

Limerick Climbing Club Club Constitution

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Limerick Climbing Club Constitution and Rules

1. Name

1. The name of the Club shall be Limerick Climbing Club, hereinafter referred to as the Club.

2. Objectives of the Club

1. To facilitate and increase the enjoyment of hillwalking / mountaineering activities by members of the Club.
2. To act as the collective voice of Club members.
3. To assist in the work of Mountaineering Ireland aimed at maintaining access to, conservation of and protection of the cliff and mountain environment, and to make information on responsible use of the mountain environment available to club members.
4. To encourage club members to train to be capable of ensuring their own safety in the mountain environment.

3. Membership of the Club

1. Membership of the Club shall only be open to those over the age of 18.
2. Membership of the Club shall only be open to individuals who recognise that hill walking and climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Members shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

4. Management of the Club

1. The club will be controlled by its members acting in General Meeting. One of these meetings will be the Annual General Meeting at which Officers of the Club will be elected.
2. Management of the Club between General Meetings shall be entrusted to the elected Committee, who must act in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules of the Club. They may make decisions on matters not covered by Constitution or Rules, but these must be approved by the next General Meeting.

5. Officers of the Club

1. The Officers of the Club shall be elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting and shall be the Chair, the Secretary, the Treasurer, Training & Safety Officer, Environmental Officer, Social Officer and PRO (Public Relations Officer).
2. Officers are elected on a yearly basis and can serve a maximum of two consecutive years in one position. In the event of a Committee Member being unable or unwilling to complete a term, the Committee can appoint another person to that role or transfer the role to another Committee Member, until the next AGM.
3. In the event of two or more members being nominated for the same position on the Committee, election for this position will be decided by secret ballot of members present at the AGM.

6. Committee of the Club

1. The Chair of the Club will normally preside at and chair all meetings of the Committee and General Meetings of the Club and shall be responsible for reporting to the Membership at the Club's AGM.
2. The Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the Club.
3. The Committee shall nominate representatives of the Club to attend Mountaineering Ireland General Meetings to represent the views of the Membership and vote on behalf on the Club.

4. The Club Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence relating to Club affairs and for giving notice of General and/or Committee meetings, and the writing and distribution of minutes from those meetings. The Secretary shall give at least 21 clear days' notice of the AGM. Items for inclusion should be submitted at least 7 days prior to the AGM and communicated to the members at least 5 days before the AGM. The Secretary shall collect subscriptions, keep records of the Membership of the Club and report the details of members to Mountaineering Ireland as required. The Secretary shall be responsible for the payment of membership subscriptions to Mountaineering Ireland
5. The Treasurer shall collect subscriptions and account for all income and expenditure of the Club.
6. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional non-voting members.
7. A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be half of the elected voting members rounded up to the next whole number. The Committee shall hold at least four meetings each year.
8. A person has to be a member for 12 months before they can become a Committee Member.

7. Club Subscriptions

1. A General Meeting shall have the power to set membership subscription levels for the Club.

8. Rules of the Club

1. A General Meeting shall have the power to set Club rules. Such Rules shall be in accordance with the articles of the Club's Constitution and the policies of Mountaineering Ireland.
2. Any paid-up member of the club is entitled to vote at General Meetings.
3. Votes will be decided on a show of hands basis.
4. For their own safety, new members must first try out an easy walk so that they can get a feel for what's involved in the different grades of walk. Please appreciate the club has no knowledge of new members or their fitness levels etc.
5. You must phone the walk leader by 8.00pm the evening before the walk, unless directed otherwise by the walk leader.
6. Members that turn up on the day of the walk without phoning the leader will be turned away. (Please do not put the leaders in this position).
7. The Leader must choose a limit for their walk and then enforce it; unfortunately this will mean turning people away if numbers are large.
8. Participation in walks is at the sole discretion of the walk leader.
9. Leaders should request/nominate another leader or club member to act as co-leader on the day to assist in the management of the walk and group.
10. Dogs are not allowed on any of the Club walks.
11. Walks can be cancelled or changed due to adverse weather conditions or if the leader feels that it is in the best interest of the group.
12. Please do not leave an organised walk without informing the leader.
13. Ensure that your level of fitness/wellbeing is adequate for the proposed walk and be properly equipped and self-sufficient in food, drink, appropriate clothing and other essentials.
14. Limerick Climbing Club, as part of its commitment to leave no trace and protecting the environment, encourages members to avoid using disposable plastic bottles and any other environmentally damaging materials on walks. Members should be familiar with the principles of Leave No Trace.
15. It is the desire of Limerick Climbing Club that any new members intending to lead walks must have completed Mountain Skills Levels 1 & 2 courses. Then, they can lead a walk with backup until the assessment is accomplished. Any exceptions to this must be agreed in advance with the Chair.

16. Limerick Climbing Club encourages all new members to complete Mountain Skills 1 & 2 in the first two years of membership.
17. It is your responsibility to advise the walk leader of any medical condition before going on a walk.
18. Limerick Climbing Club is committed to protecting your privacy and processing your personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) from 25th May 2018. The club's Privacy Policy sets out the information we collect, how we use it don't share it the steps we take to protect your privacy. See the club website for details of the policy.
19. Members should not share Leaders' contact details on the club website with anyone who is not a member of the club. If in doubt ... don't share it.

9. Amendments to the Constitution of the Club

1. This Constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting. Notice of any proposed amendment must be delivered (*see 6.4 above*). 9.2. The Club Rules may be amended by a simple majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting. Notice of any proposed amendment must be delivered (*see 6.4 above*)
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10. Dissolution of the Club

1. The Club can be dissolved by two thirds majority vote carried out in accordance with Article 9 whereupon the Committee will arrange to discharge any assets equally amongst the Members / donate to Mountain Rescue. Any liabilities at the time of dissolution shall be the joint responsibility of all Members.