

## **REGULATIONS**

### Management of the Alpine Climbing Group, a section of the Club

1. The Club will manage a section within the Club which will be called the Alpine Climbing Group (ACG). The objective of the ACG is to encourage high standard alpine-style mountaineering. Its Members, who are Full Members of the Alpine Club elected under Rules 18-21, are known as Alpine Climbing Group Members. Every candidate for ACG membership must be supported by a proposer and a seconder who are both ACG members

The management of the ACG and its operations will be the responsibility of the ACG Committee consisting of an Honorary President, an Honorary Secretary and whatever other posts are deemed necessary. Two will form a quorum.

The ACG Committee may:

- I. nominate up to two members to sit on the Club Committee if invited.
- II. co-opt any ACG member as another ACG Committee member, or to fill a casual vacancy
- III. determine the criteria for membership of the ACG
- IV. arrange meetings, dinners or other functions for ACG Members.

In the event of the dissolution of the ACG, any assets remaining after settlement of all debts and liabilities will not be paid or distributed among members, but will be transferred from the "ACG Fund", held within the AC accounts, to the "AC General Fund" within the AC accounts.

There will be no annual ACG subscription, as being a section of the AC, ACG members are only required to pay their AC annual subscription.

The ACG committee will have the power to alter or add to the ACG Regulations with or without consulting the membership. Any changes to the ACG Regulations must be consistent with the AC Rules and Regulations.

### Membership

Membership of the Alpine Club is open to all who have relevant alpine mountaineering experience.

### Proposers and Seconders

2. The proposer and seconder of every candidate for Full Membership shall be a Full Member of the Alpine Club (AC). The proposer shall have personal knowledge of the candidate. The seconder may be the Chair of the Applications Sub-Committee. If the candidate does not know a proposer who is a full member, the Chair of the Applications Sub-Committee may propose the candidate after making appropriate enquiries; in

which case the seconder of the candidate shall be another member of the Applications Sub-Committee. The Committee shall have power to dispense with this requirement in the case of a candidate who is ordinarily resident outside the United Kingdom. Only a Full Member who is an ACG Member may propose or second a candidate for ACG Membership.

3. The proposer of every candidate for Aspirant Membership or Associate 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 Scotland, or the Mountaineering Ireland, or any member of the British Association of Mountain Guides, who has personal knowledge of him or her.
4. Full Members wishing to transfer to Senior Associate Membership are not required to have a proposer.

#### 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 have achieved a high level of proficiency and self-reliance and shall have demonstrated a commitment to alpine climbing. Typically, they have climbed approximately 20 substantive peaks or routes at an average grade of PD or above in the Alps, or in other ranges or wilderness areas, over at least three seasons. Hard alpine routes and serious climbs in the greater ranges will carry more weight than snow ascents. Ski mountaineering ascents are taken into account.

A candidate for ACG Membership typically will have the following level of mountaineering experience:

(a) at least 3 “major alpine-style routes” in the European Alps or other equivalent ranges anywhere in the world. By “major alpine-style routes” we mean long and serious routes of at least TD standard.

or

(b) routes of a somewhat lower technical standard in the “greater ranges”, e.g. Himalayas, Andes.

or

(c) somewhat easier/shorter routes on lower mountains in very remote areas, e.g. polar.

Extra credit will also be given for first ascents, new routes, and winter ascents.

A candidate’s overall record, including easier alpine-style routes in any location, and hard British winter routes, will normally span at least three years.

7. Candidates for Aspirant Membership shall have alpine mountaineering experience, which includes roped glacier travel and an ability to competently lead mixed snow and rock climbing to PD grade. Aspirants should have an enthusiasm for the mountains making it reasonably likely that they will qualify for Full Membership in due course

Alternatively, for those mountaineers who do not have any alpine mountaineering experience, but now wish to take their experience to an alpine level, the Club offers Aspirant Membership for a fixed term of one membership year. These candidates should be able to demonstrate an ability to competently lead traditional multi-pitch rock routes at grade Severe and have UK winter mountaineering and climbing experience, which demonstrate an ability to competently lead mixed winter climbing routes at Grades II - III in Scotland, as a necessary foundation to develop the skills needed for technical mixed snow and rock travel in an alpine environment to enable them to successfully apply for Aspirant Membership with alpine experience or Full Membership within the fixed term of their membership.

8. Candidates for Associate Membership do not have the climbing experience or aspiration to become Full members of the Club, but do have an interest in alpinism in the Alps and Greater Ranges and support the objectives of the Club. Their interest can be focused on their study of mountaineering history, literature, art, equipment, science, protection of the mountain environment or conservation of the Club's heritage and they will have made a substantive and eminent contribution normally demonstrated by exhibition, publication or other public demonstration of their work. Alternatively, they will have made a valuable contribution to the Club's activities over a considerable number of years.

#### Forms of Application

9. Separate forms are provided for:
  - a. Full Membership
  - b. ACG Membership
  - c. Promotion from Aspirant Membership to Full Membership
  - d. Aspirant Membership
  - e. Associate Membership
10. Every candidate for Membership should apply on a form approved by the Committee (in the case of ACG membership, on a form approved by both the AC Committee and ACG Committee) except for Full members transferring to Senior Associate Membership, who are not required to complete an application form.
11. All forms shall provide for the name, age and address of the candidate, and for the name of any other mountaineering club of which the candidate is a member.
12. Forms for Full and Aspirant membership shall list a candidate's expeditions and climbs, 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. An expectation of Full (including ACG) membership is personal alpine mountaineering competence.
13. Forms for Associate Membership shall provide information demonstrating an interest and experience in the alpine environment and/or mountaineering activities, history, literature, art, equipment or science; and a wish to benefit from, or contribute to, the Club's activities.

