

CONSTITUTION
OF
MIDLAND SKI CLUB

1. NAME

The Club shall be called the Midland Ski Club (the Club).

2. AIMS

To promote the sport and good fellowship of snow-skiing in all its aspects. To do all other things considered by the Club, or its Committee, to be consistent with this aim.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership shall be open to anyone upon application and on payment of the appropriate subscription provided such application is approved by the Committee.
- B. There shall be the following grades of membership:
1. Ordinary
 2. Family – Up to 2 adults and all juniors living at the same address
 3. Junior - under 18 years old on 1st October for season of application
 4. Student – in full time education, i.e. from more than 16 hours per week
 5. Honorary - decided upon by the Committee
- C. The Annual Subscription rates shall be decided on by the Committee and ratified by the Club in General Meeting.
- D. Subscriptions shall be payable from 1st October each year.
- E. Any member who has not paid his subscription for the Season (i.e. 1st October/30th September of the following year) by 1st January shall be deemed to have resigned from the Club.
- F. Membership shall be terminated:
1. By resignation (including (E) above)
 2. By a 2/3rd's majority decision of the Committee. The Committee shall not be required to give any reason for such decision.

Termination of membership for whatever reason shall not entitle the member concerned to any refund of subscription or other monies paid to the Club; however the Committee may at their discretion make refunds.

4. Management

- A. The Management of the Club shall be controlled by the Officers of the Club who are:
1. The Chairman
 2. The Honorary Secretary
 3. The Honorary Treasurer
- and the Committee which shall consist of a minimum of eight other elected members plus the-president (ex-officio). The Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than four other Club Members. The committee shall have the power to elect from their number a vice-chairman of the Club. The committee shall have power to fill casual vacancies in their number occurring during the year.
- B. The Officers and Committee members shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The President shall be proposed by the committee at the Annual General Meeting and his appointment ratified by

members present. Retiring committee members are eligible for re-election. Nominations shall be received in writing for the Committee up till the actual commencement of the elections at the Annual General Meeting, and for the Officers a minimum of seven days before the advertised date of the Annual General Meeting, by the Honorary Secretary with the prior consent of the nominee. All nominations shall bear the signature of the proposer and seconder. Elections shall be by ballot of members present if more than one nomination is received for any vacant post.

- C. Officers, elected committee members and their proposers must be members of the Club of at least one year standing.
- D. A quorum shall consist of five members of the Committee of whom one must be an Officer and one other an elected member.
- E. The Chairman shall have a second casting vote, at all meetings of the Club or the Committee.
- F. The Committee shall meet at least three times a year and at least twice during the season.
- G. The Committee shall have power to appoint Sub-committees or otherwise delegate such of their powers to a member or members as they think fit.

5. ACCOUNTS

- A. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep accounts of all monies and property belonging to the Club and shall have such accounts audited annually by the auditors appointed by the Annual General Meeting. The audited accounts shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting.
- B. The financial year of the Club shall end on 31st March.
- C. The Committee shall have power to open Bank Accounts and all cheques issued by the Club must bear the signatures of any two officers of the Club.
- D. The Club is authorised to pay reasonable expenses to its Officers or other members duly authorised by the Committee.
- E. Should the auditors resign during the year the Committee shall have power to appoint other auditors for the remainder of the year.
- F. Any real property belonging to the Club shall be vested in Trustees appointed by the Committee and any vacancy shall be filled by the Committee. A Trustee may be removed by a 2/3rd majority of the Committee present at a meeting. Trustees shall be indemnified by the Club against any liability properly incurred in connection with the performance of their functions as Trustees.

6. MINUTES

The Honorary Secretary shall keep Minutes of all Committee and General Meetings. These shall be signed, after approval, by the Chairman of the next following meeting. The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting each year.

7 GENERAL MEETINGS

- A. The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year, at least fourteen days notice of the date being given to members in writing.
- B. Other General Meetings may be convened at not less than fourteen days notice in writing to members:
 - 1. By the Committee
 - 2. On receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a signed request from not less than 10% of the members of the Club.Inadvertent failure to notify a member does not invalidate proceedings.
- C. The quorum for my General Meeting shall be 10% of the members.

- D. Voting shall be by a show of hands determining a simple majority unless otherwise required by the Constitution; or unless a ballot is demanded by not less than ten members. In such event, ballot papers shall be posted to all members within 14 days for the purpose of determining the ballot within 28 days of its being demanded.

8. CONSTITUTION

The Constitution shall only be altered by a 2/3rds majority decision of a General Meeting of the Club. Notice of proposed amendments to the Constitution, signed by the Proposer and Seconder, shall be submitted to the Honorary Secretary in writing not less than four weeks before the General Meeting at which they are to be proposed. Such amendments shall be notified to all members in writing not less than fourteen days before the appropriate General Meeting.

9. DISSOLUTION

- A. A motion to dissolve the Club may only be made at a General Meeting, and at least three-quarters of the members present, or by ballot if one is called for, shall vote in favour.

If such a motion is carried, the Club's assets and property (*if any*) shall be disposed of in accordance with the Club's aims either for charitable purposes or for other purposes in connection with the sport of snow-skiing. If the members in General Meeting fail to decide on such purposes, the purpose shall be decided by the Secretary for the time-being of the National Ski Federation of Great Britain, to the intent that no member of the Club shall receive any of the funds, assets or property by virtue of his membership.

10. POLICY ON OFFERS OF FREE HOLIDAYS

It shall be the policy of the Club that no free or cut-price holiday place offered to the Club or an individual member as representative of the Club shall be accepted by any member unless it has been first offered to as many members as is possible in the time available, through the Newsletter, at club meeting or at Dry Skiing sessions whichever is the most practicable. In the event of more than one member wishing to accept an offer lots shall be drawn to decide the recipient. No previous recipient of such an offer shall take part in the future drawing of lots. An exception to this policy shall be made in the case of a Club Holiday Organiser who may accept a place on a promotional trip, the prime purpose of which is to inspect facilities with a view to organising a future Club Holiday to the resort concerned.

11. INTERPRETATION

- A. Any disagreement on the interpretation of this Constitution or any matter not provided for herein shall be decided upon by the Committee whose decision shall be final and binding.
- B. Unless otherwise required by the context, words import the masculine shall also import the feminine.