

IBEX MOUNTAIN AND HILL WALKING CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

The name of the Club shall be “Ibex Mountain and Hill Walking Club”.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Club are to provide a means whereby people with interests in any aspect of hill walking and mountaineering can partake in those activities together, both in the UK and abroad, and can meet on other social occasions.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 There shall be two types of membership - Individual and Joint. Both are entitled to the full rights of the Club. Each Joint member shall have the same rights as an Individual member.
- 3.2 The minimum age of membership is 18 years.
- 3.3 Individual membership may be granted to anyone who has paid the due subscription.
- 3.4 Joint membership is available to a family and to couples living together on a permanent basis and who have paid the due subscription.
- 3.5 Applications for membership shall be made to the Membership Secretary directly or to any other Committee member.
- 3.6 Prospective members may attend as guests for a maximum of one away meet.
- 3.7 Children of members are allowed to attend events at the discretion of the organiser of the event and only if at least one parent is present.
- 3.8 A person shall forfeit all rights to and claims upon the Club and its property and funds on ceasing to be a member.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 4.1 The annual subscription paid by each class of membership shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.2 The subscription is due on 1st January and any person who has not paid by 1st March shall cease to be a member.
- 4.3 New members joining on or after 1st October shall pay the full subscription which will entitle them to membership for the following year.
- 4.4 Members who join after the AGM pay the subscription as established at the AGM.

5. CLUB COMMITTEE

- 5.1 There shall be a Club Committee which shall consist of a maximum of 8 members (subject to 5.7), to be elected at each Annual General Meeting, and they will serve until the following

Annual General Meeting.

- 5.2 Club Committee posts to be directly elected by the membership shall be the President, Treasurer and Weekend Co-ordinator. If any of these posts are vacant after the Annual General Meeting they may be allocated by the Committee to a Committee member either elected at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted by the Committee. The functions of the remaining members of the Club Committee shall be determined by the Club Committee.
- 5.3 One of the Club Committee members shall be Vice President. The Vice President shall be elected by the Club members at the Annual General Meeting after election of the Club Committee members.
- 5.4 No Club Committee member may serve in the same post for more than 3 consecutive years or serve on the Committee for more than 6 consecutive years.
- 5.5 If any Club Committee member ceases to be a member of that Committee or if less than 8 members are elected at the Annual General Meeting, the Club Committee is entitled to co-opt a further member or members to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 5.6 If a vote of No Confidence in any Club Committee member is passed at a General Meeting, that member must resign from the Club Committee.
- 5.7 The Club Committee may co-opt an additional member to carry out the functions of any member of the Committee who, in the Committee's opinion, is unable (for any reason) to carry out the functions allocated to or assumed by that member. The additional member shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 5.8 The Club Committee has the right to refuse, or not to renew membership of a person, or to expel a member who, in their opinion, acts against the interests of the Club, subject to an appeal at a General Meeting. The Club Committee shall have the power to direct that such member loses membership rights until such General Meeting is held. At such Meeting, the person shall be allowed to offer an explanation of his/her conduct verbally or in writing. The decision of the Club Committee may be ratified by a simple majority of the members present at such Meeting and if the vote is in favour of expulsion, the member shall immediately cease to be a member of the Club.

6. MEETINGS

- 6.1 There shall be not less than 6 meetings of the Club Committee between Annual General Meetings and not more than 10 weeks shall elapse between Club Committee meetings.
- 6.2 At a Club Committee meeting, in the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside. Resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority. In the event of a tie, the member presiding shall have the casting vote.
- 6.3 The quorum for a Club Committee meeting shall be four Committee members.
- 6.4 The agenda for a Club Committee meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting shall be made available to all Club Committee members at least 7 days before the meeting.
- 6.5 Voting at a General Meeting shall be by show of hands, but at the request of four or more members present voting shall be by secret ballot. Each member present shall have one vote. Resolutions shall be approved by simple majority. The Chairman shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie.
- 6.6 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in October or November each year. The Club

Committee shall announce the date of the Annual General Meeting at least two months in advance of the meeting. Resolutions for discussion or vote at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary, signed by a proposer and a seconder (who shall both be members of the Club) to arrive no later than a closing date designated by the Club Committee. The Club Committee shall give at least one month's notice of the closing date to all members. The Agenda for the Meeting shall contain details of all such resolutions and shall be sent to all members at least seven days before the Meeting. Resolutions shall not be binding on the members and the Club unless contained in this Agenda save that the Chairman may, in his/her discretion, permit an amendment to any such resolution which has been proposed and approved at the Meeting.

- 6.7 The President or, in the President's absence, the Vice-President shall be Chairman of the Annual General Meeting.
- 6.8 The quorum for an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting shall be 10% of the members.
- 6.9 An Extraordinary General Meeting can be called by the Club Committee or by any 8 members upon notifying the Secretary in writing. Only the item covered in that notice can be discussed or voted on at the meeting. One month's notice of the meeting must be given to members. The meeting must be held within two months of the Secretary receiving the request.

7. ELECTIONS

- 7.1 The Club Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by a simple majority of members present.
- 7.2 Nominations for Club Committee posts detailed in 5.2 and for other places on the Club Committee shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary, signed by a proposer and a seconder (who shall be members of the Club) and by the candidate, to arrive no later than a closing date designated by the Club Committee.
- 7.3 The Club Committee shall give at least one month's notice of the closing date for nominations to all members.
- 7.4 If there are no or less than 4 Club Committee members appointed at an Annual General Meeting in accordance with the procedures set out in sections 6 and 7 the members present at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to nominate a member or members for election to the Committee provided such member or members consent to this nomination. Such election shall take place in accordance with the procedures under sections 6 and 7 and so that the total number of Committee members does not exceed 8. The posts to be held by the Committee members elected under this section shall not be determined at this Annual General Meeting but shall be allocated in accordance with section 5.2 save for the post of Vice President. The Vice President shall still be elected under section 5.3 after any election under this section.

8. ACCOUNTS

- 8.1 The financial year shall run from 1st January to 31st December.
- 8.2 The Treasurer shall present a report at each Club Committee meeting.
- 8.3 At the Annual General Meeting the Treasurer shall present the accounts of the previous year and a statement of accounts for the current financial year to 30th September. The former is to be audited by a non-committee member elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.4 The Treasurer shall keep an inventory of all Club equipment.

9. AFFILIATIONS

The Committee shall seek affiliation to the BMC.

10. LIABILITY

- 10.1 Membership of the Club shall only be open to individuals who recognise that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury and death. Members shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement.
- 10.2 To ensure that all members are aware of and agree to accept responsibility for the risks as set out in 10.1 the following statement shall be included on all application/renewal forms for membership of the Club and application forms for Club events: "I/We recognise that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. I/We will participate in these activities on the basis that I am/we are aware of and accept these risks and am/are responsible for my/our own actions and involvement". This statement must be signed by each member or participant in a Club event and in the case of those under 18 years of age participating in Club activities, signed by a parent or guardian.

11. DISSOLUTION

Should the Club be wound up, the assets of the Club are to be realised, creditors are to be paid off and the net funds to be paid off to various mountaineering charities or clubs whose objectives coincide with those of the Club. The recipients of these donations are to be decided at the General Meeting called to wind up the Club. Liability to members is limited to the annual subscription.

12. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 12.1 This constitution may be changed by a resolution passed by simple majority approval of Club members present at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 12.2 Resolutions to change the Constitution shall be raised following the procedures laid down in 6.6 or 6.9.