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**Re: Health Club Registration Application**

Dear Health Club Applicant:

Per your request please find the enclosed health club registration application package. Your application package must be complete before it can be reviewed. Please remember to submit:

1. A true and exact copy of the membership agreement;
2. A current personal or corporate financial statement prepared by a certified public account; and
3. A \$25,000 surety bond in the form of a deposit of cash, a certificate of deposit, securities, or a bond issued by a corporate surety acceptable to the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance.

As you conduct business in the state of Tennessee, please be mindful of the following provisions of the Tennessee health club law:

1. It is unlawful to operate an unregistered health club, TENN. CODE ANN. §47-18-302;
2. A health club must conspicuously display a registration certificate within the facility, TENN. CODE ANN. §47-18-302;
3. The membership agreements of an unregistered health club are unenforceable against the buyer and the buyer is entitled to a refund of unused fees, TENN. CODE ANN. §47-18-303(2);
4. Membership agreements must comply with the language and format requirements of TENN. CODE ANN. §47-18-305;
5. Written notice must be provided to the Division within ten (10) days of change in ownership, sale or closure, TENN. CODE ANN. §47-18-313; and
6. Violations of the health club statute are subject to \$1,000 civil penalty for each violation. Each day of violative activity counts as a separate violation, TENN. CODE ANN. §47-18-315(b).

Your health club facility must be certified by the Division of Consumer Affairs as fully operational and available for use by members before a registration certificate will be issued.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at the above telephone number.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Cordell  
Director of Division of Consumer Affairs

Enclosures