



EDINBURGH MOUNTAINEERING CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. **NAME** The Club shall be called the Edinburgh Mountaineering Club
2. **OBJECT** The object of the Club shall be to encourage all aspects of mountaineering and to safeguard and promote the interests of mountaineers through an equal opportunities policy by ensuring membership is equally available to all people, regardless of race, creed, disability, gender, age, political or sexual orientation. The Club shall be affiliated to Mountaineering Scotland as the representative body.
3. **MANAGEMENT** The management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee of seven Members, consisting of five office-bearers, namely, President, Membership Secretary, Meets Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster and two ordinary Committee Members. Four shall form a quorum. The Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies until the following Annual General Meeting and to co-opt additional members. The President shall chair Committee meetings or delegate another Committee member to chair in their absence. All votes shall be determined by a simple majority or, in the event of a tied vote, the President may cast the deciding vote.
4. **ELECTIONS** Committee members shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting and shall serve on the Committee for a period of one year. All shall be eligible for re-election, with the proviso that no person may bear the same office on the Committee for more than three successive years. Only those who have been Club members for at least one year shall be eligible for election to the Committee. Any two Club members may make a nomination, having obtained the consent of the nominee.
5. **PROPERTY** The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee for the time being.
6. **MEMBERSHIP** Membership may be applied for after attending two club events. A club event is a weekend meet or a climbing meet or such other event agreed by the Committee as a club event. Membership shall become effective on payment of the subscription, for which a receipt shall be given. The Committee reserves the right to refuse or withdraw membership. There shall be a minimum age limit of 18 years.
7. **SUBSCRIPTIONS** There shall be an annual subscription determined each year at the Annual General Meeting. The subscription shall be due on 1 April (the beginning of the Club financial year) and shall be paid by 30 June. A member whose subscription is in arrears on 30 June shall neither vote nor enjoy the privileges of Membership.
8. **GENERAL MEETING** The Annual General Meeting shall be held in April of each year. The date and place of the meeting shall be announced at least fourteen days in advance. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee at any time on giving at least fourteen days' notice. The Secretary shall also call an Extraordinary General Meeting on receiving a request in writing from at least ten members who shall specify the business for which the meeting is required.
9. **AMENDMENTS** Amendments to the Constitution must be approved, at a General meeting, by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting.

10. DISSOLUTION Any resolution to dissolve the Club may be passed at any General Meeting provided that such a resolution shall receive the assent of two thirds of the current club membership entitled to vote.

In the event of the Club winding up, any assets that remain after the settlement of the Club's debts and liabilities shall be distributed to a body or bodies with one or more charitable purposes, to be determined by Members at a General Meeting at or before the time of dissolution.