

North East Wales
Mountaineering Club

Code of Conduct

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 "Being totally committed to the safety of its members, the North East Wales Mountaineering Club (referred to as the 'Club' hereafter) will operate so far as reasonably practicable, in accordance with the following document, it's risk assessment, the Constitution, this Code of Conduct and the rules and current guidelines set by the British Mountaineering Council".

1.2 The Club is affiliated to the recognised National Governing Body for our sport:

The British Mountaineering Council
177- 179 Burton Road
Manchester
M20 2BB

Tel 0870 010 4878
Fax 0161 445 4500
www.thebmc.co.uk

1.3 It is the responsibility of the Secretary to ensure that affiliation/membership is paid on the due date. And any information on new or current "Best Practice" requested, is made available to those concerned.

1.4 The club will appoint a new committee at the Annual General Meeting which will be held between September and November each year. The committee will serve for approximately one calendar year, until the next AGM.

1.8 It is the responsibility of the individual to bring to the attention of the Committee any known medical condition or previous injuries that may affect their or other Club member's safe participation within the sport. If the issue is of a sensitive nature, then it will be handled in complete confidence.

1.9 In its continued effort to promote good practice the 'Club' will display its current Constitution, Code of Conduct, Risk Assessment and any other relevant safety information on the club's web site.



2.0 Club Activities

Each year, our proposed activities will include:

- **Indoor wall climbing** various evenings during term time. (Please see Glyndwr University Notice boards or see the clubs website or Facebook Group for up to date information)
- Venues are:
 - **Awesome Walls Climbing Centre**, Liverpool.
 - **Plas Power Adventure**, Wrexham
 - **The Boardroom Climbing Centre, Sandycroft**, Acrefair, Wrexham
 - Plus other UK Climbing walls.
- **Outdoor climbing** at weekends and weekday evenings at various UK and international locations. (Please see Website or Facebook Group for up to date information)
- **Social Events** at any time (Please see Website or Facebook Group for up to date information)

3.0 Specialist Officers

3.1 The Club Committee will consist of the following officers:

The President, The Secretary, The Treasurer, The Meets Officer and the Kit Officer

Suggested duties and responsibilities of these individual Officers are outlined in point 6.0 of the clubs constitution.

Details of who the elected officers of the club are can be found on the club's website and facebook page. Minutes of the AGM where the elections were cast can be requested from the Secretary.



4.0 Event Organiser & Activity Leaders

4.1 The 'Club' allows any member to organise events.

In accordance with the guidelines from the BMC for University Clubs the 'Club' does not have any appointed activity leaders.

4.2 Events may either be:

4.2.1 'Open meets', advertised to all members of the club through the means of the Club Website, facebook, or any other means. Open meets will be open to all FULL members of the club.

or

4.2.2 'Closed Meets', by invite only, opened up only to specific club members, and without need to be advertised to the rest of the club by any means

4.2.3 'Associates Welcome' meets, advertised to all members of the club through the means of the club website, facebook or any other means. Associates Welcome meets will be open to all members of the club, including ASSOCIATE members and YOUTH members.

Associate Welcome meets may also allow non-members to join a trip, on completion of relevant disclaimers and indemnities, if prescribed in the meet details.

4.3 Activity participants:

Participants should be aware that they are responsible for their own actions and decisions, and activity organisers take no responsibility for any participants safety.

5.0 Club Activities

5.1 The 'Club' will follow any guidelines set out by the national governing bodies of the sport.



6.0 Activity Registration

6.1 Any 'open' trips or activities should be declared to the meets secretary at least 48 hours before the activity is due to commence in order for satisfactory advertisements to be posted

7.0 First Aid

7.1 The 'Club's policy on the attendance of first aiders is set out in the clubs constitution.

8.0 Accident and Emergency Procedures

8.1 The 'Club' will follow the BMC guidelines on accident and emergency procedures

9.0 Training Courses

9.1 In an effort to promote the highest standards of instruction, training and safety, the 'Club' actively encourages it's members to partake in training courses, gain experience or undertake formal assessment in our sport.

9.2 The Club does not organise training courses of its own, although may provide informal talks and sessions from members, or outside members of the greater climbing community, in order to exchange knowledge and experience throughout members of the club.

10.0 Club's Complaint Procedure

10.1 The Club operates a procedure that allows Club members to raise complaints about issues, which might include the following:

- The safety of Club activities.
- Poor standards of instruction or leadership.



- The standard of equipment used for Club activities.
- Poor Club Administration.
- The lack of suitable activities for their level of participation.

10.2 Complaints concerning Club safety or operational matters should initially be addressed to the Club President. If this does not prove satisfactory a written complaint should be made to the BMC's Clubs officer or other BMC official. The matter will be considered at the soonest possible occasion.

11.0 Governing Body Recommendations

The 'Club' will operate so far as reasonably practicable, in accordance with current BMC guidelines.

