

SKYLINE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB CONSTITUTION

The Club constitution defines why the club exists, what the club is and how the club shall be run.

1. Name

The club shall be called Skyline Mountaineering Club

2. Objectives

The objectives of the club are to foster and encourage an interest in all aspects of mountaineering, fell walking, rock climbing, winter climbing, caving or other associated activity. The club may seek affiliation with other bodies in these fields.

3. Committee

The committee shall consist of:-

Chairman

Treasurer

Secretary

Meets Leader

Three ordinary committee members

The chairman will not normally be called upon to vote at committee meetings but may exercise a casting vote.

4. Membership

All interested persons may apply for membership to the secretary or any other committee member. All application forms should be submitted to the committee for approval. The decision of the committee on all membership applications is final.

5. Elections

The committee will be elected at the Annual General Meeting, which shall be held during the month of December. Nomination for committee posts must be received in writing by the secretary before the AGM and must have a proposer, seconder and the nominee's signature.

6. Voting

The election of officers at the AGM will take place by ballot papers. In all other matters a show of hands will decide the vote.

7. Quorum

A quorum shall be 35% of the paid up membership of the club at the AGM, and four committee members at committee meetings.

8. Financial Control

The club funds will be deposited in a current account at a registered bank of the United Kingdom. Cheques may be authorised by two signatures, one of which shall be the treasurer and the other signature shall be decided by the committee.

9. Expulsion

Subscriptions are due on the 1st January. Members in arrears on 1st March will be notified and given fourteen days in which to pay the arrears. In default of this the committee may suspend the member.

The committee may suspend or expel any member for conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the club or its members, the period of suspension to be decided by the committee.

10. Subscriptions

The amount of subscriptions and hut fees due will be decided at the AGM of the Club. New members joining in September or later of any one year may carry their membership through to the following year.

11. Limitation of liability

It must be clearly understood that the club accepts no responsibility for the safety of members or guests and that it exists only as a co-ordinating body for persons with similar interests. In particular, the committee disclaims all liability for claims in the event of an accident or injury to members or guests.

Persons under the age of 18 will not be accepted until the signature of the parent or guardian has been obtained by the secretary. Only then may minors attend when accompanied by a parent or guardian.

12. Business

Committee meetings may be called by any committee member. AGMs and extra-ordinary general meetings may be called by the committee or by 40% of the paid up membership, giving two weeks notice in each case.

During the year, members can be co-opted onto the committee to fill any vacant posts which may arise.

If the club is wound up, all funds after settling outstanding debts will be paid to the local Mountain Rescue.

13. Meets

Members will have preference on away meets.

Members are responsible for the conduct and behaviour of their invited guests on all meets, and are asked to co-operate with the meets leader. All requests for individual hut bookings for members must be accompanied by the necessary hut fees in advance.

A member may secure, by payment, any available places for non-members, not more than 2 weeks in advance of any meet.

14. Meets Leader

The committee will nominate a meets leader for each away meet.

Duties: Allocation of places

Co-ordination of transport

Responsibility for the well being of the hut and return of key

To ensure that any new members are made welcome

To have a record of members intentions for the day

To maintain the hut log book.