



# Yorkshire Mountaineering Club

## Membership Rules 2019

1. The Members of the Club shall be those currently named in the Register of Members.
2. The election of Full Members shall be at the Committee's discretion.
3. Persons wishing to join or rejoin the Club shall submit an 'Application for Aspirant Membership' form to the Membership Co-ordinators and pay an appropriate subscription.
4. In order to be eligible to apply for Full Membership, new Aspirant Members shall attend Club Meets (including Meet-Up Meets) including a Hut Meet, preferably a Housekeeping Meet, sufficient for the Committee to be able to judge suitability for membership.
5. Rejoining lapsed YMC Members are not required to attend meets before applying to be reinstated. Committee shall decide their acceptance for Full Membership on the basis of a submitted "Application for Aspirant Membership" form and knowledge of their previous YMC membership.
6. Each new Aspirant Member applicant shall subsequently submit an 'Application for Full Membership' form to the Committee via the YMC Secretary. To apply for Full Membership each new Aspirant Member applicant shall be proposed and seconded by two current Full Members, and the Proposer shall submit a statement of support, to the YMC Secretary.
7. The Committee shall have the power to elect or reject any application for Membership and to terminate any Membership at any time if it considers such action to be in the best interest of the Club, (see Club rules 5.9 and 5.10)
8. Each Full and Aspirant Member (Original and Honorary Members and spouses are excluded) shall pay an annual subscription to the Membership Coordinators that will become due on 1<sup>st</sup> January. Membership shall be deemed to have lapsed where any Member fails to renew his/her Membership by 31<sup>st</sup> January.
9. Aspirant Members who join on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> July shall pay a reduced subscription for the remainder of that year.
10. No Member under the age of eighteen shall be a Shareholder, Club Officer or be eligible to vote.
11. Members shall be required to conform to the 'Rules' of the Club at all times.

### Membership Categories

A - Aspirant

S – Single

SP-Single Parent

F - Family

J-Junior

ST – Student

HM - Honorary Member

OM - Original Member

## **Definition of Categories**

### **A – Aspirant Member**

Persons/Couples and their child/children as appropriate, wishing to join the Club in the Family, Single Parent, Single, Student or Junior membership categories, and having submitted the appropriate form and paid the appropriate subscription fees.

### **S -Single**

Any individual aged eighteen or over on 1 January.

The Committee will use its discretion to determine applications for Full Single membership from Aspirant Junior members who have achieved only limited meets attendance by the 1 January following their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **SP-Single Parent**

A single adult with one or more named children aged 15 or less on 1 January.

### **F - Family**

Any individual and or spouse / named partner aged eighteen or over on the 1 January, including named children aged 15 or less on 1 January.

Children shall be considered as Family Members only up to but excluding age sixteen.

### **J - Junior**

Any individual aged sixteen or seventeen on 1 January. Children of Family or Single Parent Members automatically become Full Junior Members on 1 January following their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Former children of lapsed Family and Single Parent Members may be allowed to rejoin as Full Junior Members subject to the discretion of the Committee.

### **ST - Student**

Any individual aged eighteen to twenty-two inclusive on 1 January and who is not in paid employment and able to provide proof of full-time education.

Subject to the discretion of the Committee, individuals who have been Aspirant Junior Members, may be allowed to waive the criteria for application provided there has been no lapse in Membership

### **HM - Honorary Member**

An individual, whether an existing Member or not, elected by the Committee for services to the Club, the Sport or for any other reason the Committee considers to be especially desirable in the interests of the Club. The Member shall have all the rights, duties and privileges of Membership without any obligation to pay an entrance fee or subscription, including the Member's spouse / partner.

### **OM - Original Member**

An individual granted Membership at the time of the formation of the Club.