



**CORK MOUNTAINEERING CLUB**  
**Cumann Sléibhteoireachta Chorcaí**

**Constitution (as amended at AGM Friday 30 September 2016)**

1. The name of the club shall be the CORK MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (C.M.C.).
2. The objects of the club shall be to:
  - (a) Promote and encourage all forms of mountaineering activity so that more people will grow to love and preserve mountainous areas and to increase our knowledge about them,
  - (b) Uphold and apply the Country Code,
  - (c) Encourage the participation of all its members in the organisation of the activities of the club,
  - (d) Educate members in the techniques of mountaineering
3. The club shall be affiliated to Mountaineering Ireland and may affiliate with associations of mutual interest.
4. Membership shall be subject to the following:
  - (a) Payment of an annual subscription fee which shall be decided at the A.G.M. in September and payable from the A.G.M. Membership of any member who has failed to pay the subscription fee by 31st October shall be deemed to have lapsed.
  - (b) Application for new membership shall be proposed by a club member of at least one year's membership and seconded by a Committee member.
  - (c) Members whose conduct is prejudicial the club shall be liable to expulsion following a majority decision of the entire Committee. Notice of expulsion shall be given to that person and the right to present a case in writing or in person to the Committee must be exercised, before or at the next Committee meeting at which the decision is final.
  - (d) All persons over 18 years shall be eligible for membership.
  - (e) The committee may nominate any person for Honorary Membership in recognition of:
    - (1) outstanding mountaineering achievement
    - or*
    - (2) an outstanding and sustained record of committed service to the club.
5. Club meets:
  - (a) All club meets shall have an organiser.
  - (b) All members participating at a meet shall abide by the decision of the organiser.
  - (c) Organisers shall be approved and appointed by the Committee whose decision shall be based on an assessment of the candidate's mountaineering experience.
  - (d) Any participants in club trips away who are taking part in hillwalking activities, must be covered by Mountaineering Ireland insurance or equivalent.

6. (a) The Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held in September / October following at least two weeks' written notice to the members.
  - (b) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be held on request of the Committee or one-fifth of the members. At least seven days' notice shall be given to the Committee who shall then give at least two weeks' written notice to the members.
  - (c) Resolutions shall be passed by simple majority of members present and voting. A quorum shall consist of one fifth of the members of the club.
7. (a) The club shall be managed by a president and Committee elected at the A.G.M.
  - (b) The Committee shall consist of at least a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and four members of the club.
  - (c) A new Committee shall be elected each year at the A.G.M.
  - (d) No officer shall remain in the same position for more than two years.
  - (e) The ex-President shall be automatically entitled to one of the Committee places for the first year after relinquishing the post.
  - (f) The Committee shall meet at least 4 times a year. A quorum shall consist of one officer and three members.
  - (g) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members to fill vacancies.
  - (h) Any Committee member who misses two meetings in the year without reasonable cause will cease to be a member of the Committee.
  - (i) The Committee may delegate various duties to other members of the club, subject to control by the Committee.
8. The President shall act as chairperson at meetings of the Committee, AGM and extraordinary meetings or if unable to do so shall appoint a deputy from the Committee.
9. The Secretary shall attend to correspondence and keep minutes of Committee, extraordinary and annual general meetings and notify Committee members of meetings one week in advance.
10. (a) The Treasurer shall keep proper books of accounts and prepare an annual income and expenditure account and balance sheet for the financial year which shall end on 31<sup>st</sup> August.
  - (b) The accounts will be examined and certified to be correct by two Auditors elected at the A.G.M. from the floor. They shall be existing members of the club.
  - (c) The Treasurer shall keep a bank account in the name of the C.M.C.
  - (d) In the case of disbandment all surplus funds shall be placed at the disposal of Mountaineering Ireland.
11. The club shall not be bound by the results of any individual action of the members.
12. The club shall not be held responsible for any injuries or deaths however occurring in the course of its activities.
13. A motion for a change in the constitution shall be notified in writing to the President one month before the A.G.M. or Extraordinary Meeting and communicated to the members in the notification of the A.G.M. or Extraordinary Meeting. It shall be proposed and seconded by club members. The constitution may be amended by two-thirds majority of the members voting.