

## HDB parking-lot rules apply equally to everyone

Letter from **CHAN KENG MIN**

I REFER to the letter, "Be flexible when meting out fines" (June 23-24) by Mr Tan Chee Meng, regarding his frustration at being fined for parking in the Housing and Development Board (HDB) season parking lots.

The whole purpose of paying a monthly HDB parking fee is for the convenience it affords, and not for Mr Tan to park his car there.

He should not have parked in one of the empty lots for season car park holders, which are demarcated by red borders.

Mr Tan took a gamble

that there would not be any enforcement officer around during the time he parked at the season lots. In this case, he "lost" and now he has to pay the fine.

Displaying the required amount of coupons does not nullify the fact that the lots are meant for season pass holders only, nor does it excuse his "deliberate" attempt to break the rules.

If the HDB were to relax the rules for this car park near Downtown East, then what about the parking lots elsewhere in other neighbourhoods?

Where would the HDB draw the line?



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**BE CONTENT WITH YOUR LOT:** The complainant should not have been surprised at being fined for parking in a red-bordered lot, says this reader.



## CPR should be given immediately

Letter from **LIM BOON HEE**

I READ with surprise the report, "RJC athlete dies after SEA Games trials" (June 25), which quoted the deceased's mother as saying that her son had collapsed at the end point and there was no medical

help. There was also no cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) administered as, according to her, "no one knew how" to do it.

The reply by the Triathlon Association of Singapore (TAS) was that no CPR was administered as the cause of the collapse was uncertain

and they wanted to rush Thaddeus Cheong to hospital. But the two actions — starting immediate CPR and rushing to hospital — are not mutually exclusive. If someone collapses and there is no pulse or breathing, CPR should be administered immediately, regardless of the

cause of collapse.

The athlete's mother's statement gives rise to the question as to whether there were qualified medical personnel and ambulances at the ready in events as gruelling as the triathlon time trial.

They would have told TAS that

when the heart or breathing stops, there is no need to wait to find out the cause of the collapse before starting CPR, which should have been administered immediately and continued till he reached hospital. The time wasted in this case may have proved fatal.

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