



## Constitution and Rules

1. **Name**
  - 1.1. The name of the Club shall be the "Brecon Beacons Climbing & Mountaineering Club Hereinafter referred to as "the Club" or "BBCMC".
2. **Objectives of the Club**
  - 2.1. To introduce new people to climbing, walking and mountaineering.
  - 2.2. To promote the interests of climbing, walking and mountaineering amongst members of the Club.
  - 2.3. To provide an opportunity for members of the Club to meet and participate in a wide range of activities together.
  - 2.4. To act on behalf of and in the interests of Club members.
  - 2.5. To promote awareness of the need to maintain access, conservation and protection of the environment
  - 2.6. To take part in the work and activities of the British Mountaineering Council (BMC).
3. **Membership of the Club**
  - 3.1. Membership of the Club shall be open to all and hereinafter referred to as "the Membership".
  - 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 open to minors only with parent or legal guardian.
  - 3.4. In the event that the Members resolve that the Club shall affiliate to the BMC, the Members acknowledge and agree that they will become Club Members of the BMC and that the Club shall pay the appropriate subscription on behalf of each Member included in the returned filed by the Club with the BMC, and, in the event of the BMC being wound up, shall pay the sum of not more than £1 on behalf of each Member included in a return filed by the Club with the BMC at any time within the preceding period of one year pursuant to the guarantee comprised in clause 6 of the Memorandum of Association of the BMC. The Members further acknowledge and agree that upon the Club being affiliated to the BMC and each becoming a Club member of the BMC that they will each be bound by the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the BMC.
4. **Management of the Club**
  - 4.1. The Management of the Club shall be entrusted to the Club Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee".
5. **Officers of the Club "the Committee"**
  - 5.1. The elected Officers of the Club will be the hereinafter referred to as "the Officers" will consist of:
    - Chair
    - Membership Secretary (BMC Main Contact)
    - Treasurer
    - Events & Training Coordinator
    - Equipment Officer
    - Webmaster & Digital Media
    - COVID Officer
  - 5.2. Voting for the election of Officers shall take place at the AGM
6. **Committee of the Club**
  - 6.1. The Chair of the Club will normally preside at and chair all meetings of the Committee (*or Club*) and shall be responsible for reporting to the Membership at the Club's AGM.
  - 6.2. The Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the Club (*plus a number of elected members from the Club Membership if desired*).



- 6.3. The Club 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 Club shall keep records about the Membership of the Club and shall report to the MCI/BMC the size of the Membership.
- 6.4. Each committee member will have one vote with the chair having the casting vote, the minimum quorate will be the chair and two other committee members.
- 6.5. 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 be responsible for the payment of the membership subscription to the BMC/MCI and the Insurance premium if this option is taken up.
7. **Club Subscriptions**
  - 7.1. The Committee shall have the power to set membership subscription levels for the Club on an annual basis.
8. **Child-Protection Policy and equal opportunities**
  - 8.1. Parents/guardians may bring their children to events but have sole responsibility for those minors.
  - 8.2. It is the policy of BBCMC to treat all members and potential members fairly and equally regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, marital status, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion, age, or disability.
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 the member 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 four weeks' notice of the meeting must be given to all the members.
  - 9.6. The Members Secretary must inform the member in question of the time and place of the meeting and the nature of the complaints against the member in sufficient time to afford the member a proper opportunity of offering their explanation.
  - 9.7. At the meeting the member must be allowed to offer an explanation of their conduct verbally or in writing and if after that two-thirds of the members present vote for the member expulsion they 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 nor to visit the Club's premises.
  - 10.3. There will be no refund of membership fee or part thereof.



**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 and the policies of the BMC.

*(Such rules might include for example: Club Members shall sign for club equipment that they undertake to use it entirely at their own risk, on winter meets Club Members shall leave a basic route plan with the meet organizer, etc.)*

**12. Amendments to the Constitution of the Club**

12.1. This Constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority of the committee or members at the AGM or Special General Meeting

**13. Dissolution of the Club**

13.1. The Club can be dissolved by two-thirds majority vote carried out in accordance with Article 9 whereupon the Committee will arrange to discharge any assets equally amongst the Members (*or donated to Charity, MCI Environmental Defense Fund, Mountain Rescue etc.*). Any liabilities at the time of dissolution shall be the joint responsibility of all Members.