

CLUB RULES

1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB

1.1 New Club Members must be proposed and seconded before their application for Membership can be considered. The proposer and seconder must both be existing Members of the Club, and at least one must be an elected Committee member.

1.2 Upon receipt of a valid application for membership, the Membership Secretary will either accept the application or refer it to the Committee. An application may be referred to the Committee in the circumstance that at least 2 Members offer objections to the application.

1.3 In the event of the application being referred to the Committee, both the proposer and seconder to the application will be invited to submit to the Committee any further supporting information that the Committee consider relevant to the application.

1.4 The Committee will collectively consider all information in confidence and may elect to accept or reject the application based on a majority vote. Any such decision is at the absolute discretion of the Committee and is final.

2. MEMBERSHIP AND CLUB EVENTS/WEEKENDS

The aim of this rule is to provide clarity on the participation in the Club overnight events (i.e. weekends etc.). As the Committee, we have a duty to the Club, and its members, to ensure good level of engagement amongst members and ongoing level of membership.

2.1 All overnight events are available to the Club members only.

2.2 Any non-members interested in the overnight events will need to become a member before coming onto the overnight event.

2.3 To become members, please refer to the Club rule 1 above.

2.4 Insurance: On the separate issue of insurance, the club is covered for third party and civil liability. This only applies to current members.

3. CHILDREN AND CLUB EVENTS

The aim of this rule is to ensure that club members who have become parents can continue to participate in club activities e.g. weekends away. At the same time we, as the Committee, have a duty to current members to maintain the status of the Chester Great Outdoors Club as an 'adults only' club, in accordance with the original Club Constitution.

3.1 In line with the club constitution, children under the age of 18 years are not permitted to attend organised Club events i.e. those events that appear on the club website. This includes evening, day and weekend events.

3.2 Some parents, who are current club members, may occasionally wish to participate in a weekend club event, and bring their children with them. They may do so providing the event organiser agrees and the parents book their own separate accommodation. Their children should not participate in any of the club activities.

3.3 Club members with children are free to organize their own 'non-official' events which will not appear on the events list. They may, however, advertise their event to the wider club if deemed suitable.

3.4 Club members should be notified that these events are not covered by club insurance as they are not 'official' club events.

3.4.1 If parents would like to advertise their event to the Club they must ensure that it does not coincide with any 'Club' event advertised on the website.

3.4.2 Liaison with the current events organiser will be required to ensure that he/she is aware of any pending e-mails / invites for non-club activities and he/she may be able to re-arrange the events calendar to assist where appropriate if sufficient notice is given.

3.5 Insurance: On the separate issue of insurance, the club is covered for third party and civil liability. This only applies to current members while they are participating in 'official' club activities. If club members attend any 'non-official' club event they do so at their own risk.

4. FINANCES FOR CLUB EVENTS

All payments for all Club events will go through the Club accounts. Club members should not pay for Club events themselves and then ask members to reimburse them.

5. TRAVEL TO CLUB EVENTS

Members should note that arrangements for, and costs associated with, travel to and from any Club event is the responsibility of individual members and not the Club or an event organiser.