

RULES

Constitution of the Club

1. The Club shall be called the Alpine Club.
2. The objects of the Alpine Club are to promote mountain climbing and exploration in good style throughout the world, to develop a better knowledge of the mountains through literature, science and art and through its meetings and publications, to encourage protection of the mountain environment and to conserve the Club's heritage.
3. The Club shall consist of Full Members elected under Rules 15-19, Aspirant Members elected under Rules 15-17, and 20 and 21, Honorary Members elected under Rule 22, and Associates elected under Rules 15-17, and 20. Full Members elected under Rules 15-17 and 19 shall be known as Alpine Climbing Group Members and shall form the Alpine Climbing Group (ACG). A Full Member may also be an ACG Member if appropriately elected as such. Membership of the Club is open equally to men and women.

Management of the Club

4. The Officers of the Club shall be a President, two vice Presidents, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Editor, an Honorary Librarian and an Honorary Guidebooks Commissioning Editor.
5. The Management of the Club and its operations shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the Officers, nine Elective Members, such extra Members and such co-opted Members as may be appointed in the manner hereinafter provided. Seven shall form a quorum.
6. The Committee shall from time to time co-opt not more than two ACG Members nominated by the Committee of the ACG. They shall remain members of the Committee until the 31st December next following.
7. The Committee shall have power to appoint as an Extra member of the Committee any Full Member provided that such Extra members shall not at any time exceed four in number. Extra members so appointed shall hold office from the time of their appointment until the 31st December next following and shall be eligible for re-appointment, but shall not so serve for more than three years consecutively.
8. In the case of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of President, the Committee shall appoint one of the vice-Presidents to fill the office until the 31st December next following. In the case of a similar vacancy occurring in respect of any other officer or member of the Committee, the Committee may appoint any eligible Full Member to fill the vacancy for the same period. Such period of service shall be disregarded in applying the conditions of Rule 38. Any casual vacancy in the office of Auditor shall be filled by the Committee subject to confirmation by the next General Meeting.
9. (a) The Committee shall appoint and maintain in being a subcommittee (hereinafter called "the Wine Committee") whose duty it shall be to manage the purchase for the Club and the supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor.

(b) The Wine Committee shall consist of the Treasurer ex-officio and three other Full Members of the Club.

(c) There may be admitted to the Club's premises members (and guests of such members) of other Clubs which exist for learned educational or cultural objects of a similar nature to those of the Alpine Club and intoxicating liquor may be sold to them on behalf of the Alpine Club for consumption on the premises, provided that such admission or sale shall only be in accordance

with such conditions and on such occasions as may be authorised by or under Regulations made by the Committee.

10. The Committee shall appoint and maintain in being a Membership Sub-Committee which shall collect and scrutinize applications for Associateship, Aspirant and Full Membership (other than applications for ACG Membership) and which shall make recommendations thereon.
11. The Committee shall have power to appoint either from their own number or other Full Members such other sub-Committees as they consider necessary and to define their terms of reference.
12. The Committee shall have power, and where required by these rules a duty to make from time to time such Regulations, not being inconsistent with these Rules, as they deem to be for the well being of the Club.

Appointment of Trustees

13. (a) The freehold and leasehold property of the Club and such other property as the Committee may direct shall be vested in and held by not less than two nor more than four Trustees who shall be appointed by the Committee from the Full or Honorary Members of the Club but the cessation of such Membership shall not disqualify a Trustee from continuing in office.
 - (b) The Trustees shall act in accordance with any lawful directions given by the Committee or any appropriate sub Committee appointed in accordance with Rule 11.
 - (c) The Trustees shall be fully indemnified out of the property of the Club for all liabilities, costs and expenses incurred in relation to or in the course of their office.
 - (d) The Committee shall have power to appoint a new Trustee or Trustees in the place of a Trustee or Trustees dying, retiring or becoming unable to act.
 - (e) The Committee shall have power by resolution to remove a Trustee from office and any Trustee so removed shall concur in executing any documents requisite to give effect to his removal.

