

Newbury Mountain Club – Rules

Rule 1: Follow the ethos of The BMC in relation to:

- Protection of the environment
- Promotion of mountain activities within the UK and Overseas.

Rule 2: Money

- It is the club's intention to organise meets that will be cost neutral to the club whilst offering value for money to the club members. On this basis:
- Where a club member has committed to the organiser of a club meet that they will attend and accommodation has been booked based on this commitment, the member is responsible for full payment even if the member does not attend/cancels or partially attends.
- A member should notify the organiser at the earliest opportunity if they can no longer attend a meet that they have previously committed to. The member will work with the organiser to re-sell their space, if successful their obligations will be passed to the new meet attendee on confirmation from all parties.
- If there are exceptional circumstances costs may be recuperated through other means, it is up to the discretion of both the treasurer and meet organiser to agree if a refund can be processed for a member that subsequently cancels after committing to a meet.
- As we regard ourselves as a fully inclusive club, a member may approach the Committee in confidence to request financial support to enable them to attend a club event

Rule 3: Subscriptions

- Subscriptions begin on the 1st January and run until 31st December.
- Membership costs are:
 - Ordinary member: £20.
 - Full-time students, OAPs, unemployed: 50% discount plus if there are any extenuating circumstances.
 - New members joining after 30th June pay a reduced membership fee of £12.

Rule 4: 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:
 - The club is committed to organising family friendly meets and these will be at the trip organisers' discretion and advertised accordingly.
 - During these trips the parent will be responsible for the costs and welfare of their children including suitable sleeping arrangements.
 - Personal details of children will be required for each individual through completion of a membership form.
 - The cost for the child's place will be the same as an adult's place.
 - Members should also be aware of the BMC's Child Protection Policy.

Rule 5: Meets

- Prospective Club members and other non-members can attend any number of evening and single-day walks (i.e. events where no accommodation has been booked by the Club) without paying for Club membership, but will need to provide personal details by completing a membership form.
- Prospective Club members and other new non-members can attend one weekend Club meet before deciding whether or not to join the Club. After attending one meet, the non-member is required to join the Club at the current membership rate before attending any further meets. It is mandatory that a new person who wishes to come on a weekend event, attends a club meet prior to booking.

- Former Club members who have not paid their membership for the current year are required to rejoin and pay full membership before attending any trip.