14. Forms shall be signed by the candidate.
15. 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 (and /or ACG). The letter shall be signed by the proposer. The Chair of The Applications Sub-Committee may act as seconder for applications for Full AC membership. The ACG Secretary may act as seconder for application for ACG Membership.

#### Submission of Applications and their consideration

16. The procedure to be followed will be as follows:
  - a. for an application to the Alpine Club, the Applications Sub-Committee will consider the application and decide whether to refuse it or accept it for consideration for election. The Committee of the AC will then consider whether to elect the candidate or reject or defer his or her application election.
  - b. for an application to the ACG, the ACG Committee will consider to elect the candidate or reject or defer his or her application election. These considerations will be detailed on the paper of new applicants presented at AC Applications Sub-Committee meetings for Approval.
  - c. the AC Committee will, before proceeding to the election of any candidate, take into consideration any communication received from any member concerning his or her application, and any such communication shall be treated as confidential. The ACG Committee will do the same for ACG Membership.
  - d. The Committee will periodically review the proportion of Full Members/ Aspirant Members/Associate Members of the Club.

#### Promotion of Aspirants Membership to Full or ACG Membership

17. When an Aspirant Member considers that he or she has attained the competence and experience required he or she should apply for Full AC or ACG Membership on the relevant form.
  - a. Promotion from Aspirant AC Membership to Full AC Membership
  - b. ACG Membership application form

The election procedure and regulations 12, 14, 15 and 16 shall thereafter be followed.

#### Election of Associate Members to Aspirant or Full Membership

18. If an Associate Member considers that he or she has attained the experience required for Aspirant Membership, or the competence and experience required for Full Membership, he or she may apply for Membership on the relevant form. The election procedure and regulations 12, 14, 15, and 16 shall thereafter be followed.

#### Transfer of Full Members to Senior Associate Membership

19. Full members aged over 85 at 1st January, who are no longer active in the mountains and may be considering resigning their membership, may apply for Senior Associate Membership to retain a link with the Club.

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## ALPINE CLIMBING GROUP

### REGULATIONS

#### Constitution of the Alpine Climbing Group

1. The group, a section of the Alpine Club (AC), will be called the Alpine Climbing Group (ACG). The objective of the ACG is to encourage high standard alpine-style mountaineering. The ACG will consist of members elected under the regulations that are described in this document. Membership of the ACG is open equally to all men and women who have sufficient and relevant mountaineering experience.

#### Alpine Club Rules

2. As all members of the ACG are members of the AC, all AC rules apply equally to ACG members. (see the AC website)

#### Management of the ACG

3. The management of the ACG and its operations will be the responsibility of a committee consisting of an ACG Honorary President, an ACG Honorary Secretary and whatever other posts are deemed necessary. Two will form a quorum.
4. The committee posts will normally be elected annually between the 1st October and 31st December of each year. The ACG Hon Sec will invite nominations from all members giving two weeks' notice. Nominations for each post must be made by two members (proposer and seconder). If after two weeks, a post has only one nomination, that nominee will be declared elected. If a post has more than one nomination, an election will take place. This will normally take place electronically, with each member having a single vote. In the event of a tie, the president will have a second, or casting vote.
5. The committee will have the power to co-opt any ACG member as another committee member, or to fill a casual vacancy.

#### Subscriptions

6. There will be no annual ACG subscription, as being a section of the AC, ACG members are only required to pay their AC annual subscription.

#### Dissolution of the ACG

7. In the event of the dissolution of the ACG, any assets remaining after settlement of all debts and liabilities will not be paid or distributed among members, but will be

transferred from the “ACG Fund”, held within the AC accounts, to the “AC General Fund” within the AC accounts.

#### Proposers and Seconders

8. Every candidate for ACG membership must be supported by a proposer and a seconder who are both ACG members.
9. The ACG Secretary may act as seconder for application for ACG Membership.

#### Qualifications

10. No candidate will be elected who has not attained the age of 18 years.
11. Successful candidates for ACG membership will typically have the following level of mountaineering experience:
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#### Application Forms

12. Every candidate for membership should apply on a form approved by both the ACG Committee and AC Committee. The AC shall have access to the content of the form, so as to ensure that it complies with the requirements of GDPR and other membership processing matters.
13. The same form will be used for application for ACG membership by an existing AC member, and by someone who is not yet an AC member.

#### Submission of Applications and their consideration

14. The completed application form must be sent to the AC office, who will then send the form to the ACG Honorary Secretary for consideration by the ACG committee. The proposer shall write to the ACG 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 ACG. The letter shall be signed by the proposer.

15. The ACG committee shall, before proceeding to the election of any candidate, take into consideration any communication received from any member concerning his or her application, and any such communication shall be treated as confidential.
16. The ACG committee will then decide whether the candidate qualifies for ACG membership. Those candidate's details will then be passed to the AC Membership Application Sub- Committee where they will be considered for admission as Full AC members, if they are not already a Full AC member. Membership of the ACG is contingent upon the joint approval of both committees.

#### Alteration to the Regulations

17. The ACG committee will have the power to alter or add to the ACG Regulations with or without consulting the membership. Any changes to the ACG Regulations must be consistent with those of the AC Rules and Regulations.

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