Investment Powers of Trustees

14. The Trustees shall have the following powers as regards the property vested in them (hereinafter called "the Trust Funds").
 - (a) power to invest or apply the Trust Funds in the purchase of or at interest upon the security of such investments or property of whatsoever nature and whether producing income or not as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit, to the intent that the Trustees shall have the same full and unrestricted powers as if they were absolutely entitled thereto beneficially, PROVIDED ALWAYS that the exercise of the said powers shall be restricted to the furtherance of the Club's objects and shall not be exercised so as to benefit any individual.
 - (b) power to permit any monies or securities for money or documents of title to property for the time being subject to the trusts hereof to be and remain deposited with any bank, trust company or other like institution in the United Kingdom. and permit any investment securities or other property which shall be for the time being subject to the trusts hereof to be and remain invested in the name of nominees in the United Kingdom instead of in the name of the Trustees themselves upon such terms as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion think proper.
 - (c) power to insure any property for the time being comprised in the Trust Funds to any amount.

Election of Members

15. The election of Members and Associates shall be in the hands of the Committee in consultation with the Membership Sub-Committee and in the case of candidates for ACG Membership, in consultation with and subject as herein provided to the decision of the Committee of the ACG.
16. No candidate shall be elected who has not attained the age of 18 years.
17. The Committee shall make Regulations which shall prescribe the procedures to be followed for the election of Full Members (including ACG Members), Aspirant Members and Associates. The Committee of the ACG shall have power to determine the qualification of candidates for Membership of the ACG. and to decide whether any candidate meets that qualification.
18. Every candidate for election as a full Member shall be proposed and seconded by Full Members.
19. Only a Full Member who is an ACG Member may propose or second a candidate for ACG Membership.
20. Every candidate for election as an Aspirant Member or Associate shall be proposed by a Full Member or by a person approved by Regulations. and shall be seconded by a Full Member having personal knowledge of him or her.
21. If after 5 years of Membership an Aspirant Member has not been elected to Full Membership he or she shall, unless the Committee otherwise decides, cease to be a Member of the Club.
22. The Committee shall have power to elect to Honorary Membership eminent mountaineers. or persons who have rendered services of exceptional value to the Club or to mountaineering.
23. The name of every new Member together with a statement of his or her qualifications shall be entered into a book which shall be kept in the Club rooms and be open to the inspection of Members.

Privileges and Liabilities of Members

24. Save as hereinafter provided, all Members and Associates shall be entitled to attend the General Meetings and dinners of the Club, to use the Club rooms and Library at such times and under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Committee, and on payment of the appropriate subscription to receive the ordinary Club publications.
25. The ACG shall constitute a section within the Club. Its Members shall be entitled to elect their own Officers and Committee, to make such rules of the Group as they desire, not being inconsistent with the Rules of the Club as a whole, and to arrange meetings. dinners or other functions for ACG Members.
26. Aspirant Members and Associates shall not (1) have any claim upon the property of the Club; (2) be entitled to vote upon any requisition, resolution or motion of the Club; (3) be eligible for election as Officers of the Club, or members of the Committee; (4) be entitled to propose or second candidates for Full Membership.
27. Honorary Members shall be exempt from the payment of any subscription but, except for Full Members who are elected as Honorary Members, they shall have no right to or claim upon the property of the Club. Save as aforesaid, on election an Honorary Member shall become entitled to all rights and privileges and shall become subject to the rules and restrictions applicable to Full Members.
28. Annual subscriptions shall only be altered at a General Meeting of the Club. In addition the

Committee shall have a duty to seek the views of the ACG before any alteration is made to the subscription of ACG Members.

29. The annual subscription shall be due and payable on election, and on every succeeding 1st of January. The subscription of a Member or Associate elected between October 1st and December 31st shall cover the period up to the end of the following year.
30. Every Member and Associate shall be liable for his subscription for the current year, unless he shall have forwarded a formal resignation in writing to the Honorary Secretary before January 1st of that year. Additionally the Committee may at their discretion waive payment of any subscription.
31. No Member or Associate whose subscription is more than 3 months in arrears shall be entitled to attend any General Meeting or Club dinner, or make any use of the Club rooms, nor shall he receive any of the Club publications; nor shall any candidate be eligible if and so long as the subscription of his proposer or seconder is three months in arrears.
32. Every Member and Associate whose subscription is twelve months in arrears shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Club, but the Committee shall have power at their discretion to reinstate such Member on payment of all arrears .

