



Constitution for The West Midlands Paraclimbing club

Aims

- To help people increase their activity through climbing and outdoor activities, after thinking perhaps they can no longer do any sport or exercise. We believe that this enhances the healing process.
- To help people's mental health and general well-being, by taking part in a unique activity and healing personal trauma by actively taking part in something fun and exciting with others.
- Through climbing we aim to aid individuals with their recovery, rehabilitation and social interaction.
- To allow those that may feel isolated due to their disabilities, to be welcomed into a community that they can talk openly about their lives and the difficulties that they may have faced.
- To let individuals, realise their potential and be themselves in a non-competitive and safe environment.
- We are an inclusive club so members don't have to be disabled. We encourage family members and carers to climb alongside individuals so that they can climb independently and at time that suits them. This will also enable the instructors to concentrate on novice climbers.

Membership

Membership is open to everyone who:

- Are aged 4 and above (Children under the age of 18 will require parental/guardian consent and supervision at each session).
- Supports the club's aims and its members.
- Adheres to our safeguarding policies.
- We would like our novice climbers to have access to free instruction to find out whether it is something they would like to pursue.
- The club will support them in finding the most suitable local facilities for their needs.

The membership fee is £30 a year and members become affiliated with the BMC. We offer 6 free taster sessions to all newcomers over a 3 month period, after that time, we charge £30 a year.

We have the right to refuse or terminate membership of anyone who displays offensive behaviour including; racism, bullying, sexism or sexually inappropriate acts.

A list of all members is kept by the club secretary.

Equal opportunities

WMPC will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, colour, ethnic or national origin, sexuality, disability, religious or political belief, marital status or age.

Officers and committee

Chair – Daisy Kelly

Safeguarding Officer – Mark Campbell

Secretary –Sophie Tanner

Events and fundraiser- Sophie Tanner

Treasurer – Mark Campbell

Outdoor Trips – Vacant

Youth representative- currently vacant

We will have a re-election of committee members on an annual basis.

In the event of an officer standing down during the year a replacement will be elected by the existing committee.

Any committee member not attending a meeting without apology for three months will be contacted by the committee and asked if they wish to remain in their position.

The committee meetings are open for all members to attend.

Meetings

- Annual meetings – We aim to have at least one annual general meeting a year unless a problem presents itself which requires immediate attention e.g. safeguarding
- Committee meetings – We aim to have a committee meeting quarterly.

Rules of procedure for meetings

Items of agenda can be discussed by an individual and not be interrupted at any point. If a majority decision cannot be found then the chair will have the final vote.

Conflict of Interest

All conflicts of interest, whether actual or potential, should be declared promptly at the earliest possible opportunity:

- Any Committee member who has a financial interest in a matter under discussion should declare the nature of their interest and withdraw from the room, unless they have dispensation to speak.
- If a Committee member has any interest in the matter under discussion, which creates a real danger of bias, that is, the interest affects the organisation which they represent, or a member of their household, more than the generality affected by the decision, they should declare the nature of the interest and withdraw from the room, unless they have dispensation to speak.
- If a Committee member has any other interest which does not create a real danger of bias, but which might reasonably cause others to think it could influence their decision, they should declare the nature of the interest, but may remain in the room, participate in the discussion, and vote if they wish.
- If a Committee member is in any doubt about the application of these rules, they should consult with the chairperson.
- If you fail to declare an interest that is known to the chairperson, the chairperson will declare that interest. It is recommended that Committee members' interests are listed in a register.

Finances

An account will be maintained on behalf of the association at a bank agreed by the committee. Three cheque signatories will be nominated by the committee one of which to be the treasurer. The signatories must not be related nor be members of the same household. All payments will be signed by two signatories.

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Records of income and expenditure will be maintained by the treasurer and a financial statement given at each meeting. All money raised by or on behalf of WMPC is only to be used to further the aims of the club.

Amendments to the constitution

Amendments to the constitution may only be made at committee meetings. Any proposal to amend the constitution will be agreed by a majority of committee members.

Dissolution

If a meeting, by simple majority, decides that it is necessary to close down the group it may call a special general meeting to do so. The sole business of this meeting will be to dissolve the group. If it is agreed to dissolve the group, all remaining money, once outstanding debts have been paid, will be returned to the relevant funding bodies; any remainder after that will be donated to a local charitable organisation. The organisation will be agreed at the same meeting

This constitution was agreed at the Inaugural committee meeting of the West Midlands Paraclimbing Club on:

Date:

Name and position in the group: Daisy Kelly (Chair)

Signed:

Name and position in the group:

Signed: