

## **Sligo Mountaineering Club Club Constitution**

### **1) Name**

The Club will be known as The Sligo Mountaineering Club

### **2) Aims/Objectives**

To participate in Hillwalking/Mountaineering activities and occasional social events for the safety and enjoyment of its members.

### **3) Membership**

- Members will pay annual subscriptions which will include SMC Fees, MI Fees and Insurance.
- Irrespective of when a member joins they must pay their club fees at the AGM or the next time they come out on a club hike.
- Membership is open to new and existing members who must comply with the following rules:
  - a) Complete a C Grade Walk
  - b) Comply with the Safety Committee Requirements and have the appropriate equipment
  - c) Pay their annual fees.

### **4) The AGM**

The AGM will be held on the last Wednesday of October where an executive committee will be elected by a majority vote and will consist of a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The AGM will deal with all items on the Agenda which will be presented by the committee with input from members present.

### **5) Amendments**

The constitution may be amended by a two third majority of those present and voting at the AGM. The constitution may also be amended in the same way at an EGM called by the committee or a majority of the members.

### **6) Restrictions**

No dogs or alcohol allowed on club walks.

### **7) Junior Members**

A parent/guardian must supervise junior members throughout the entire walk or club event. Such parent/guardian must be a fully paid up member of MI and SMC. The Junior member will also have to pay the MI Insurance but will be exempt from the MI Club Fees if their address is the same as their parent/guardian. There is no SMC fees for Juniors.

### **8) Guests**

Club members are not allowed to bring guests out on club walks. Anyone participating in any club event must have a current up to date MI membership card and be a member of SMC. If a member of another club wants to walk with Sligo MC, assuming they are fully insured through their own club, they may do so by joining Sligo MC for a small fee. The only time someone can come out on a club hike without being insured or a paid up member of Sligo MC is on one club Sunday per year and on that day he/she must sign a disclaimer.

### **9) Event Fees**

Fees for social events must be paid in full (no deposits) by the said date. Refunds will only be given in the event of a bereavement or by producing a Doctors Cert.

### **10) Voting**

Only members intending to partake in a particular event may vote if a vote is required concerning that event. Those not intending to partake must abstain.

### **11) Information Officer**

An information Officer will volunteer on the morning of the walk their duties will be as follows:

- To inform the group of where they are going, giving details of the start of the walk, parking etc
- Inform the group of the route, lunch breaks and finish time
- Give a brief weather report
- Count the number in the group
- Advise those who are poorly clad and stress that they are to meet the requirements of the safety committee before undertaking any walks
- Ensure that all walkers arrive safely back

An information officer is not the leader for the day and are therefore free to walk at their own pace.