General Meetings

33. An Annual General Meeting for the election of the Officers, Committee and Auditors for the ensuing year shall be held in December each year.
34. The Committee shall have power to call General Meetings at such times as they shall see fit.
35. A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Honorary Secretary on receiving a requisition to that effect. signed by not less than twenty five Full Members of the Club, and specifying the object for which the Meeting is to be called. Notice calling the Meeting shall be sent out within twenty eight days of the receipt of the requisition by the Honorary Secretary.
36. Notice of the date, time and place of every General Meeting. and of the business to be transacted, shall be posted to every Member of the Club at least twenty-one days before the date of the Meeting and at least twenty-eight days before the date of an Annual General Meeting. No business shall be taken at any Meeting without such notice.
37. (i) On any resolution at a General Meeting (including the election of Officers and Elective Members of the Committee) every member shall have one vote. That vote may be cast either in person at the meeting or by proxy.

(ii) The notice of the meeting shall give directions about the form of proxy notices and about the methods and time of delivering them to the Club. The directions may allow e-mail or other electronic means to be used as well as ordinary post.

(iii) A proxy notice may appoint either the Chairman or any other Member as proxy and may specify how the proxy is to vote on one or more resolutions. Unless the notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as allowing the proxy a discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting.
38. The Officers and Elective Members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in December, to hold office for one year from the 1st January following. They shall be eligible for re-election. except that the President and the Elective Members of the Committee shall not serve for more than three years consecutively nor the vice-Presidents for more than two years consecutively, after which respective terms they shall not again be eligible until after the expiry of one year.

39. Candidates for the offices as defined in Rule 4 and for the Elective Members of the Committee may be proposed by any two Full Members of the Club or by the Committee. Notice in writing of the proposal accompanied by the consent in writing of the proposed Member, must be sent to the Honorary Secretary not later than 15th October in each year.
40. The notice of an Annual General Meeting shall give details of the candidates duly proposed as Officers and Elected Members of the Committee. If the number of candidates does not exceed the number of respective vacancies, then the Chairman of the Meeting shall declare the candidates elected. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, the notice shall provide for an election by votes of members.
41. A General Meeting shall have power by a majority of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting to expel from the Club any Member for any cause which the Meeting shall deem sufficient. A resolution to expel a Member may be proposed by the Committee, or in pursuance of a requisition made to the Honorary Secretary and signed by not less than twenty-five Full Members of the Club. The notice of a Meeting at which such a resolution is to be put forward must state the grounds for expulsion and must include any lawful representations which the member wishes to put forward. Any Member so expelled shall forfeit all right to the use of or claim upon the property of the Club, but shall have his subscription for the current year returned to him.

The Chair

42. The Chair, whether at a General Meeting or at a Meeting of the Committee, shall be taken by the President, or in his absence by one of the vice-Presidents. In the absence of the President and vice-Presidents, the Meeting shall elect a Chairman from among the Members present.
43. The Chairman, whether at a general Meeting or at a Meeting of the Committee, shall, in the case of equality of votes, have a second or casting vote.

Auditors

44. The Club shall at the Annual General Meeting in December of each year appoint Auditors to audit the Club accounts for the current year. Such accounts shall, when duly audited, be presented by the Honorary Treasurer to a General Meeting of the Club for confirmation, a copy thereof having been duly forwarded to every Member of the Club with the notice convening the Meeting.

Dinners of the Club

45. The Members and Associates of the Club shall, save in exceptional circumstances of which the Committee shall be the judges, dine together in the month of December in each year.

Alteration to the Rules

46. A General Meeting shall have power, by a majority consisting of not less than two thirds of the Members voting, to alter or add to the existing Rules of the Club. No motion to alter or add to any of the existing Rules of the Club may be voted upon unless and until the views of the ACG have been sought upon it, if it is a motion the carrying of which might affect the relationship of the Club with the ACG.

Transitional Provision

47. All persons who are Full Members of the ACG at the date on which these Rules are adopted shall automatically become Full Members of the Club without the necessity of implementing any of the electoral procedure prescribed by these Rules or by Regulations made thereunder.

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REGULATIONS

Made by the Committee of the Alpine Club on 8th March 2011

MEMBERSHIP

Proposers and Seconders

1. The proposer of every candidate for Full Membership shall have personal knowledge of the candidate. The Committee shall have power to dispense with this requirement in the case of a candidate who is foreign or ordinarily resident outside the United Kingdom.
2. The proposer of every candidate for Aspirant Membership shall be a Full Member of the Alpine Club (AC), or an elected officer of a club in full membership of the British Mountaineering Council, the Mountaineering Council of Scotland, or the Mountaineering Council of Ireland, or any member of the British Association of Mountain Guides, who has personal knowledge of him or her.
3. The seconder of every applicant for Aspirant Membership shall be a Full Member of the AC.
4. No person may propose second or support his or her spouse.

