



# Taunton School Climbing Club Constitution

## 1. Name

- 1.1 The name of the Club shall be the Taunton School Climbing 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 and mountaineering activities together.
- 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.
- 2.5 To take part in the work and activities of the Mountaineering Council of Ireland (MCI)/British Mountaineering Council (BMC).

## 3. Membership of the Club

- 3.1 Membership of the Club shall only be open to Sports Club Members or members of the public who have sufficient experience to climb unsupervised and have signed the conditions of use. 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 (*unless written parental consent is obtained*).
- 3.4 In the event that the Members resolve that the Club shall affiliate to the BMC, the Members acknowledge and agree that they will become Club Members of the BMC and that the Club shall pay the appropriate subscription on behalf of each Member included in the returned filed by the Club with the BMC, and, in the event of the BMC being wound up, shall pay the sum of not more than £1 on behalf of each Member included in a return filed by the Club with the BMC at any time within the preceding period of one year pursuant to the guarantee comprised in clause 6 of the Memorandum of Association of the BMC. The Members further acknowledge and agree that upon the Club being affiliated to the BMC and each becoming a Club

member of the BMC that they will each be bound by the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the BMC.

#### **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 BMC Main Contact, the Secretary, the Treasurer, hereinafter referred to as "the Officers".
- 5.2 Voting for the election of Officers shall take place at the AGM
- 5.3 No Officer shall serve for a term longer than three years (*or another suitable term, or re-elected each year, etc.*).

#### **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 (*plus a number of elected members from the Club Membership if desired*).
- 6.3 The Committee shall nominate a representative (*or representatives*) of the Club to attend MCI Council Meetings/BMC Area meetings and represent the views of the Membership and shall nominate the President (*or a representative*) to attend the MCI/BMC AGM.
- 6.4 The Club 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 Club 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 Club shall keep records about the Membership of the Club and shall report to the MCI/BMC the size of the Membership.
- 6.5 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. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of the membership subscription to the BMC and the Insurance premium if this option is taken up.
- 6.6 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional non-voting members.
- 6.7 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 four (*or another suitable number*) 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. Child-Protection Policy**

- 8.1 Clubs that have under 18's club members must adopt and comply with the BMC Child Protection Policy. This can be viewed at [www.thebmc.co.uk/thebmc/pols.child\\_protection.htm](http://www.thebmc.co.uk/thebmc/pols.child_protection.htm)

9. **Rules of the Club**

9.1 The Committee shall have the power to set Club rules. Such rules shall be in accordance with the articles of the Club's Constitution and the policies of the BMC.

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

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

11. **Dissolution of the Club**

11.1 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 (*or donated to Charity, MCI Environmental Defence Fund, Mountain Rescue etc.*). Any liabilities at the time of dissolution shall be the joint responsibility of all Members.