

The BMSCMC Rules and Regulations

Title and Aims

1. The full name of the Club is the **Buckley McCall Shaw Climbing and Mountaineering Club**. The aims of the Club are to encourage members in summer and winter climbing and mountaineering (and mountain activities) by the organising of trips by likeminded individuals. This is purely a Club to promote climbing and mountaineering (and mountain related activities) for its members. The Club has no mandate to train members or prospective members and members are responsible for themselves at all times during any Club activities.

Management of the Club

2. The executive officers of the Club shall be the President, the Vice President, the Club Secretary and an Executive without Portfolio.
3. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a committee. The Committee shall consist of the Officers as defined in Rule 2. At meetings of the Committee, three shall form a quorum.
4. Officers will be elected by the Club on the Annual General Meeting, which will be held once a year (and planned to be held in April, the one year term of the Club running from start of April to end of March each year).
5. To elect an officer, a member must be proposed and seconded. A vote is cast by all present members, non-present members may vote by proxy (tell another member and it will be confirmed by media) and the member with the most votes, occupies the role.
6. The Committee may choose to co-opt up to 2 additional members, from the pool of members, at any time. A co-opted Committee member does not contribute to quorum but will have equal voting rights.

Membership of the Club

7. Prospective members will be requested to apply to the committee, as per the process stated in Rule 8.
8. To become a member, a prospective member must be proposed and seconded by a current member. Information about the proposed member may be asked for. The Committee will then decide if all prerequisites (See Rule 9 and 10) are met and whether membership is granted. Prospective members may be invited to a Club trip. Membership normally runs from the start of January to the end of December. Generally, new members will apply for membership in the run up to this cycle. Discounted membership may be accepted for a portion of the year.
9. Prerequisites expected of a new member include the competency to manage themselves as an individual and as a member of a group in climbing, mountaineering and/or mountain walking/activity environments safely and to behave in a manner than will not reflect detrimentally on the Club.
10. Members need to be adult, 18 years or older.
11. Members must inform the Club Secretary of any changes in personal details, as normally requested, immediately.

Elected Membership

12. On becoming a member of the Club, Club members must agree to the following:

- To accept that climbing and mountaineering are inherently dangerous activities and that there is no liability towards the Club or any of its members, brought about by any actions of any member/s of the Club, and that the Club is solely there to help promote the organisation of climbing and mountaineering (and mountain related activities) trips for likeminded individuals. To accept that members are responsible for themselves at all times during any Club activities.
- To pay the annual fee by the end of December of the year prior to the start of the next year of subscription.
- To arrange and subsequently attend at least one climbing, mountaineering or mountain activity trip, to which all members will be invited, at least once in every two years' membership. A trip will be deemed arranged when the following criteria are met and distributed on the Club website to all members: the itinerary of the trip including dates and times; directions to the meeting point; possible accommodation; possible places to source food are shared with participating members. It is expected that members attend their own trip.
- To behave in a manner that will not reflect detrimentally on the Club.

Subscription

13. For the year January 2025 to end December 2025 membership fees for UK residents will be set at **£35.00** (which includes Club subscription for BMC affiliation). The committee may agree to discounted fees at its own discretion.

14. For the year January 2025 to end December 2025 membership fees for non-UK residents will be set at **£15.00**. The committee may agree to discounted fees at its own discretion.

Annual General Meeting

15. The Annual General Meeting will be the engine for all Club organisation and will normally be held in March or April. Where an AGM cannot be held in March/April, it will be held as soon as possible as defined by the committee. It will be announced on the Club website. The AGM will act to provide a summary of information about the Club, its activity over the previous year, and an opportunity for any other discussion, which will be noted by the new committee.

Expulsion

16. If at any time the Committee considers that the interests of the Club require it, they must invite a member to resign from the Club, by a letter specifying the reasons for their request and offering the member an opportunity to provide an explanation either in writing or in person and the date before which the reply should be received.

17. If the member concerned requests a meeting to provide an explanation, the committee must arrange a meeting at a suitable time and place and within a reasonable period of time and must provide the member with not less than seven days written notice of it.

18. The Committee must consider the explanation provided by the member in good faith and have due regard to all available evidence and may confirm or vary their original decision.
19. If the Committee confirms their original decision and the member concerned does not resign, the Committee must submit the question of their expulsion to a Special General Meeting to be convened for the purpose, whether or not the member requests such a meeting.
20. Not less than four weeks' notice of the meeting must be given to all the members.
21. The Secretary must inform the member in question of the time and place of the meeting and the nature of the complaints against them in sufficient time to afford them a proper opportunity of offering their explanation.
22. At the meeting the member must be allowed to offer an explanation of their conduct verbally or in writing and if after that two-thirds of the members present vote for their expulsion they will immediately cease to be a member of the Club.
23. The voting at any such Special General Meeting must be by ballot if not less than five members present at that meeting so demand.
24. The Committee may exclude from the Club until the Special General Meeting is held, any member whose resignation has been requested.

Property

25. The Club shall manage a website, which will be the means by which members are notified about trips. Club funds will contribute to maintaining this website. The Secretary may use Club funds, at their own discretion, to purchase equipment, guidebooks, instructional books, inspiring text and/or maps, for the use of members, as requested by members, during the organising of trips, for training or for inspiration. The Secretary will be responsible for spending all Club funds, and will need to agree spends with at least one other committee member, reporting the spending of Club funds at the AGM and keeping a record of where all Club property is. However, the Club Secretary must seek a Committee decision (quorum) if any single item is costed at £50.00 or more. Further, before spending, the Club Secretary must maintain a reserve which is equal to the current BMC requirement for club affiliation to the BMC, thus ensuring that the Club has the means to remain affiliated for an additional year and before agreeing any expenditure, Club Committee members should ask this prior to the agreement of the spending of funds. The Club Secretary is asked to produce a year to year Reserve Fund Calculation.

Ethos

26. The ethos of the Club is to encourage members in summer and winter climbing and mountaineering and mountain related activities by the organising of trips by likeminded individuals. As such, it is hoped that members put their efforts into organising unusual or novel trips, to promote activity in places where members may not have been before. As there is no mandate to train members or prospective members, it is hoped that all members (and any prospective members) keep their skills current so as to participate in the Club activities. The Club suggests that if training is required, then professionals are identified from those whose skills are recognised by the MLTB and the BMC.

Privacy

27. The use of personal information, collected by the Club, such as name, address, date of birth, contact details including tel. and email will be stored on the BMC Membership Services Online (MSO) system.
28. Any submitted biography, photo and email will be shared on the Club website, on the members' page.
29. The email will be used to write to all members such that members will see other email addresses in the CC.
30. Members will be invited to opt in to agree this usage on a yearly basis, and that this will be managed by the Executive Committee. Point 27 is a requirement of membership. If a member wants their data as in Point 28 removed from the Club website, then they must email the Vice President who will seek to remove the information in a timely manner. Please be aware that only a few members have the ability and access to perform this and so it may take some time. If a member wants their email to not appear on emails sent to all members then they must email the Vice President who will seek to remove the information in a timely manner.
31. The BMSCMC will only hold this information for the purposes of recording BMSCMC and BMC membership (MSO), providing information for other members (Members' page), and for contacting members (email and tel. number).
32. The BMSCMC will not store information if you are no longer a member and will not seek to share your information with any other body, without your permission.
33. Any member accessing someone else's private information, e.g. mobile number through the use of WhatsApp, is expected to delete such data on the conclusion of the trip.

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