Qualifications

5. No candidate may be elected to Membership of the Alpine Club until he or she is 18 years of age.
6. A candidate for Full Membership shall, save in exceptional circumstances, be a competent alpine climber who shows a continuing interest in mountaineering. The standard of competence and experience ordinarily applied is the ascent of at least twenty reasonable alpine peaks, or their equivalent in other ranges, over at least three seasons.
7. Candidates for Aspirant Membership should possess an experience of and an enthusiasm for the mountains making it reasonably likely that they will qualify for Full Membership in due course. They will ordinarily be expected to have had at least one alpine season.

Form of Application

8. Separate forms are provided for Full Membership and Aspirant Membership.
9. Every candidate for Membership should apply on a form approved by the Committee.
10. The form shall in every case provide for the name, age, address, nationality and occupation of the candidate, for information concerning his or her mountaineering climbs and expeditions or a statement of the contribution to mountain literature science or art upon which he or she bases the application, and for the name of any other mountaineering club of which the candidate is a member.
11. A candidate's expeditions and climbs shall be listed, stating in each case the month and year, whether a camp or bivouac was involved, whether it was conducted partly or wholly on ski, and whether a guide accompanied the party. The Committee pays particular attention to guideless climbing.
12. The form shall be signed by the candidate or, in exceptional circumstances of which the Committee shall be the judge, by his proposer or seconder.

13. The proposer shall write to the Club intimating the extent and duration of his or her personal knowledge of the candidate, and the proposer's reason for considering the candidate technically and otherwise suitable for membership of the Club. The letter shall be signed by the proposer and countersigned by the seconder.

Submission of Applications and their consideration

14. The procedure to be followed shall be as follows:

- (1) in the case of applications for Full Membership

- (a) the Membership Sub-Committee shall consider the application and decide whether to refuse it or accept it for consideration for election.

- (b) the Committee of the AC shall then consider whether to elect the candidate to Full Membership.

- (c) the Committee shall, before proceeding to the election of any candidate for Full Membership, take into consideration any communication received from any member concerning his or her application, and any such communication shall be treated as confidential.

- (2) in the case of applications for Aspirant Membership

- (a) the Membership Sub-Committee shall consider the application and decide whether to refuse it or accept it for consideration for election.

- (b) the Committee shall elect the candidate or reject or defer his or her application.

Promotion of Aspirants to Full Membership

19. When an Aspirant Member considers that he or she has attained the competence and experience required he or she should apply for Full Membership. The election procedure and regulations 11, 12 and 14(1) shall thereafter be followed.

ALPINE CLUB LIBRARY

Library Regulations

1. The Library is open 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday (excluding holidays and Tuesdays following a Monday holiday). In addition it is open to AC and ACG Members up to 7.45 p.m. before General Meetings and currently up to 7 p.m. before informal meetings. Exceptionally, and by appointment only, it may be available to members coming from afar from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2. Members of the Alpine Club and Alpine Climbing Group, members of the Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club and Fellows of the Royal Geographical Society are entitled to use the Library free of charge. (AC and ACG members enjoy reciprocity at the RGS Library). Non-members may use the Library but are charged a daily fee.
3. Members of the AC and ACG are entitled to borrow up to five books at a time for up to four weeks, with the permission of the Librarian. These must be duly recorded in accordance with instructions posted in the Library. They may be borrowed by post, within the UK only, on payment of postage. Borrowers are responsible for return of books undamaged. In the event of loss or damage, the borrower may be required to pay compensation to the Library. Non-members may not borrow books.
4. Archival material and rare or valuable books are housed separately, and may only be consulted by appointment. They may not be borrowed, nor may certain other items such as unduplicated guide books or maps.
5. All visitors are required to enter their names in the Visitors Book, plus addresses if they are not AC or ACG members.
6. No rucksack, briefcase, item of luggage or other container may be taken into the Library without the express permission of the Librarian. No food or drinks may be taken into the Library . Smoking is forbidden.
7. The Librarian will assist users to identify material for study and will provide a photo-copying service, but cannot undertake extended research. To assist those unable to visit the Library, the Librarian will undertake strictly limited research and photo-copying, provided full details of the requirement are submitted in writing. Telephone requests for such services cannot be accepted.