

Association Of British Climbing Walls

Regulations

Initial Contact

The Secretary c/o The Foundry Climbing Centre, 45 Mowbray Street, Sheffield, S3 3EN.

Information Point

All mail and enquiries forwarded to the Secretary, at the above address.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Membership Enquiries

Enquirers will be sent a letter by the Secretary describing the Association's activities, benefits of membership etc. plus an application form for Aspirant Membership to be returned with the information fee of £100 to the Secretary.

The Secretary will issue a list of all members (names and address only) to any one who requests it.

Information Pack

On receipt of a completed form for Aspirant Membership and the £100 membership fee, the Membership Secretary will issue an information pack. This will include a copy of these Regulations, an uncontrolled copy of the guidelines, a list of current members, a membership application form and a receipt for the £100 membership fee. The Secretary will forward cheques to the Treasurer.

To apply for Full Membership, Aspirant Members must complete the form and return it with the annual membership fee of £200 to the Secretary.

Membership Applications

On receipt of a completed form for Full Membership and the £200 annual fee, the Secretary will issue a receipt together with notification of the next general meeting of the ABC at which the membership application will be considered. A list of prospective members will be issued with the agenda for each meeting.

If an existing member believes that the applicant for full membership does not operate a climbing wall in accordance with the guidelines then he must inform the Secretary that he wishes to oppose the application within seven days of the meeting.

In the event of any opposition to an application, the applicant will be asked to defend his application at the meeting. If he cannot attend then the application will be deferred until both parties can attend.

On approval of the application the Secretary will send a controlled copy of the guidelines, minutes of the last general meeting, updated membership list and a certificate of membership for display to the new member.

In the event of refusal or withdrawal of the application the £200 fee will be reimbursed and the Secretary will issue a payment advice to the Treasurer to be sent with the refund.

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Renewal

Renewal will be due on the anniversary of the meeting at which the application was accepted.

The Secretary will send out a reminder notice one month before renewal is due. Membership (and rights) will lapse one month after membership fell due.

If an ex-member re-applies for membership within one year their original renewal date will remain the same. Within this period an applicant will be accepted without the having to re-apply for Aspirant Membership. After one year they will be treated as a new member.

Advice to Prospective Members

The Secretary will give general advice over the 'phone but if specific advice on the application of the guidelines is required he will recommend an existing member, in the locality and with relevant experience.

Existing members may give advice to Aspirant Members at their own discretion. They should be free to charge for their time at a commercial rate (this would, naturally be based on demand and their experience).

PAYMENTS AND CHEQUE AUTHORITY

Expenses claims from officers and members who have provided venues or services should be sent to the Treasurer.

Any invoices received by the Secretary will be forwarded to the Treasurer.

The treasurer should hold the cheque book.

Signatories should be the four elected officers.

Any cheque for over £150 should be signed by two signatories.