

City University of Hong Kong
Sir Gordon and Lady Ivy Wu Hall (Hall 9)
Returning Scheme 2020/21

Overview

The Returning Scheme 2020/21 of Hall 9 (the “Scheme”) governs and applies to the returning exercise in Hall 9 during academic year 2020/21, which leads to the returning recommendations in Hall Admission 2021/22.

The Scheme aims to provide the future hall community with experienced residents who have a convincing potential to make continuous contributions in various dimensions, as predicted by their made contributions during the residential periods and their demonstrated personalities.

Organisation

The Returning Recommendation Committee (the “Committee”)

The Committee, being authorised by the Residence Master (RM), is the governing body of the returning exercise in Hall 9. It is composed of:

- Chair: Residence Master
- All Residence Tutors (RT)
- Three representatives from Residents’ Association (RA) Executive Committee (ExCo) or representatives from equivalent organisations (e.g. interim RA Exco, RA Council, previous RA ExCo,) if no RA ExCo is elected in this academic year.

The Marginal Cases Interview Group (the “Group”)

The Group contains a reduced number of members from the Committee. It is authorised by the Committee to interview returning applicants, as well as to determine the ranking of all interviewees in their respective returning categories.

Definitions

Scaling System

$$\text{Scaled score} = \frac{\text{Score attained by the applicant}}{\text{Highest score among all applicants}} * \text{Maximum score attainable}$$

Example:

Assume that points earned from PEK Cup category will be scaled to a maximum of 40 points. Resident A scores 27 points in the year, which is the highest score among all returning applicants. If resident B scores 25 points. Then B will receive $40 * (25 / 27) = 37.03$ points in PEK Cup category.

Proportional System for Half-year Residents

For half-year residents, a proportional system is implemented to estimate the potential full-year score in applicable scoring categories.

Fullyear Score

$$= \frac{\text{Score attained by the applicant in that semester}}{\text{Highest score among all applicants in that semester}} * \text{Maximum score attainable}$$

However, the estimated score could only serve as a reference regarding applications from half-year residents. Applications from half-year residents will be reviewed by the Group on a case-by-case basis. A returning interview may be required.

Example:

Resident A scores 18 (Sem A) + 19 (Sem B) = 37 points in PEK category in the academic year. Both scores are the highest among all applicants each semester. Hence Resident A automatically receives full mark: 40 points in PEK category. If resident B scores 15 points in Semester A and goes to exchange in Semester B. Then B's score in PEK category will be calculated as $40 * (15/18) = 33.33$ points.

Procedures

Confidentiality Pledge by the Committee Members

All members of the Committee are required to sign the confidentiality pledge before starting to assess the returning applications. Members of the Committee are also advised to consider only the benefits of the hall community without being affected by personal interests.

Submission of Returning Applications

Prospective returning applicants are required to download, fill, sign, and submit the returning application form via AIMS system by the deadline set by the Student Residence Office (SRO). Late applications will not be considered. Even in exceptional cases, the late applicant will only, at most, be placed on the waiting list. Applicants are advised to report their contributions honestly in the application form. Purposefully providing fake information will lead to automatic disqualifications.

Assessment of Floor Performance Score

Floor tutor of the applicant shall provide the floor performance score. A vetting process will be conducted in a tutor meeting.

Application Scoring

With all components of the returning score becoming available, the returning tutor will calculate the final score of each applicant according to the Scheme.

Returning Interview

A resident who is half-year resident, or scores close to the cut-off line, or applying for senior residency (3rd or 4th year residency), may be invited by the Group to attend a returning interview. After finishing the interview, the Group will discuss and draft the recommendation list for RM's consideration.

Recommendation by Residence Master

RM is the authorised person for the RM Recommendation List and hence reserves the right to make final adjustments to the list as deems appropriate.

