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Booking conditions for university and college club events

Mountaineering Scotland is the only recognised representative organisation for hill walkers, climbers, mountaineers and ski-tourers in Scotland.

We are a not-for-profit organisation offering training and information to mountain users to promote safety, self-reliance and enjoyment of our mountain environment. We also campaign to protect Scotland's mountains and access rights in those mountains. Our funding comes from a combination of membership subscriptions, non-governmental grants and investment from **sportscotland**.

Access to subsidised mountain skills courses and lectures is one of the key benefits of being a Mountaineering Scotland club member. As well as being able to book a place on our general members' [course programme](#), we organise training activities tailored especially for our university and college clubs.

If you have any questions please contact membership@mountaineering.scot or call 01738 493942.

Please read the following booking conditions and requirements for participants.

1. Mountaineering Scotland membership

Course places are only available to members of Mountaineering Scotland. To book onto one of our mountain safety courses for students, the university or college club must be affiliated to and register **all** their members with Mountaineering Scotland. Courses are not available to members of other clubs, organisations or associations.

We ask you to register all of your members with us, as this ensures we can continue to subsidise the cost of courses and offer you much cheaper prices than most commercial providers. Your members also get to enjoy all the other member benefits including discounts, access to mountain huts and liability insurance.

We cannot accept bookings from new members of clubs until the club secretary has provided us with their full details for registration via our online members portal or email, and membership fees have been paid.

2. Course places and fees

For very popular courses, we allocate a proportion of places to each university and college club, based on their number of registered members. Each course will have a deadline for booking by which these allocated spaces will be reserved.

A club will not be able to book any further places until this deadline, but members can express an interest in additional places and be added to a waiting list. After the deadline for booking allocated spaces, we will offer any remaining course places to the waiting list, and send an email to all clubs again, to make them aware of any late availability.

All places must be paid for at the time of booking and we cannot reserve places without full payment of the course fee at the time of booking. Where an invoice has been provided, it must be paid at least 14 days prior to the course date otherwise the booking will be cancelled and places made available to others.

3. Cancellation by student

No refunds will be given for cancellations for student courses or events. If you are unable to attend and wish to transfer your place to another member of your club, we must receive all the required booking information about the replacement student before we can confirm their booking.

Please note: No changes can be accepted in the 72 hours before the start of the course.

4. Cancellation by Mountaineering Scotland

We will endeavour to run all courses as planned. However, for operational reasons we may have to cancel or amend your booking. In the event of any booking cancellation by the Mountaineering Scotland, students will be offered either a full refund of the course fee or transfer to any other course offered at the same cost, subject to availability.

5. Your responsibilities

Some of our courses require you to provide some additional information. This must be provided at the time of booking.

For all courses you should ensure that you meet requirements for clothing, footwear, food and drink, before attending the course, as specified in the course joining instructions.

All students should be physically fit for the course they have chosen. You must declare if you have a relevant injury or medical condition, if you are using any medication or have a relevant disability at the time of booking.

Whilst we will do our best to accommodate you, we reserve the right to refuse entry to a course to anyone our Mountain Safety Advisor considers unfit for the course or insufficiently prepared, where their inclusion could impact on others' safety or ability to benefit from the course.

We also reserve the right to refuse anyone who has not provided any relevant information in advance of the course and in such cases we shall be unable to refund course fees.

6. Safe and sound, our partnership with you

All courses we deliver are planned and supervised in a way designed to manage the risk of accident to both students and instructors, while at the same time providing realistic, practical and beneficial training.

Outdoor activities, by their nature, contain a degree of hazard and risk and despite the greatest care accidents may still occur.

All students on Mountaineering Scotland courses should be aware that involvement places them at risk of accident and potential injury, possibly serious or even fatal. By booking yourself on a course, you accept the inherent risk associated with the activity.

Instructors employed by the Mountaineering Scotland are responsible for the safety of their students. Instructors are employed on the basis of their experience and appropriate qualifications. Should you be unhappy or feel that the activity is beyond your ability, you should notify your instructor immediately.

In order to facilitate safe practice, we request that you follow instructions provided by your instructor at all times.

7. Travel to courses

To facilitate car sharing among course participants we will circulate everyone's contact email, telephone and home town to others within the group about a week in advance of the course. Please let us know if you do not wish your contact details to be included in this as soon as possible.

Any questions? Please contact us on membership@mountaineering.scot or call 01738 493943

Our mountain safety courses are supported by:

