

Galtee Walking Club

Constitution and Rules

1. Name

- 1.1 The name of the club shall be The Galtee Walking Club. Hereafter referred to as the club.

2. Objectives of the club

- 2.1 To facilitate and increase the enjoyment of hillwalking/mountaineering activities by members of the club.
- 2.2 To act as the collective voice of Club members.
- 2.3 To assist in the work of the MCI aimed at maintaining access to, conservation of and protection of the cliff and mountain environment.
- 2.4 To encourage club members to train to be capable of ensuring their own safety in the mountain environment.
- 2.5 To make information on responsible use of the mountain environment available to club members.

3. Membership of the club

- 3.1 Membership of the club shall only be open to individuals who recognise that Hillwalking and Climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Members shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement
- 3.2 Club Membership is open to minors (under 18 years) who provide written consent to their membership from their parents or guardians.
- 3.3 All minors must be accompanied by their parents/guardians at all times.

4. Management of the club

- 4.1 The club will be controlled by its members acting in General Meeting. One of these meetings will be the Annual General Meeting at which Officers of the Club will be elected.

4.2 Management of the Club between General Meetings shall be entrusted to the elected committee, who must act in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules of the Club. They may make decisions on matters not covered by Constitution or Rules but these must be approved by the next General Meeting.

5. **Officers of the club**

5.1 The officers of the Club shall be elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting and shall be the President, the Chairperson, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the social secretary, the PRO, the Vice Chairperson and the Vice Secretary.

5.2 No officer shall serve continuously in the same position for a term longer than three years, but may offer himself/herself for another position. The same officer may offer himself/herself for election to the same position after a gap of one year. If position cannot be filled, the officer can remain if committee/AGM agrees.

6. **Committee of the club**

6.1 The Honorary President/Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson of the club will normally preside at and chair meetings of the committee and General Meetings of the Club and shall be responsible for the reporting to the membership at the Club's AGM.

6.2 The committee shall be composed of the officers of the club plus a number of members without a specific role.

6.3 The Committee shall nominate representatives of the Club to attend MCI General Meetings to represent views of the Membership and vote on behalf of the Club.

6.4 The Club secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence relating to Club affairs and for giving notice of General and/or Committee meetings, and the writing and distribution of minutes from those meetings. The secretary shall give, at least 21 clear days notice of AGM/EGM meeting and its agenda. Items for inclusion should be submitted at least 14 days prior to the AGM/EGM and communicated to the members at least 7 days before the AGM/EGM.

6.5 The Treasurer and a member of the rules sub-committee shall

- I. Collect subscriptions and signed GWC membership forms annually.
- II. Keep records of the membership of the club
- III. Report the details of the membership to the MCI as required

- IV. Issue Hillwalking Gear Checklist and Basic Safety Advice sheet to new members.
- V. Account for all the income and expenditure of the club
- VI. Responsible for the payment of membership subscription/insurance to the MCI

6.6 The committee shall have the right to co-opt additional members onto the committee, or expel members from the club.

6.7 A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be half of the elected voted members. The Committee shall hold at least four meetings in the year

6.8 A Committee member who is absent from three consecutive meetings shall be deemed no longer to be a committee member

6.9 A person has to be a member for 12 months before they can become a Committee Member.

7. **Club Subscriptions**

7.1 A General meeting shall have the power to set membership subscription levels for the Club.

8. **Rules of the Club**

8.1 A General meeting shall have the power to set Club rules. Such rules shall be in accordance with the articles of the Club's Constitution and the policies of the MCI.

8.2 Any paid up member of the club is entitled to vote at General meetings.

8.3 Votes will be decided on a secret ballot.

8.4 All walkers must be club members and must register with the Walk Facilitator before each walk.

8.5 All walkers must be wearing suitable gear - the Walk Facilitator's decision must be abided by. Please be realistic about your ability when deciding what walk you are going on.

8.6 For everybody's safety and security those starting out together must stay together during the walk. Group walks as organised are non competitive and should be walked as a group. If you are on a walk

of a lower grade than your usual then you must slow down to the slower pace of that grade.

- 8.7 If you go ahead of the Walk Facilitator and group, then you are no longer considered to be part of the group and you are responsible for your own actions and for those who follow you.
- 8.8 Dogs are not allowed on any walk.
- 8.9 Please take home your litter (including orange and banana skins).
- 8.10 Please observe the country code and the I.F.A Farmland code of conduct, remember that the land we use is owned by someone else.
- 8.11 Facilitators to appoint sweepers on each walk.
- 8.12 Any person(s) intending to leave the group must notify facilitator/group.
- 8.13 Membership of the MCI is compulsory.

9 **Amendments to the constitution of the Club**

- 9.1 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting. Notice of any proposed amendment must be delivered (see 6.4 above).
- 9.2 The Club rules may be amended by a simple majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting. Notice of any proposed amendment must be delivered (see 6.4 above).

10 **Dissolution of the Club**

- 10.1 The club can be dissolved by two-thirds majority vote carried out in accordance with Article 9 whereupon the Committee will arrange to donate any assets to Mountain Rescue. Any liabilities at the time of dissolution shall be the joint responsibility of all Members.