



## **Newbury Mountain Club – Rules**

### **Rule 1: Follow the UIAA International Mountain Code**

This can be found in full at

[http://www.theuiaa.org/upload\\_area/files/1/The\\_Mountain\\_Code.pdf](http://www.theuiaa.org/upload_area/files/1/The_Mountain_Code.pdf). In particular, observe the sections about nature and the environment.

### **Rule 2: Follow the Countryside Code**

This can be found in full at <http://www.ramblers.org.uk/info/britain/countrysidecode.html>.

### **Rule 3: Money**

Where a club member has committed to the organiser of a club meet that he or she will attend the meet:

- Cancellation or non-attendance: the club member is liable to pay their full share of the cost (whether or not a deposit has been paid).
- Partial attendance: the club member is liable to pay their full share.
- The club member is not liable in cases in which the reserved place has subsequently been filled or the cost has been fully recuperated by other means.
- The club member is not liable in cases in which the reserved place has been cancelled before the meet organiser has made any bookings.
- The club member is not liable in cases in which the cost has not been clearly stated or estimated in the information supplied by the meet organiser.
- In all cases the amount owed may be reduced or waived at the discretion of the Treasurer. Examples: there are exceptional circumstances preventing attendance; the cost was partially recuperated by other means; there is reasonable doubt about whether the club member really did commit to attending the meet.
- Example 1: accommodation has been booked for 8 people at a cost of £400; each member who attends pays £50; members who commit to attending but do not do so, also pay £50.
- Example 2: accommodation for 4 nights has been booked for 8 people at a cost of £400; each member who attends pays £50; a member who spends only 2 nights in the accommodation also pays £50.

### **Rule 4: Subscriptions**

- Subscriptions are due by 31<sup>st</sup> January each year.
- Membership runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December each year.
- Membership costs are:
  - Ordinary member: £20.

- Full-time students, OAPs, unemployed: 50% discount.
- New members joining after 31<sup>st</sup> July are entitled to a discount of 50%.

## **Rule 5: Under-18s**

As stated in the Constitution, we do not accept anyone under the age of 18 as a Club Member. Club Members with children should note the following:

- Members can bring their children on camping trips organised by the Club.
- Members can bring their children on general Youth Hostel or bunkhouse trips organised by the Club, providing suitable accommodation is available for the Member(s) and his/her family. Suitable accommodation means sleeping arrangements that the Member's family and the trip organiser are both happy with. The Member is responsible for checking the availability of suitable accommodation with the location and/or the trip organiser.
- In both of the above cases, Members are wholly responsible for their children, and are also responsible for ensuring other Club Members are not inconvenienced in any way.
- Members should also be aware of the BMC's Child Protection Policy, details of which are at <http://www.thebmc.co.uk/Download.aspx?id=11>.

Members also have the option of BMC family membership in their own right – see <http://www.thebmc.co.uk/Pages.aspx?page=46>.

## **Rule 6: Meets**

Club members leading groups in mountain terrain shall ensure that the meets organiser is aware of their proposed itinerary, who is in their group and their expected time of return (see Countryside Code above).

## **Rule 7: Elections of committee - procedure**

- President to inform club members at least 30 days prior to the AGM which posts are up for re-election.
- President to request nominations from the club members for the committee. Nominations to be received at least 14 days before the AGM. Those committee members wishing to continue in their posts also need to be nominated. At least one week before the AGM, club members shall be provided a list of nominations received by the President. Club members have the right to nominate themselves or others at the AGM without giving any notice. Club members also have the right to decline a nomination if made by others.
- If a post is contested or if too many people put themselves forward to be members of the committee, then a secret ballot must be organised for each contested position. The President has the casting vote.

- The new committee formally takes over from the previous one 14 days after the AGM.

### **Rule 8: Collection, Storage and Use of Personal Information**

- The Data Protection Act 1998 shall apply to all personal information collected, stored and used by the Newbury Mountain Club, whether they are: current members, lapsed members, prospective members.
- For the purposes of the Act, the following shall apply:
  - Newbury Mountain Club shall be the Data Controller;
  - Notification to the Information Commissioner is not required.
- The Data Controller shall comply with the eight Data Protection Principles. These require the Data Controller to:
  - Process personal data fairly and lawfully;
  - Obtain personal data only for one or more specified and lawful purposes and to ensure that such data is not processed in a manner which is incompatible with the purpose or purposes for which it was obtained;
  - Ensure that personal data is adequate, relevant and not excessive for the purpose or purposes for which it is held;
  - Ensure that personal data is accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date;
  - Ensure that personal data is not kept for any longer than is necessary for the purpose for which it was obtained;
  - Process personal data in accordance with the rights of the individuals to whom the information relates;
  - Ensure that personal data is kept secure;
  - Ensure that personal data is not transferred to a country outside the European Economic Area unless the country to which the information is to be sent ensures an adequate level of protection for the rights (in relation to the information) of the individuals to whom the personal data relates.
- Individuals have the right upon request to see personal information held upon them, and the purpose for which it is intended.