Key Returning Attributes (KRA)

Special Revision for Cancellation of PEK Cup Competitions in 2020/21

As a large number of PEK Cup Competitions was cancelled in 2020/21 due to Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia, the weighing within KRA-C is revised as follows:

KRA	Scoring Category	Maximum Points
C	Hall contribution – PEK Cup (normalised)	40 points * percentage of PEK Cup competitions being held successfully ¹
	Hall contribution – Activities (normalised)	30 points + 0.6*max points deducted in PEK Cup category
	Hall contribution – Floor performance (normalised)	20 points + 0.4*max points deducted in PEK Cup category
	Hall contribution – special contribution (absolute)	N/A

There are four key returning attributes in the Scheme, namely:

- A. Academic Excellence (Max: 15 points)
- B. University Contributions (Max: 10 points) (Scaled)
- C. Hall-based Contributions (Max: 90 points + special contribution)
- D. Discipline (Min: -100 points; Max: 0 point)

The final score will be the sum of the applicant's scores in the four categories.

KRA-A: Academic Excellence

Points are given based on the applicant's GPA in Semester A of this residential year. If GPA of Semester A is not available due to any reasons, cumulative GPA should be used instead.

The points are given using the following chart:

GPA	Points
4.30~4.00	15
3.99~3.50	13
3.49~3.00	10
2.99~2.50	7
2.49~2.00	4
Below 2.00	0

KRA-B: University Contributions

This scoring component is evaluated and provided by SRO. The provided score will be scaled to a maximum of 10 points. You may refer to SRO's website to learn more about it:

https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sro/htm/e_apply1_ba3_score_b.htm.

¹ Defined by submission of entry form by the PEK Cup Coordinator.

KRA-C: Hall-based Contributions – PEK Cup

There are eight competitions scheduled for the academic year 2020/21. They are Athletics, Indoor Rowing, Tug-of-war, Soccer, Basketball, Table Tennis, Singing Contest and Photography.

There are five roles a resident could play in a typical PEK Cup competition:

- Participant (Being listed on the entry form submitted by the PEK Coordinator)
- Practise Participant (Individuals selected for participating practises but cannot get listed on the entry form)
- Assistant team manager (Assist tutors in supporting the hall team)
- Helper (Helpers may be recruited for PEK competitions hosted by our hall)
- Cheering team member

Note that PEK Cup scores are calculated on a per-competition basis. Hence, if a resident volunteers to take multiple roles, only the role with highest score will be counted, except for being a practise participant while taking one other position.

For participant:

Participants will receive 5 basic points, subject to their satisfactory performance in attending training/competitions. Otherwise, the PIC tutor and PEK Coordinators reserve rights to deduct their basic points.

Participants could receive bonus points according to the results and their performance in training/competitions. Maximum bonus points for a typical sports competition are listed below:

Result	Maximum Bonus Points
Champion	5
1 st Runner Up	
2 nd Runner Up	4
3 rd Runner Up	
Wins one match or Ranked Top 8	2.5

For other competitions, the bonus points will be decided by PIC tutor and PEK Coordinators based on prizes received. The bonus points shall not exceed 5 points per competition.

Leaders and influential players of our hall teams would be considered more favourably in the returning exercise, especially for medal-winners.

For practise participant:

The practise participant could receive from 0 to 2 points adding to other possible points received from a competition, given by the PIC tutor and PEK Coordinators.

For assistant team manager:

Assistant team manager could receive up to 80% of the highest score attained by participant, decided by PIC tutor and PEK Coordinators.

For helper:

Helper could receive up to 3 points for one-off competition, or up to 5 points in more complex competitions that contain more than one match day. The actual score will be determined by the PIC tutor and PEK Coordinators based on their performance on the scene.

For cheering team member:

Cheering team member can get 0-2 points from a one-off event.

For multi-stage competitions, the points will be given as followed:

Stage	Maximum points added at this stage	Total Points
Group Stage 1	+1	0-1
Group Stage 2	+1	0-2
Quarter Final	+1	0-3
Semi-finals	+1	0-4
Final/Bronze Match	+1	0-5

If there is only one match in group stage, maximum point for that match will be adjusted to 2 points.

Cheering team members are encouraged to immerse in the competitions for the enjoyment, excitement and sense of togetherness with the fellow hallmates. The quality of participation will be seriously considered. Mere attendance will not guarantee a full participation mark.

