



Milton Keynes Mountaineering Club Constitution and Rules

1. **Name**

- 1.1 The name of the Club shall be the Milton Keynes Mountaineering Club.

2. **Objectives of the Club**

- 2.1 To promote the interests of climbing and mountaineering amongst members of the Club.
2.2 To provide an opportunity for members of the Club to meet and participate in climbing and mountaineering activities together.
2.3 To act on behalf of and in the interests of Club members.

3. **Membership of the Club**

- 3.1 Membership of the Club is open to any person over the age of 18 who is interested in climbing and mountaineering.
3.2 In addition to 3.1 above, membership of the Club shall only be open to individuals who recognise that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Members shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement.
3.3 Club Membership is not open to minors.

4. **Club Subscriptions**

- 4.1 The Committee shall have the power to set membership subscription levels for the Club on an annual basis.

5. **Management of the Club**

- 5.1 The Management of the Club shall be entrusted to the Club Committee.
5.2 Voting for the election of the committee shall take place at the AGM.
5.3 The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and up to six other members. It will be the responsibility of the newly elected committee to decide on who fills the key roles.

6. **Committee of the Club**

- 6.1 The Chairman of the Club will normally preside at and chair all meetings of the Committee and shall be responsible for reporting to the Membership at the Club's AGM.
6.2 The Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence relating to Club affairs and for announcing Committee meetings, and the production and distribution of minutes from those meetings. The Secretary shall also be responsible for announcing the AGM and shall give at least 14 clear days notice of such a meeting and its agenda. Items for inclusion should be submitted at least 28 days prior to the AGM.
6.3 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of subscriptions and will account for any other income and expenditure made on behalf of the Club. The Treasurer shall prepare a financial statement for presentation to the Annual General Meeting or as directed by the committee. The committee shall have the power to appoint an Auditor.
6.4 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members to itself where appropriate.
6.5 The Committee may seek affiliation with any other bodies as the committee may deem fit.
6.6 A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be at least 3 elected voting members. In addition to the AGM the Committee shall hold at least three meetings each year.
6.7 Any affiliated group sponsored by the Committee shall have the right to be represented on the Committee.
6.8 If vacancies occur among the Committee, the Committee shall have the power to fill them from among the members.
6.9 An appointed member of the committee shall keep records about the Membership of the Club and shall, if required, report to the BMC the size of the Membership.



7. Annual General Meeting

7.1 The Committee shall arrange an Annual General Meeting for the purpose of receiving the Annual report of the Committee and the resignations of the Committee, of electing a new Committee, of making recommendations to the members, and of voting whenever necessary on proposals to amend the constitution.

8. Special General Meeting

8.1 The Chairperson or Secretary of the Club may at any time call a Special General Meeting of the Club, either for the purpose of altering the constitution or for considering any matter which the Committee may decide should be referred to the membership in general. They shall call such a meeting at the written request of not less than five members who shall give reasons for their request.

9 Expulsion of members

9.1 If at any time the Committee considers that the interests of the Club require it they must invite a member to resign from the Club, by a letter specifying the reasons for their request and offering the member an opportunity to provide an explanation either in writing or in person and the date before which the reply should be received.

9.2 If the member concerned requests a meeting to provide an explanation, the committee must arrange a meeting at a suitable time and place and within a reasonable period of time and must provide the member with not less than seven days written notice of it.

9.3 The Committee must consider the explanation provided by the member in good faith and have due regard to all available evidence and may confirm or vary their original decision.

9.4 If the Committee confirms their original decision and the member concerned does not resign the Committee must submit the question of his/her expulsion to a Special General Meeting to be convened for the purpose, whether or not the member requests such a meeting.

9.5 Not less than two weeks' notice of the meeting must be given to all the members.

9.6 The Honorary Secretary must inform the member in question of the time and place of the meeting and the nature of the complaints in sufficient time to afford him/her a proper opportunity of offering an explanation.

9.7 At the meeting the member must be allowed to offer an explanation of his/her conduct verbally or in writing and if after that two-thirds of the members present vote for his/her expulsion he/she will immediately cease to be a member of the Club.

9.8 The voting at any such Special General Meeting must be by ballot if not less than five members present at that meeting so demand.

9.9 The Committee may exclude from the Club until the Special General Meeting is held any member whose resignation has been requested.

10 Effect of ceasing to be a member

10.1 On ceasing to be a member a person forfeits all right to and claim upon the Club and its property and funds.

10.2 A person who has been expelled from the Club shall not be entitled to participate in any subsequent activity of the Club.

11. Rules of the Club

11.1 The Committee shall have the power to set Club rules. Such rules shall be in accordance with the articles of the Club's Constitution.

Documents and guidance that the club endorses:

1. Membership form
2. BMC insurance - club guidelines
3. Club trips
 - a). Booking a place on a club trip
 - b). The Roles of a Meet Contact, Co-ordinator or Organiser
4. New members guide to club trips
5. Club equipment



12. Amendments to the Constitution of the Club

12.1 Any alterations to this constitution shall require the approval of a two thirds majority of those club members attending and voting at an AGM or Special General Meeting. Notice of any amendment must be received by the Secretary at least 28 days prior to the meeting.

13. Dissolution of the Club

13.1 If the Committee by a simple majority decides at the time that on the grounds of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Club it shall call a meeting of all the members, giving them at least 14 days notice and stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed at the meeting. If such a decision is confirmed by a simple majority of those present and voting at the meeting, the committee shall have the power to dispose of any assets held by or in the name of the Club.

13.2 Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities will be shared equally amongst the current Members or donated to Charity.

13.3 Any liabilities at the time of dissolution shall be the joint responsibility of all Members.

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