

**Fire and Ice Mountaineering Club  
Constitution and Membership Application Form**

***FIRE AND ICE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB CONSTITUTION,  
RULES AND APPLICATION FORM***

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**OUTLINE OF CLUB CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

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This constitution has been produced in-line with the Club Guidance Notes produced by the British Mountaineering Council (BMC).

***1. The Name of the Club***

1.1. The name of the Club shall be the Fire and Ice Mountaineering Club. Hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

***2. Objectives of the Club***

2.1. To promote the interests of climbing and mountaineering amongst members of the Club

2.2. To provide an opportunity for members of the Club to meet and participate in climbing, mountaineering and other outdoor activities

2.3. To act on behalf of and in the interests of Club members

2.4. To promote awareness of the need to maintain access, conservation and protection of the cliff and mountain environment

***3. Membership of the Club***

3.1. Membership of the Club shall only be open to members of Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service (both uniformed and non-uniformed), their family and friends. Hereinafter referred to as "the Membership".

3.2. In addition to 3.1 above membership of the Club shall only be open to individuals who recognise that climbing and mountaineering 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.

3.3. Club Membership is not open to minors.

***4. Management of the Club***

4.1. The Management of the Club shall be entrusted to the Club Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee".

***5. Officers of the Club***

5.1. The elected Officers of the Club shall be the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. Hereinafter referred to as "the Officers".

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5.2. Officers shall be elected each year, and voting for the election of Officers shall take place at the AGM.

**6. Committee of the Club**

6.1. The President of the Club will normally preside at, and chair, all meetings of the Committee (or Club) and shall be responsible for reporting to the Membership at the Club's AGM.

6.2. The Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the Club.

6.3. The Club Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence relating to Club affairs and for announcing Committee meetings, and the production and distribution of minutes from those meetings. The Secretary shall also be responsible for announcing the AGM and shall give at least 30 clear days notice of such a meeting and its agenda. Items for inclusion should be submitted at least 45 days prior to the AGM. The Secretary shall also keep records about the Membership of the Club.

6.4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of subscriptions, and will account for any other income and expenditure made on behalf of the Club.

6.5. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional non-voting members.

6.6. A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be half of the elected voting members. In addition to the AGM the Committee (or Club) shall hold at least two meetings each year.

**7. Club Subscriptions**

7.1. The Committee shall have the power to set membership subscription levels for the Club on an annual basis.

**8. Rules of the Club**

8.1. The Committee shall have the power to set Club rules. Such rules shall be in accordance with the articles of the Club's Constitution. (For example, this may include rules such as: 'Club members shall sign for club equipment that they undertake to use it entirely at their own risk', or 'on winter meets, Club members shall leave a basic route plan with the meet organiser'.)

**9. Amendments to the Constitution of the Club**

9.1. This Constitution may be amended by a minimum of a two-thirds majority. Notice of any amendment must be delivered to the Secretary at least 45 days prior to the AGM.

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***10. Dissolution of the Club***

10.1. 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. Any liabilities at the time of dissolution shall be the joint responsibility of all members.

***11. Risk and Responsibility***

11.1. All members must understand that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Individuals are responsible for their own actions and involvement.

11.2. It should be recognised that a novice becomes a competent climber or mountaineer through a combination of personal experience and guidance from others. The Club aims to promote this process amongst the Membership, but it is not a provider of hill walking, climbing or mountaineering instruction. The Club will, however, aim to provide an environment where people can share their skills and learn from each other. This is done in good faith, and those sharing skills and experience do not thereby assume responsibility for the safety of those members participating, other than what would normally be expected from fellow club members.

11.3. Any Club member who volunteers to organise a trip or give guidance does so on the basis that he or she is simply sharing his or her knowledge, and is in no way qualified or regarded by the Club as an expert. Any less-experienced members must be made aware that they are electing to take advice on this basis, and therefore have to make a decision as to whether to rely on it or not.

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**APPLICATION FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

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I (full name) \_\_\_\_\_

of (address) \_\_\_\_\_

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Aged \_\_\_\_\_ years and Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Apply for membership of the Fire and Ice Mountaineering Club. I have received and read a copy of the Club's Constitution (and rules) and agree to be bound by them.

I accept that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. I am aware of and shall accept these risks and wish to participate in these activities voluntarily and shall be responsible for my own actions and involvement.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_