

## LSCC FULL MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

### Competent mountaineer

An applicant for full membership is a competent mountaineer as demonstrated by:

- exercising judgement on the hill, taking into account weather conditions and the ability of the group
- sharing in decision making
- having confidence in their own ability.

### Minimum Technical Standard

#### Navigation

An applicant for full membership should:

- be able to relate the map to the ground
- be able to judge distance covered on a hill by pacing/timing
- be able to navigate by compass in poor visibility or in darkness involving 3 to 4 changes in bearing, e.g. Ben Macdui summit to Coire Cas
- be able to select a route suitable to the group and conditions and adapt the route on the hill when required
- be adaptable in the use of maps of different scales, e.g. 1:50 000; 1:25 000; Harvey's 1:40 000.

#### Winter

An applicant for full membership should:

- be able to use an ice axe for self arrest and to ascend/descend snow slopes safely, e.g. descent of the Goat Track (Coire an t-Sneachda) in winter
- be able to use crampons on nevé and ice
- be able to take decisions about the chosen route in light of avalanche information.

#### Rock

An applicant for full membership should:

- have experience of unroped rock scrambling on classic Scottish mountain ridges, e.g. Aonach Eagach
- be able to attach to the rope and to the rock (with and without harness and slings), to pay out/take in rope for a partner with a belay device and to abseil
- have completed a minimum of two multi-pitch traditional routes with a minimum grade of Diff with at least 3 pitches, one of which should be a mountain route in Scotland e.g. D Gully Buttress (Buachaille) or Tower Ridge (Ben Nevis)
- have a minimum of two further days experience of rock climbing at any grade.

The completed application form should show a variety of personal mountain experience in different conditions in Scotland, e.g. walking, scrambling, climbing, in summer and winter. It is expected that applicants have a realistic knowledge of the skills they possess and confidence that these meet the club criteria.

The proposer and seconders have a responsibility to satisfy themselves that, between the three of them, all the criteria for membership of an applicant have been met.