

# **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 clubs' 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: £37.
  - Full-time students & unemployed: £32.
  - Any extenuating circumstances: contact the secretary to discuss reduced fees

## **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:

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

## Rule 5: Meets

- The Trip/Walk Booking Request Form must be completed in order to attend an event.
- 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, on payment of £5. After attending one meet, the non-member is required to join the Club at the current membership rate (less the £5 already paid) 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 re-join and pay full membership before attending any trip.