how to allow for inexperienced members to participate, watch and learn.
4. A club with an instructor in mind (e.g. yoga club) should include the instructor's qualifications in their proposal.
5. A club can choose to function in either Japanese or English depending on their activity. The language it uses will be stated in the club guidelines.
6. A club is not allowed to be based on religious or political affiliation.
7. Clubs that benefit the largest number of members and have the best chance of long-term success will be given priority.