



Southampton University Mountaineering Club

Club Rules and Regulations

1. Safety

- 1.1. All club members should recognise and understand the BMC Participation Statement:

‘Climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions.’

- 1.2. With reference to 1.1, all club members are responsible for their own safety at all times whilst at the crag or participating in any climbing-related activity.
- 1.3. The club recommends that all members wear a suitable UIAA approved helmet whilst at the crag, even when not actually climbing.
- 1.4. All climbs should be completed on UIAA approved single ropes or two UIAA approved half ropes, whichever is appropriate.
- 1.5. It is recommended to carry out a ‘buddy check’ before commencing any climb, with all climbers checking their partner’s attachment knots and belay set-ups.
- 1.6. All members are responsible for and recommended to carry sufficient personal gear (outdoor clothing, first aid kit, survival bag etc) appropriate for the current activity and location.

2. Club Events & Equipment

- 2.1. Club members are required to declare all relevant medical conditions, swimming proficiency and dietary requirements when joining the club. It is the member’s responsibility to inform the committee of any change in these circumstances.
- 2.2. Online signups to events constitute a firm commitment to attend. Where there are financial costs incurred when a member fails to turn up, without sufficient notice and when a replacement cannot be found, the committee reserves the right to pass these costs onto the member.
- 2.3. Any of the club’s equipment loaned to a member is that member’s responsibility until returning it to the Gear Sec. Members must treat club gear with respect and protect it from unnecessary wear and damage, and ensure its prompt return when requested for use on club events.
- 2.4. Members have a duty to report any wear or damage to club equipment to the Gear Sec. This is especially vital for safety-critical or weight-bearing equipment (ropes, helmets, hardware etc) where all significant heavy use must be reported. This may include, but is not limited to, significant or repeated falls, heavy impacts or severe abrasive wear and tear.