KRA-C: Hall-based Contributions – Hall Activities

All activities have the same weighing. Points for different roles in one event are listed below:

Role	Maximum Points
Participant	2 (Decided by PIC tutor or PIC RA member)
Helper	3 (Decided by PIC tutor or PIC RA member)
Organiser (Student Initiated Activities (SIA))	4 (Decided by PIC tutor)
Organiser (Externally-funded ² hall activity/project) ³	7 (Decided by PIC tutor)

Quality of participation, particularly in online/hybrid-mode activities, will be seriously considered. Full participation mark may only be given to active participants, subject to PIC's considerations.

² A list of possible external funds could be acquired from tutors in charge of SIA.

³ Potential applicants are required to seek consent from the Hall Management Team before submitting their proposals, if their proposed activities will be held with support from the hall.

KRA-C: Hall-based Contributions – Floor Performance

Floor performance scores will be determined by the applicant's floor tutor and vetted using an internal process, mainly according to the following criteria:

Floor Performance Evaluation Reference (0-20 points)	
Very Bad 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Always behave annoyingly and affecting others.* Rarely seen on the floor.* Rarely join floor activities.
Bad 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Sometimes behaved annoyingly and affecting others.* Rarely communicate with others.* Rarely join floor activities.
Average 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Only concern a small group of specific floor-mates.* Rarely talk to floormates from different backgrounds.* Joined some floor activities.
Good 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Self-disciplined.* Able to communicate with different kinds of floor-mates.* Initiative to join most of the floor activities.
Very Good 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Self-disciplined.* Being reliable.* Initiative to communicate with different kinds of floormates.* Being helpful.* Enthusiastic and initiative to help organising floor activities.

Floor tutors may also refer to the disciplinary record kept by the disciplinary tutor, and the statements written on the returning application form.

KRA-C: Hall-based Contributions – Special Contribution

Special contribution points are typically given to residents taking up positions for and within the hall community. The bonus points will be added to applicants' hall-based contribution score according to the following criteria:

Post	Bonus	Recommendation
Fire Marshal	0 - 2 points	By Disciplinary Tutor
Floor Representative	0 - 5 points	By each floor tutor
Media Team A (Photographer, Journalist)	0 - 5 points	By Media Team RT
Media Team B (Graphic designer, Yearbook editor)	0 - 10 points	By Media Team RT
RA Council Members	0 - 10 points	By RA Council
RA ExCo Members	0 - 20 points	By President of RA ExCo

KRA-D: Discipline

Disciplinary records might lead to deductions from the returning score, according to the following criteria:

Type of Offense	Deduction
1 st offense (e.g. forgot to tap out visitor)	No deduction
2 nd offense (subsequent offense)	1 - 20 points
Offense after 2 nd offense or General case referred from SR Disciplinary Procedures	5 – 50 points per case
Serious disciplinary cases (e.g. smoking, lend SID to others)	20 – 100 points per case

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are local residents and non-local residents competing for the same returning quota?

A: No. Though returning applications from both local and non-local residents are assessed using the same Scheme, there are separate returning quotas for local and non-local residents.

Q: Can I know my current returning score or my ranking?

A: No. The returning score is calculated only after collection of all returning applications.

Q: I will be on exchange programs next year (2021/22), but I want to return in my final year (2022/23), what should I do? (Frequently asked by GBSM student)

A: Please contact Lance (lance.xtqian@my.cityu.edu.hk), the Returning Tutor to learn more.

Q: Why half-year residents may be invited to attend interviews regardless of the actual score?

A: The returning scores are designed for year-long returning applicants. The score is not that comparable between a year-long applicant and a semester-long applicant, even after the proportional transformations. Hence, the score should only be used as a general reference regarding applications from half-year resident.

Q: Why senior residency applicants may be invited to attend interviews regardless of the actual score?

A: With only limited bed spaces reserved for residents applying senior residency (3rd or 4th year), for the best use of university resources and the best interest of all stakeholders, the Committee is authorised to invite such applicants to attend the returning interview regardless of their actual score from the Scheme. Senior returning residents are expected to continue demonstrating their academic excellence, hall citizenship and community leadership in the next year, while enjoying the privilege to continue their stay in Student Residence. Moreover, residents meeting these standards with dedication in serving the hall community are warmly invited to apply for RT positions.

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