

STRICTLY EMBARGOED TILL 11 AUG 2023, 1400 HOURS

HomeTeamNS-JOM Balestier Clubhouse to close in first quarter 2025

Media Statement

11 August 2023

1. HomeTeamNS is further rationalising our facilities, to focus our resources and efforts on enhancing our operations at the Bukit Batok Clubhouse, the new clubhouses in Khatib and Bedok Reservoir, and the future one in Tengah. The HomeTeamNS-JOM Balestier Clubhouse, which has been experiencing declining patronage in the past few years, will cease operations in the first quarter of 2025.
2. HomeTeamNS-JOM Balestier opened its doors in 2001 and was then known as SPANS-JOM Clubhouse. Following the merger of the former Singapore Police Association for National Servicemen (SPANS) and the Singapore Civil Defence Association for National Servicemen (CDANS) in 2005, it was renamed HomeTeamNS-JOM Balestier. As one of our pioneer clubhouses, HomeTeamNS-JOM Balestier has served our members well over the past two decades. Members will remember fondly signature events such as REAL SWIM, World Cup screenings, the Bowling Championships, and the Darts and Karaoke Competitions held at the clubhouse.
3. HomeTeamNS is working with stakeholders and Government agencies to ensure a smooth transition in the lead-up to the closure in 2025.

- i. Staff who are working at HomeTeamNS-JOM Balestier will be redeployed to the other HomeTeamNS clubhouses.
 - ii. Tenants at the clubhouse were informed of the closure plans in Q2 2023, to ensure that they have sufficient time to make alternative arrangements.
4. HomeTeamNS members will continue to enjoy the wide range of benefits available to them island-wide through our partners, and the use of the facilities at the clubhouses in Bedok Reservoir, Bukit Batok and Khatib.
5. Members who have queries can contact us at enquiries@hometeamns.sg.

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About HomeTeamNS

HomeTeamNS is a non-profit organisation set up to recognise the invaluable contributions of the Singapore Police Force (SPF) and Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) NSmen to the safety and security of the nation. HomeTeamNS aims to build a greater sense of camaraderie amongst SPF and SCDF NSmen by providing a shared environment for them to network and build bonds through sporting and social activities.

HomeTeamNS has a membership base of over 260,000 NSmen, with four clubhouses conveniently located at Balestier, Bedok Reservoir, Bukit Batok and Khatib and actively renews its commitment to be the desired place for NSmen and their families to get together, have fun and feel proud to be part of the Home Team family. The clubhouses are equipped with sports and recreational facilities such as gyms, villas, food and beverage establishments and child-friendly facilities and enrichment centres. For more information, please visit www.hometeamns.sg.

Media FAQ for HomeTeamNS-JOM Balestier Closure

1. What are the reasons for closing HomeTeamNS-JOM Balestier?

As our members' lifestyle and recreational needs evolved over the years, patronage at HomeTeamNS-JOM Balestier has been declining. We thus decided to rationalise our facilities, to focus our resources and efforts on enhancing our operations at our Bukit Batok Clubhouse, the new generation of clubhouses in Khatib and Bedok Reservoir, as well as the one which will be built in Tengah in the future.

2. Will there be a new clubhouse to replace HomeTeamNS-JOM Balestier?

Based on the population size of Home Team National Servicemen, the number of clubhouses we have currently is sufficient to meet their needs.

3. What will happen to the tenants located in the clubhouse, what are some of the arrangements made for them?

The tenants were notified of the impending closure in Q2 2023. We wanted to give them sufficient time to make alternative arrangements for their operations and staff.

4. Will this affect HomeTeamNS membership?

HomeTeamNS members will continue to enjoy the wide range of benefits available to them island-wide through our partners, and the use of the facilities at our other three clubhouses at Bedok Reservoir, Bukit Batok and Khatib.

5. What will happen to staff affected by the closure?

We will redeploy them to the other HomeTeamNS clubhouses.